



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.

It is my pleasure to welcome you all to the Sixth CTSAMVM Technical Committee Meeting of 2026.

Today's meeting is particularly significant as it coincides with the commencement of the leadership rotation process for CTSAMVM, as initiated by IGAD.

In this regard, it is my honour to introduce the incoming Chairperson of CTSAMVM, Major General Dr. Hailu Endashaw Atomsa, and the incoming Deputy Chairperson, Major General Mohamed Elmurtada Elsheikh, who have assumed their roles with effect from 1st July 2026 and are currently undergoing the handover process.

Both distinguished General Officers bring decades of senior military leadership, operational experience, and extensive expertise in peace support operations.

More importantly, they share a strong commitment to the successful implementation of the Revitalized Peace Agreement and to the impartial execution of CTSAMVM's mandate.

On behalf of CTSAMVM, I warmly welcome them into the CTSAMVM family as they join the Mechanism.

I kindly request all Signatory Parties to the R-ARCSS and members of the CTSAMVM Technical Committee to extend to them the same cooperation, professionalism and constructive engagement that you accorded me throughout my tenure.

I am confident that your continued support will contribute greatly to the success of their leadership and to the implementation of our collective mandate. The agenda for today's meeting includes, a security update, presentation and discussion of reports.

Esteemed Party Representatives, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Let me briefly highlight the key issues relating to the implementation of the Permanent Ceasefire and Transitional Security Arrangements, and provide an update on CTSAMVM activities since our last Technical Committee meeting.

The overall security environment across South Sudan remains volatile and unpredictable.

Localized armed violence, criminal ambushes, inter communal conflicts, and restrictions on civilian movement continue to affect several parts of the country, posing challenges to the implementation of Chapter II of the Revitalized Agreement.

Recent security developments in Jonglei State, Akobo County, Walgak Payam, where the White Army allegedly attacked and killed the SPLM-IG Commissioner of Akobo and his delegation on 05 July 2026. This resulted in RJMEC's call for an immediate cessation of hostilities and tasked CTSAMVM on 6 July to investigate the reported incident, establish the facts surrounding the clashes and present its findings through the appropriate peace agreement mechanisms.

Concerning our operational activities;

MVT Malakal successfully conducted two Long Duration Air Patrols: one in Ulang County from 10–14 June 2026 and another in Baliet County from 06–10 July 2026 and investigated attacks on civilians in Baliet County.

MVT Wau conducted a Long Duration Patrol to Warrap State from 13–16 July 2026 and investigated the armed youth attack in Tonj South County.

However, on 08 July 2026, a planned Short Duration Patrol by MVT Wau to Basilia was aborted after travelling approximately 24 kilometres due to denial of access at a checkpoint by joint security forces, which prevented the patrol from reaching its designated destination.

Looking forward, CTSAMVM has planned the following Monitoring and verification activities for the month of August:

MVT Juba will conduct a Long Duration Patrol to Yei (Lainya, Yei and Morobo Counties) to investigate alleged attacks on civilians and security forces stationed in the area. The team will also conduct another Long Duration Patrol to Lobonok, Juba County, to investigate alleged violations of Chapter II of the Revitalized Agreement.

MVT Malakal will conduct two Long Duration Patrols. The first is to Mandeng Payam in Nasir County, Upper Nile State and the second will be to Nyirol County, Jonglei State, to investigate alleged ceasefire violations.

Lastly, MVT Wau will conduct a Long Duration Patrol to Lakes State to also investigate alleged violations of the Revitalized Peace Agreement.

On the diplomatic front, I, together with the new CTSAMVM leadership, conducted courtesy calls to key Stakeholders and Partners within Juba.

These engagements provided an opportunity to introduce the new CTSAMVM leadership, exchange views, provide updates on the prevailing security situation and strengthen cooperation and collaboration in support of implementation of our mandate.

Esteemed Party Representatives, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Today we shall consider one violation report concerning the attack by Armed Youth on civilians in Adong Payam, Baliet County, and the looting of humanitarian food supplies at Duma Payam, Ulang County, Upper Nile State, which occurred in November 2025.

The report illustrates how activities by non-signatory armed groups continue to undermine community peace and security.

It also serves as a reminder of the continuing responsibility of the Signatory Parties to the Revitalized Peace Agreement to take all necessary measures within areas under their control to safeguard the Permanent Ceasefire and ensure the protection of civilians.

Based on the prevailing security situation, CTSAMVM reiterates the following recommendations:

All Signatory Parties to the R-ARCSS are urged to recommit to the Permanent Ceasefire, avoid any actions that could undermine it, and ensure full compliance with their obligations under the Revitalized Peace Agreement.

The RTGoNU to strengthen the Joint Defence Board and facilitate effective joint security deployments and coordinated patrols along major supply routes and conflict-prone areas.

Such measures would enhance civilian protection, deter criminal ambushes, cattle-related violence, and illegal checkpoints, while promoting stability and freedom of movement.

The RTGoNU and all security institutions to enhance coordination, accountability, and oversight mechanisms to ensure that deployed forces operate in accordance with the provisions of the R-ARCSS and respect for human rights and International Humanitarian Law.

Esteemed Party Representatives, Ladies and Gentlemen,

CTSAMVM remains firmly committed to its mandate. We shall continue to monitor, verify and report on alleged violations in an impartial and neutral manner to support the implementation of the Revitalized Peace Agreement.

As I conclude, allow me to express my sincere appreciation to all members of the CTSAMVM Technical Committee for the commitment and cooperation you have demonstrated throughout my tenure. It has been a privilege to work alongside each one of you in promoting lasting peace for the people of South Sudan.

South Sudan is a beautiful country with enormous potential. Through the collective efforts of all stakeholders, sustained dialogue, and continued commitment to the peace process, it is our common hope that violence will give way to lasting stability, allowing all South Sudanese to enjoy their country in peace and dignity.

This will be my last Technical Committee Meeting that I have the honour to chair, but I remain hopeful that the work we have undertaken together will continue to advance sustainable peace and stability in South Sudan.

With these remarks, I now declare this meeting officially open.

I now invite the incoming Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson to briefly greet the members of the CTSAMVM Technical Committee, after which I will invite the Senior Party Representatives to make their statements.

Thank you.