

ROME RESOLUTION ON MONITORING AND VERIFICATION OF CoHA 2017

We, the Government of the Republic of South Sudan (GRSS) and the South Sudan Opposition Movements Alliance (SSOMA), pursuant to paragraph 9 of the Rome Declaration of 12 January 2020, held the second consultation meeting on monitoring and verification mechanisms, with the presence of delegations from SPLM/A-IO, NDM, FDs, and some representatives from the OPP, with RJMEC, CTSAMVM, UNMISS and EU as observers, under the auspices of the Community of Sant'Egidio in collaboration with the IGAD Special Envoy for South Sudan, in Rome, Italy on 12th and 13th February, 2020;

MINDFUL of the untold suffering and unprecedented displacement of civilian population resulting from the devastating civil war;

ACKNOWLEDGING the progress made by the IGAD-led peace process including the monitoring and verification mechanisms;

UNDERSCORING the utmost importance of inclusivity and putting the interest of the country and its people first;

APPLAUDING the commitment and recommitment by the parties to the Cessation of Hostilities Agreement (CoHA) of 21st December 2017 and in this regard underscoring the need to convene a workshop for the military representatives to work on the matrix of the implementation of the CoHA;

RECOGNIZING the existence of CTSAMVM as a monitoring and verification mechanism;

DETERMINED to create an enabling environment for further negotiations on the root causes of the conflict and strengthening humanitarian access based on the Rome Declaration;

On the basis of the Rome Declaration, the GRSS and SSOMA agreed that:

- I. SSOMA becomes a member of CTSAMVM upon signing of this resolution although it is not a signatory to the R-ARCSS, and acknowledge that the participation of SSOMA is neither an endorsement nor accession to the R-ARCSS and its PCTSA;
- II. SSOMA be represented in all CTSAMVM structures in equal numbers as the other warring parties; and
- III. SSOMA shall fully cooperate with CTSAMVM by allowing unconditional access for the purposes of monitoring and verification as well as humanitarian access;

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ENTRUSTED the mediators to submit this resolution to the Parties to the R-ARCSS for endorsement which will be subsequently submitted to the IGAD Council of Ministers for approval through the Office of the IGAD Special Envoy for South Sudan;

FURTHER AGREED that the GRSS and SSOMA will continue the political dialogue under the auspices of the Community of Sant'Egidio in cooperation with IGAD; and

During the negotiation period, the GRSS and SSOMA shall ensure the safety and security of personnel from both sides participating in various CTSAMVM structures, and SSOMA may participate in board meetings of CTSAMVM via video conference.

Done in Sant'Egidio, Rome, Italy, on 13th February 2020

For the Government of the Republic South Sudan

Barnaba Marial Benjamin – Presidential Advisor and Special Envoy – Head of Government Delegation

For SSOMA

Thomas Cirillo Swaka, Member of the leadership Council of SSOMA and Chairman of National Salvation Front

Witnesses

Henry Dilah Odwar, SPLM/A-IO Deputy Chairman