



# Opening Statement

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**Your Excellencies  
Ambassadors,  
General officers,  
Distinguished participants,  
The Media,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,**

**Good morning.**

It is my pleasure to warmly welcome you to the 55<sup>th</sup> CTSAMVM Board Meeting. Through our consistent monthly engagements, we have continued to make steady progress.

I am pleased to report that, so far this year, CTSAMVM has processed and presented eight (8) violation reports to the RJMEC and the IGAD Secretariat for onward consideration by the IGAD Council of Ministers.

This reflects our shared commitment to the effective implementation of the CTSAMVM mandate. These collective efforts remain essential in promoting accountability, building confidence among the Parties, and advancing peaceful, non-violent approaches to resolving differences across South Sudan.

On behalf of the CTSAMVM Board, I would like to inform the Board members the conclusion of service of the outgoing Deputy Chairperson, **Brigadier General Yassir Hassab Alla**, who has served with dedication over the past three years. We take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation for his commitment, leadership, and valuable contribution to the work of the Mechanism and the peace process in South Sudan

His professionalism, constructive engagement with Board members and stakeholders, and efforts in strengthening coordination within CTSAMVM have been highly appreciated. As he concludes his assignment, we wish him continued success, good health, and fulfillment in his future endeavors.

I also have the honour to welcome Hon. Dr. Kuong Dak Wie, Representative of SPLM-IO, to the CTSAMVM Board.

Today's agenda will run as follows: we will review the status of the Permanent Ceasefire and progress on the Transitional Security Arrangements, the updates on ongoing monitoring and verification activities.

We will then deliberate on two violation reports: the killing of civilians in Pankor, Ayod County, between 21 and 23 February 2026; and the armed attack on Abiemnom County Headquarters, which resulted in significant civilian casualties.

**Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,**

Allow me to briefly highlight the current security situation. The overall security environment remains fragile, and the implementation of the Revitalized Agreement continues to face significant challenges.

In the month of March 2026 alone, CTSAMVM recorded 35 allegations of ceasefire violations. Of particular concern is the increasing intensity of these incidents, including high-casualty clashes and the forceful occupation of territory.

CTSAMVM received an allegation from Bagari Payam in Wau County indicating that, at the end of March 2026, armed groups launched an attack on a cattle camp. During the incident, five SPLM/A-IO soldiers were killed while defending the camp. CTSAMVM is actively following up on all reported incidents.

These underscore the urgent need for restraint, full compliance with commitments under the Revitalized Agreement, and prioritization of civilian protection. CTSAMVM will continue to monitor, verify, and report in line with its mandate.

**Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,**

Our recent patrols to Northern Bahr el Ghazal indicate that, despite the absence of active violations, the humanitarian situation remains concerning. The continued influx of refugees and returnees from Sudan, together with limited assistance and a reduced operational presence of partners, has placed significant strain on basic services, particularly health facilities.

Many affected populations, including internally displaced persons, remain underserved and face increasing food insecurity. Documentation challenges further limit access to essential services.

**Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,**

Allow me to provide brief updates on CTSAMVM operational activities:

Monitoring and Verification Team (MVT) Malakal conducted Long-Duration Air Patrol (LDAP) to Abiemnom County in Ruweng Administrative Area, and Bentiu from 10 to 15 April 2026 to investigate the armed attack on Abiemnom County headquarters which resulted in mass killing of civilians including County officials.

MVT Wau similarly carried out a Long Duration Patrol (LDP) to Aweil County in Northern Bahr el Ghazal State from 13 to 17 April 2026 to ascertain the security situation in the County.

MVT Wau and MVT Juba are scheduled to conduct LDP and LDAP respectively in May 2026 to investigate alleged ceasefire violations at Boo Bridge in Wau County and Makpandu in Yambio County.

On 16 April 2026, a CTSAMVM delegation engaged with the leadership of JVMM and Peacekeeping Operations to strengthen coordination. Discussion focused on facilitating movement clearance for CTSAMVM teams and securing blanket authorization for operations, thereby improving responsiveness to reported ceasefire violations.

On 20 April 2026, I met with the IGAD Special Envoy to South Sudan H.E. Ambassador Moussa Djama Ali to strengthen coordination on R-ARCSS implementation. Emphasis was on ceasefire compliance, political dialogue, and stronger international support for monitoring and verification.

The Special Envoy reaffirmed IGAD's political backing and recognized CTSAMVM's role in promoting accountability and stability in South Sudan. Routine monitoring, reporting, and stakeholder engagement continue across all areas of deployment.

These activities remain central to our mandate and reaffirm that violations of the Agreement will continue to be documented and reported.

## **Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,**

In light of the current situation, CTSAMVM respectfully urges the following:

- All signatory Parties are encouraged to enforce strict command and control over their personnel, ensure discipline among their personnel, and enforce accountability for violations.
- All parties to recommit to the ceasefire to expedite the unification, training, and deployment of the Necessary Unified Forces and enhance cohesion and stability.
- Greater focus should be placed on restoring civilian security, including addressing threats posed by non-signatory groups.
- All parties are encouraged to recommit to inclusive dialogue and full implementation of the R-ARCSS and advance key processes and tangible progress in Disarmament Demobilization and Reintegration.

CTSAMVM remains committed in its mandate to monitor, verify and report on the violation to R-ARCSS. In this regard, we recognize and commend the dedication and professionalism of our personnel, who continue to operate with independence, impartiality and neutrality under challenging conditions.

I thank you for your continued cooperation and commitment, and I look forward to our constructive deliberations.