



Opening Statement

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**Dear Senior Party Representatives and CTC members,
IGAD Representative,
RJMEC Representative,
Defense Attachés,
Observers,
Media,
Ladies and Gentlemen,**

Good morning, esteemed Members of the Technical Committee.

I warmly welcome you all to the Fifth CTSAMVM Technical Committee Meeting of 2026.

The agenda for today's meeting will commence with opening remarks, followed by a security update, and thereafter the presentation and discussion of reports. We have two violation reports for consideration

I will also highlight key concerns relating to the implementation of the Permanent Ceasefire, as well as provide an update on CTSAMVM activities since our last meeting.

Esteemed Party Representatives, Ladies and Gentlemen,

The security situation across the country has not changed significantly and remains unpredictable, with prevailing conditions continuing to pose challenges to the full implementation of Chapter II of the Revitalized Peace Agreement. During the reporting period, a number of incidents of concern were recorded.

On 22 May 2026, a civilian was killed by armed criminals along the route between the Biringi checkpoint under SPLM/A-IO control and the Natabu checkpoint under SSPDF control in Baggari Payam, Wau County, Western Bahr el Ghazal.

On 25 May 2026, SSPDF forces conducted operations in Guat Payam, Leer County, Unity State, resulting in the death of a 15-year-old student in Lual Village and injuries to three civilians.

On the same day, suspected SPLM/A-IO attacked the Kendila Bridge construction site in Gulumbi Payam, Morobo County, Central Equatoria State, resulting in the

deaths of three construction company employees and several SSPDF personnel providing security at the site.

Additionally, on 01 June 2026 an SSPDF soldier from Burabiey Barracks who had gone in search of firewood was captured and subsequently killed following an ambush by SPLM/A-IO forces around the barracks.

These incidents underscore the continued volatility of the security environment and the need for sustained confidence-building among the Parties.

In this regard, CTSAMVM takes note of the press release issued on 26 May 2026 by the Chief of Defence Forces of the SSPDF, reaffirming the SSPDF's commitment to the R-ARCSS and the peace process.

CTSAMVM welcomes this reaffirmation and encourages all Parties to demonstrate similar commitment through restraint, constructive dialogue, and full compliance to the Permanent Ceasefire. Sustained political will and confidence-building measures remain essential to preserving the gains of the peace process and creating conditions conducive to the full implementation of Chapter II of the Revitalized Agreement.

CTSAMVM will continue to monitor, investigate, and verify reported incidents in accordance with its mandate, and will provide impartial findings through established mechanisms.

Esteemed Party Representatives, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I will now provide updates on our operational activities.

From 10 to 14 June, Monitoring and Verification Team (MVT) Malakal conducted a Long Dynamic Air Patrol to Ulang County, Upper Nile State, to investigate alleged attacks by SPLM/A-IO forces and White Army elements on Ulang County Headquarters and SSPDF positions in February 2026, as well as clashes involving SSPDF, White Army, and alleged SPLM/A-IO in July 2025.

Looking ahead,

MVT Malakal is scheduled to undertake a Long Dynamic Air Patrol to Nasir County this month to investigate reported ceasefire violations in the area.

MVT Juba had scheduled a Long Duration Patrol to Kapoeta in Eastern Equatoria State during this month to investigate reported ceasefire violations.

However, the activity has been rescheduled to a later date awaiting aircraft availability. The team is also planning to undertake the previously postponed patrol to Makpandu in Yambio to a later date.

CTSAMVM has also continued its engagement with key partners. On 03 June 2026, I met with the Chief of Defence Forces of the Republic of Kenya. I appreciated the support Kenya has given to CTSAMVM over the years in our mission and mandate. The CDF pledged continued support to CTSAMVM activities.

Esteemed Party Representatives, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Today, we will consider two violation reports. The first violation report concerns aerial bombardment in civilian-populated areas of Panyijiar County, Unity State, which occurred on 23–24 June and 06 July 2025, as well as incidents in Pachenjock Payam and at Kotlier Checkpoint along the Nile River.

The second violation report addresses alleged attacks by SPLM/A-IO forces and the White Army on Ulang County Headquarters and SSPDF positions in Upper Nile State between 21 and 24 February 2026.

These incidents represent only a fraction of the broader cases investigated by CTSAMVM. They nevertheless highlight the continued need for enhanced commitment to the Permanent Ceasefire and full compliance to the Revitalized Agreement by all Parties.

Sustained restraint, dialogue, and mutual trust remain essential to consolidating peace and advancing implementation of the Agreement.

CTSAMVM therefore recommends the following:

All Parties to the R-ARCSS to instruct their respective commanders to cease hostilities and prevent reprisal actions and ensure strict compliance with the Permanent Ceasefire and provisions for the protection of civilians.

The Joint Defence Board (JDB) and relevant security institutions to strengthen coordination and deploy adequate security measures along vulnerable areas and

key infrastructure corridors to enhance civilian protection, restore freedom of movement, and facilitate humanitarian access.

The SSPDF and SPLM/A-IO to exercise maximum restraint and avoid operations in civilian-populated areas.

Both SSPDF and SPLM/A-IO to ensure that all troop movements, mobilizations, and incidents are promptly reported to CTSAMVM to enable timely verification, monitoring, and de-escalation.

Esteemed Party Representatives, Ladies and Gentlemen,

CTSAMVM remains firmly committed to its mandate. We will continue to monitor, verify, and report violations in a professional, impartial, and dedicated manner in support of the implementation of the Revitalized Peace Agreement.

With these remarks, I now formally declare this meeting open and invite the Party Representatives to deliver their statements.

Thank you.