



REPUBLIC OF SOUTH SUDAN

THE FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

Our Ref: RSS/VP/J/I/2024/2
Your Ref: RJMEC/C/2024/L//158

18th March 2024

Dear Excellency,

RE: CRITICAL ISSUES AFFECTING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REVITALIZED PEACE AGREEMENT IN THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH SUDAN AND WAY FORWARD

I am writing to your Excellency to acknowledge receipt of your letter on the "Critical Issues Affecting the Implementation of the Revitalized Peace Agreement in the Republic of South Sudan and Way Forward" Ref: RJMEC/C/2024/L//158, dated 15 March 2024. I welcome your Excellency's statement and the way forward.

I have taken note and concern of the short time left in the timeline of the Roadmap as highlighted, the critical pending tasks of the R-ARCSS and the lack of progress in the preparation for the conduct of free, fair and credible elections for a peaceful and democratic end of the Transitional Period of the Agreement. It is true that six months prior to the conduct of elections, voters registry should be published.

The SPLM-IO has also taken note of the two (2) options provided in the RJMEC statement namely:

1. Agreeing to conduct a consensus-based elections
2. Agreeing to a revision of the Roadmap

I would like to welcome and express our support for the proposal that the Peace Parties to Agreement dialogue on these issues in order to chart a way forward for a peaceful elections and transition to democracy.

In light of the challenges registered during the five (5) years of implementation, we would like to state that dialogue and its outcome shall only be credible in the presence of a mediator.

In addition, there is critical need to demonstrate political will on the side of the parties and resolution of critical issues that have been affecting implementation of the Agreement.

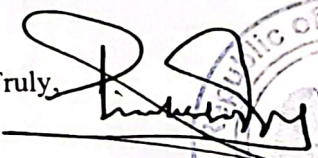
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On the other hand, Your Excellency, I wish to point out the important outcome of the Ministerial Consultative Meeting of the African Union Ad-Hoc High-Level Committee for South Sudan (C5) convened in Addis Ababa on 16th February 2024 at the margins of the 37th Ordinary Session of the AU Assembly of Heads of State and Government that has recommended dialogue among the Parties to Agreement to chart a way forward and for the International Community to facilitate the successful implementation of the outstanding provisions of the R-ARCSS including provision of technical and logistical support.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours Truly,


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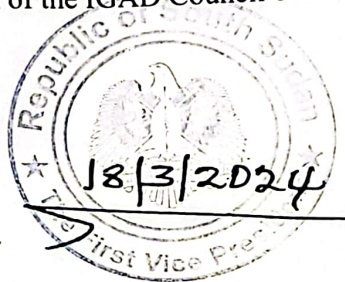
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