



## **Opening Statement**

**by**

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**at the**

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

Esteemed Members of the Technical Committee, Good morning and welcome to the 8<sup>th</sup> CTSAMVM Technical Committee Meeting of 2026.

Since our last meeting, the security situation has remained unpredictable across several parts of South Sudan. While conditions vary by location, three clear trends have emerged: renewed confrontations involving organized forces, continued mobilization of armed youth and intercommunal violence, and growing impacts on civilians through displacement, movement restrictions, and humanitarian access challenges.

In Central Equatoria, road insecurity remained a concern, with reported ambushes and attacks against civilians. In Upper Nile, the situation remained particularly concerning in Ulang and Nasir, where reported clashes involving SSPDF, SPLM/A-IO and the White Army resulted in casualties, displacement, and movement restrictions.

In Jonglei and the Greater Pibor Administrative Area, armed youth violence continued to affect communities, including reported child abductions along the Bor–Pibor–Duk corridor.

In Unity State, the reported shooting of civilians at the Bentiu Protection of Civilians site highlighted continuing protection concerns, while in Warrap State, intercommunal violence in Tonj North and further killings in Gogrial East underscored the risk of retaliation and localised insecurity.

These developments continue to place pressure on the Permanent Ceasefire, particularly in Upper Nile, Warrap, and parts of Central Equatoria.

CTSAMVM will continue to impartially and independently monitor these developments, engage with the Parties through established mechanisms, and provide objective reporting to support implementation of Chapter II of the Revitalised Peace Agreement.

### **Esteemed Party Representatives, Ladies and Gentlemen,**

To sustain our mandate, CTSAMVM continues to carry out its monitoring responsibilities across the country.

Monitoring and Verification Team (MVT) Juba completed a Long-Duration Air Patrol to Kapoeta from 7<sup>th</sup> –11<sup>th</sup> September, and investigated an alleged SPLM/A-IO attack on the police headquarters and the reported arrest of the son of the former SPLM/A-IO county commissioner.

In the coming month of October, MVT Juba will conduct a long-duration patrol to Lobonok in Juba County.

## **Esteemed Party Representatives, Ladies and Gentlemen,**

September has been an active month for CTSAMVM, marked by strengthened engagement with national, regional and international partners in support of the Revitalised Peace Agreement.

In Juba, I met the Chief of Defence Forces of the SSPDF to discuss adherence to the Permanent Ceasefire, progress on the Transitional Security Arrangements, freedom of movement for our Monitoring and Verification Teams, and the importance of sustained dialogue among the Parties.

CTSAMVM team also briefed the UN Commission on Human Rights during its 14<sup>th</sup> visit to South Sudan on security trends and the implementation of Chapter II of the R-ARCSS.

In Addis Ababa, I met with the Director of IGAD's Peace and Security Division, the Ambassadors of New Zealand and Qatar to Ethiopia, and briefed them on South Sudan's security situation, CTSAMVM's monitoring efforts, and the need for continued political and financial support for our work.

In Djibouti, I participated in the 74<sup>th</sup> Extraordinary Session of the IGAD Council of Ministers, which reaffirmed the Revitalised Peace Agreement as the framework for the peace process and underscored the need for sustained support to CTSAMVM and RJMEC. I also held discussions with the Executive Secretary of IGAD on the future and sustainability of CTSAMVM. I further met with the representative of the Chief of Defence Forces of Djibouti Armed Forces and discussed South Sudan's security

situation, CTSAMVM's monitoring efforts, and the importance of continued support for the Mechanism's efforts.

**Distinguished Members,**

Taken together, these engagements remind us that sustained cooperation among the Parties, together with continued regional and international support, remains essential to building confidence and preserving the ceasefire to the last day of the transitional period.

Today, we will consider two verification reports: one concerns the Armed confrontations between SSPDF and SPLM/A-IO in Burbiey and Jikmir, Nasir County, Upper Nile State; the second is about the reported SPLM/A-IO attack in Atende Boma in Central Equatoria State, including looting of property and the abduction of a Boma Sub-Chief and four youths.

**Esteemed Party Representatives, Ladies and Gentlemen,**

In light of the current security environment, CTSAMVM therefore proposes RTGoNU to ensure that:

- ✓ Senior commanders of the Parties maintain direct communication, exercise restraint, and prevent further movements toward opposing positions, particularly in Upper Nile and Central Equatoria.
- ✓ Stronger measures to protect civilians, safeguard freedom of movement, and secure key civilian and humanitarian routes.
- ✓ Expanded early-warning and local conflict-resolution efforts to reduce armed youth mobilisation and recover illicit firearms.
- ✓ Prompt investigation of allegations involving organised forces, including attacks against civilians and conflict-related sexual

violence, with appropriate follow-up where allegations are substantiated.

**Esteemed Party Representatives, Ladies and Gentlemen,**

CTSAMVM remains committed to carrying out its mandate with professionalism, impartiality, and integrity. As we continue working together, our shared objective remains clear: to advance the implementation of Chapter II of the Revitalised Peace Agreement and contribute to a more peaceful, stable, and secure South Sudan.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and commitment. I wish you all a productive and constructive meeting.

I now declare the Meeting open. Thank you.