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**Adopted by the Peace and Security Council (PSC) of the African Union (AU) at its 1092<sup>nd</sup> meeting held on 11 July 2022, on The Situation in South Sudan.**

### The Peace and Security Council,

**Recalling** its previous decisions and pronouncements on the situation in South Sudan, particularly Communiqué [[PSC/PR/COMM.2/1060 \(2022\)](#)] adopted at its 1060<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 25 January 2022; and the outcomes of the 35<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session of IGAD Heads of State and Government, held in Nairobi, Kenya, on 5 July 2022;

**Faithful** to the commitment of the AU as a guarantor of the Revitalized Agreement on the Resolution of the Conflict in South Sudan (RARCSS), signed on 12 September 2018; and **determined** to ensure the successful implementation of the Revitalized Agreement;

**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;

**Noting** the introductory remarks by H.E. Ambassador Abdi Mahmoud Eybe, the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Djibouti to the AU and PSC Chairperson for July 2022; H.E. Ambassador Bankole Adeoye, the AU Commissioner for Political Affairs, Peace and Security; as well as the presentation by the Special Representative of the Chairperson of the Commission for South Sudan and Head of AU Liaison Office in Juba, H.E. Ambassador Professor Joram Mukama Biswaro; **also noting** the statements by the Permanent Representative of the Republic of South Sudan to the AU, H.E. Ambassador James Morgan; as well as by the representatives of the Inter-Governmental Authority on Development (IGAD) Special Envoy for South Sudan, H.E. Ambassador Ismail Wais; the Interim Chairperson of the Reconstituted Joint Monitoring and Evaluation Commission (RJMEC), Major General (Rtd) Charles Gituai; and by the Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General for South Sudan and Head of the UN Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS), H.E. Mr. Nicholas Haysom; and

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

1. **Commends** H.E. President Salva Kiir Mayardit and First Vice President Dr. Riek Machar Teny for their dedication and commitment to peace and **encourages** them to continue to choose dialogue to address their differences;
2. **Also commends** the Reconstituted Transitional Government of National Unity (R-TGoNU) and all other key stakeholders to the RARCSS, for the progress registered so far, including the incorporation of the RARCSS into the Transitional Constitution of 2011 (as amended), the unification of the command-and-control structure of the security forces, and the initiation of the national consultations on the Commission for Truth, Reconciliation, and Healing;

3. **Encourages** the South Sudanese parties to urgently complete all outstanding transitional tasks stipulated in the RARCSS, among them the acceleration of the graduation and deployment of the Necessary Unified Forces (NUF), the ratification of the Permanent Constitution-Making Bill and electoral laws, the reconstitution of the National Constitutional Review Commission and the National Elections Commission;
4. **Further encourages** the RTGoNU to expedite the development of the long-awaited roadmap, which will outline the outstanding transitional tasks in the RARCSS, and provide the necessary way forward;
5. **Commends** the efforts being deployed by IGAD; **welcomes** the outcome of the 39<sup>th</sup> Extra Ordinary Summit of Heads of State of IGAD held in Nairobi- Kenya on 5 July 2022 and **urges** it to take stock of the status of implementation of the RARCSS in order to identify areas requiring urgent regional, continental, and international intervention;
6. **Strongly encourages** the RTGoNU, working in collaboration with the AU Commission and other critical institutions, including the African Development Bank, the AU Development Agency-NEPAD, on practical means and ways of mobilizing complementary humanitarian support to that currently being provided by the UN and other international partners;
7. **Also strongly encourages** the RTGoNU to expedite the establishment of the Board for Special Reconstruction Fund (BSRF), so that the AU Commission, the UN and IGAD, working in collaboration with the Government, can expeditiously organize the South Sudan Pledging Conference as provided for in Chapter 3.2.8. of the Revitalized Peace Agreement;
8. **Requests** the AU Commission, pursuant to the Decision of the Extraordinary AU Humanitarian Summit and Pledging Conference held in Malabo, Equatorial Guinea on 27 May 2022, to explore the possibility of access to the Special Fund of the pledging project, so as to contribute to addressing the humanitarian needs in South Sudan;
9. **Applauds** the A3 for the robust advocacy in favor of South Sudan within the United Nations Security Council;
10. **Requests** the AU Commission to utilize the AU Panel of the Wise and the Champion on Peacebuilding and Post-Conflict Reconstruction and Development (PCRD) on the crucial issues that are stifling the smooth implementation of the Revitalized Peace Agreement;
11. **Commends** the Permanent Representatives of the AU High Level Ad-Hoc Committee for South Sudan (C5) for the recent solidarity visit to South Sudan conducted in June 2022; and **looks forward** to the outcomes of the follow-up visit of the C5 Ministers of Foreign Affairs to South Sudan, within the spirit of continued AU support for the successful completion of the peace process in South Sudan;
12. **Requests** the AU Commission, through the Cairo-based PCRD Centre, to expedite the undertaking a post-conflict needs assessment mission to South Sudan, in order to identify priorities areas for PCRD support;

13. **Expresses appreciation** to UNMISS and IGAD for supporting AU Commission to initiate a Trilateral Evaluation of the Electoral and Constitution-Making Needs of South Sudan in line with PSC Communique [[PSC/PR/COMM.2/1060 \(2022\)](#)];
14. **Requests** the AU Commission, UN and IGAD Secretariats to commence plans by the end of August 2022 on a joint taskforce on putting together a strategy on mobilizing the needed support for the constitution-making and electoral institutions and processes in South Sudan;
15. **Expresses appreciation** to the Government of the United States of America (USA) for its sustained support to South Sudan; **expresses concern** over the USA decision to suspend financial support to the RJMEC and Ceasefire and Transitional Security Arrangements Monitoring and Verification Mechanism (CTSAMVM), which can seriously jeopardize the work of these two critical institutions and the current momentum, as well as the gains registered thus far; and in this regard, **appeals** to the US Government to reconsider its position;
16. **Applauds** the Troika, the European Union (EU), and the IGAD Partners Forum for their continued support to the implementation of the RARCSS, and **appeals to them** to maintain and further enhance their support;
17. **Expresses deep appreciation** to the “The Juba Quartet”, namely, the heads of AU Mission in Juba, UN Mission in South Sudan, IGAD Special Envoy for South Sudan, and the Interim Chairperson of RJMEC - for their good offices;
18. **Commends** Pope Francis for his dedication and focus on a peaceful South Sudan; **wishes** him a quick recovery; **welcomes** his gesture to send his Secretary of State to Juba to assuage the Government and people of South Sudan and **looks forward** to his much-awaited visit to the country at a future date;
19. **Also commends** the Sant’Egidio process for facilitating the resolution of the impasse between the South Sudanese holdout groups;
20. **Requests** the AU Commission to capacitate the AU Mission in South Sudan so that it can effectively pursue the AU’s mandate on promoting sustainable peace, security, stability and development in South Sudan; and
21. **Decides** to remain actively seized of the matter.

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# Communiqué of the 1092nd Meeting (Virtual) of the Peace and Security Council (PSC) on the Situation in South Sudan held on 11 July 2022.

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