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Adopted by the Peace and Security Council (PSC) of the African Union (AU) at its 1308th meeting held on 28 October 2025 on Briefing on the Situation in the Republic of South Sudan.

The Peace and Security Council,

Recalling all its previous decisions and pronouncements on the situation in South Sudan, particularly, Communiques: [PSC/PR/COMM.1297 (2025) adopted at its 1297th meeting held on 15 August 2025; [PSC/PR/COMM.1283 (2025)] adopted at its 1283rd meeting held on 12 June 2025; [PSC/PR/COMM.1265 (2025)] adopted at its 1265th meeting held on 18 March 2025; as well as Press Statement [PSC/PR/BR.1270 (2025)], adopted at its 1270th meeting held on 31 March 2025;

Deeply concerned about the slow pace of the implementation of the R-ARCSS, **while remaining conscious** of the outstanding critical transitional tasks that should be implemented within the remaining extended timelines, that is, by February 2027;

Reiterating the unwavering commitment of the AU, as a guarantor of the Revitalized Agreement on the Resolution of the Conflict in South Sudan (R-ARCSS), signed on 12 September 2018, to support its full implementation;

Reaffirming the solidarity of the AU with the people and the Government of the Republic of South Sudan in their legitimate aspirations to restore durable peace, security, stability and development in their country, which will significantly benefit the Horn of Africa region and the African Continent as a whole;

Taking note of the opening remarks by H.E. Ambassador Tebelelo Alfred Boang, the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Botswana to the AU as Chairperson of the PSC for October 2025; the remarks by H.E. Ambassador Bankole Adeoye, the Commissioner for Political Affairs Peace and Security; and the Briefing by H.E. Ambassador Abdiwell Ali, the Special Representative of the Chairperson of the AU Commission for South Sudan and Head of the AU Liaison Office in Juba; **also taking note** of the statements by the representatives of the Republic of South Sudan as the concerned country; the Republic of South Africa as Chair of the AU High-Level Ad hoc Committee for South Sudan (C5), the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) Secretariat; the reconstituted Joint Monitoring and Evaluation Commission and the United Nations Mission in South Sudan; and

Acting under Article 7 of its Protocol, the Peace and Security Council:

1. **Expresses** grave concern about the current political and security situation in South Sudan and the tendency to relapse into violence and **calls** for the immediate and unconditional cessation of all hostilities between the South Sudan People's Defence Forces and (SSPDF), the Sudan People's Liberation Movement Army-in Opposition (SPLM/A-IO) forces, and all other militia groups, which is threatening the peace and stability of the country with the attendant humanitarian consequences;
2. **Strongly urges** the signatory parties to the R-ARCSS to honour the extended transition timelines;
3. **Commends** the Revitalized Transitional Government of National Unity (RTGoNU) and the people of South Sudan for their sustained commitment to maintain peace, security and stability in the country despite existing challenges and encourages them to refrain from any actions that jeopardise

the full implementation of the Revitalised Peace Agreement, which remains the only viable path towards a consensual and sustainable solution to the challenges facing South Sudan;

4. While acknowledging the difficulties facing the transition process in South Sudan, **reiterates** the position that there can no sustainable military solutions to the present challenges facing South Sudan and, in this regard, **calls** for an all-inclusive high-level political dialogue as the only viable path towards consensual and sustainable solutions to the present challenges facing the country;

5. **Strongly urges** all parties to the Revitalised Peace Agreement to place the supreme interests of the people of South Sudan and the country above all else and to peacefully address all challenges facing the implementation of the R-ARCSS within the terms of the Revitalized Peace Agreement;

6. Stresses the importance of ensuring an action-oriented approach to support the South Sudanese authorities in complementing the transition process;

7. **Commends** the efforts being deployed by IGAD and encourages it to redouble efforts towards the de-escalation of the political tension that threatens the Revitalized Peace Agreement and successful completion of the transition process in South Sudan;

8. **Calls** on IGAD to consider convening an IGAD Council of Ministers meeting on the situation in South Sudan and prevail on the parties to ensure full adherence to the R-ARCSS; and to activate the Ministerial Sub-Committee on South Sudan, as mandated by the 43rd IGAD Extraordinary Summit held on 12 March 2025, to facilitate the organization of an inclusive dialogue aimed at resolving the ongoing conflict;

