





RESOLUTIONS OF THE SPLM(IO) PARLIAMENTARY CAUCUS ON THE FY2023/2024 BUDGET

The SPLM(IO) Parliamentary Caucus held a consultative meeting on July 22, 2023, on the provision of FY2023/2024 Budget presented to the Transitional National Legislature by Hon. Dier Tong Ngor, the Minister of Finance and Planning. After extensive deliberation and scrutiny, the Caucus observed the following:

- 1. The allocation in FY2023/2024 Budget neither reflected the theme of the Budget "the Implementation and Consolidation of the Peace Agreement ..." nor the Independence Day Speech of the President delivered on the July 8, 2023, which stated that "The theme of my address this year is: "consolidating peace and stability to pave the way for transparent, fair and credible elections". "The key words in this year's address are 'peace and stability' ".
- 2. The FY2023/2024 has not addressed the following as they received no or inadequate allocations:
 - The Security Arrangements (Phase I & II).
 - Repatriation and Resettlement of refugees, and Internally Displaced Persons.
 - Population Census.
 - Permanent Constitution Making Process.
 - Transitional Justice process; and
 - The process of conduct of National Elections by the end of the Roadmap of R-ARCSS.

 In light of the above, the failure to allocate resources for implementation of these critical tasks may affect the Roadmap including the conduct of elections by 22nd December 2024.



- 4. Furthermore, the SPLM(IO) caucus observes the FY2023/2024 Budget presented by the Minister of Finance and Planning as a Budget for Increment of Salaries and Wages of the Civil Servants, Military, and Organized Forces. However, the proposed increment of 400% is inadequate as this does not cope with the current market prices.
- The Caucus, therefore, approves the increment of Salaries and Wages of the Civil Servants, Military, and Organized Forces, beyond the 400%, as contained in the FY 2023 - 24 Budget Second Reading Report by the Chairperson of the Economic Cluster of the Transitional National Legislature.
- In addition, the Caucus recommends allocation for Electronic Payroll System
 to ensure payroll cleansing from ghost-names per the resolution of the
 Council of Ministers.
- 7. The Caucus urges the Minister of Finance and Planning to cause without delay a supplementary budget in the FY2023/2024 Budget for the following critical pending tasks of the Revitalized Agreement for timely conduct of free, fair, credible, and democratic elections:
 - · The Security Arrangements.
 - Repatriation and Resettlement of refugees, and Internally Displaced Persons.
 - Population Census.
 - Permanent Constitution Making Process.

· Transitional Justice process; and

• Process of Elections of the Roadmap of R-ARCSS.

Signed:

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