9. **Also commends** the reconvening of the Reconstituted Joint Monitoring and Evaluation Mechanism (RJMEC) meeting and **encourages** the frequency and regularity of the meetings with a view to facilitating the implementation of the outstanding transitional tasks;

10. **Renews the call** on the RTGoNU to expedite the training and full deployment of the Necessary Unified Forces (NUFs) with a view to further enhancing civilian protection and to also contribute towards the creation of conducive conditions for the preparation for the successful organization of credible elections in December 2026, that will reflect the general will of the people of South Sudan, thereby marking the completion of the Transition;

11. **Encourages** the RTGoNU, with the technical assistance from the AU Commission and bilateral partners to vigorously implement the disarmament, demobilization and reintegration (DDR), as well as security sector reform (SSR) programmes in the country and also to adopt a comprehensive, coordinated, inclusive and transparent process for the collection and disposal of arms as a contribution towards silencing the guns in the country;

12. **Commends** recent efforts on transitional justice processes, and **encourages** sustained commitment from the RTGoNU and the AU Commission towards operationalising the Commission for Truth, Reconciliation and Healing (CTRH), the Compensation and Reparation Authority (CRA) and its Fund, as well as the Hybrid Court on South Sudan (HCSS); and **requests** the AU Commission to continue providing technical assistance to the RTGoNU with to expedite the establishment of the Hybrid Court for South Sudan with a view to promoting transitional justice, fighting impunity and laying the ground for durable peace and national reconciliation in the country;

13. **Encourages** the Trilateral Mechanism to continue working closely with the RTGoNU to reactivate the Government-Trilateral Joint Task Force (JTF) in order to reassess realistic timelines and mechanisms for the successful organization of credible elections earmarked for December 2026; and in this regard, **also encourages** the RTGoNU to prioritise the effective functioning of the National Elections Commission (NEC), the National Constitutional Review Commission (NCRC), and the Political Parties Council (PPC);
14. Mindful of the dire humanitarian situation in South Sudan, **appeals for** the scaling up of humanitarian assistance in favour of the people of South Sudan affected by the current situation in the country;
15. **Reiterates the urge** to the RTGoNU for the expedited establishment of the Special Reconstruction Fund (SRF) and Board of Special Reconstruction Fund (BSRF) and, in this context, **requests** the Chairpersons of IGAD, the Chairperson of the AU Commission, as well as the Secretary-General of the United Nations to collaborate with the BSRF towards convening the South Sudan Pledging Conference, with a view to mobilizing financial resources for the Fund;
16. **Further encourages** the RTGoNU to adopt practical macro and micro-economic, as well as fiscal policies to address the South Sudanese currency depreciation, diversify the economy and boost government revenue for inclusive and sustainable growth and development;
17. **Encourages** the AU Commission to continue to constructively engaging South Sudan in towards preserving the Revitalized Peace Agreement, and to continue to work with IGAD, UNMISS, RJMEC and other strategic partners, including the Troika, the European Union (EU), as well as the IGAD Partners Forum (IPF);
18. **Requests** the Chairperson of the African Union Commission to continue advancing peace efforts by leveraging his good offices and the Panel of the Wise, in close coordination with IGAD's ongoing efforts; and in this context, **also requests** the AU Panel of the Wise to continue its preventive diplomacy efforts in South Sudan and encourage the South Sudanese political stakeholders actors to commit to working together to ensure the successful completion of the transition;
19. **Welcomes** the commitment of the AU High-Level Ad Hoc Committee for South Sudan (C5) and its continued engagement with South Sudanese authorities in supporting the constitution-making and preparations for the December 2026 elections;
20. **Reiterates the request** to the Chairperson of the AU Commission to appoint an AU High Representative to support the implementation of the outstanding aspects of the Revitalized Peace Agreement, and also to further enhance the institutional capacity of the AU Mission in South Sudan/ Liaison Office in Juba to enable it to more effectively deliver on its mandate; and
21. **Decides** to remain actively seized of the matter.