



THE THIRTEENTH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE PLENARY ASSEMBLY OF  
THE FORUM OF PARLIAMENTS OF MEMBER STATES OF THE  
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE GREAT LAKES REGION

RESOLUTION 13 OSPA/04/2023

RESOLUTIONS ON THE POLITICAL, SECURITY AND HUMANITARIAN  
SITUATION IN THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH SUDAN

The Plenary Assembly:

- **Pursuant** to the provisions of Articles 4 and 22 Paragraphs 1 of the Pact on Security, Stability and Development in the Great Lakes Region signed on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2006 in Nairobi, Republic of Kenya.
- **Considering** the provisions of the Article 2 and 6 of the Inter-Parliamentary Accord establishing the Forum of Parliaments of Member State of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (FP-ICGLR) signed on December 4, 2008 in Kigali, Republic of Rwanda;
- **Further Considering** that politically, in the Republic of South Sudan, there has been noticeable progress towards realizing the peace deal and the legislature's ratification of the roadmap, which extended the current transitional period by 24 months, paving the way for elections;
- **Noting that** the South Sudan's President His Excellency Salva Kiir Mayardit declassified files on civil war with the directive issued on March 22, 2022 in Juba to declassify intelligence reports on how the country's long-running civil war began and all those found culpable of offences by the released materials would be granted presidential pardon;
- **Stressing** that, for the Revitalized Peace Agreement of 2018 establishing a Transitional Unity Government to succeed, the task is to ensure that the parties to the agreement have the best possible international support to help them fulfil their commitments to the people of South Sudan within the prescribed timeframe;
- **Noting** that, despite fresh inter-communal clashes in Abyei region, the President of the Republic of South Sudan His Excellency Salva Kiir Mayardit has continued to pursue a pathway that sought to bring about lasting peace and political stability;

- **Acknowledging** that the Republic of South Sudan held the first graduation ceremony on August 30, 2022, for the Necessary Unified Forces (NUF) that are being formed by retraining rebel and pro-government fighters into military, police, and security personnel and **mindful** that the NUF are expected to play a critical role in meeting the security and logistical needs for legitimate and credible forthcoming elections in 2024, as provided for in the peace agreement;
- **Deeply concerned** about, the dire humanitarian situation in the vast areas of the Republic of South Sudan, compounded by insecurity, heavy fighting between inter-communal groups and displacements of people facing near famine;
- **Aware** that the United Nations Security Council in July 2018 imposed an arms embargo on South Sudan as a measure aimed at stopping the flow of weapons to armed groups in the country;

**Adopts the following resolutions:**

1. **Commends** the authorities of the Republic of South Sudan for the noticeable progress towards realizing the Revitalized Peace Agreement of 2018 that established the Transitional Unity Government and for the legislature's ratification of the roadmap, which extended the current transitional period by 24 months, paving the way for elections and which aims to complete key remaining tasks under the Accord;
2. **Calls upon** the Government of the Republic of South Sudan to:
  - a. Keep the Revitalized Peace Agreement on track for the completion of its implementation;
  - b. Continue to guarantee the protection and safety of the entire civilian population including foreigners;
  - c. Prevent the deteriorating security situation which aggravates dire humanitarian situation;
3. **Urges** the political class, civil society and all the forces of the Republic of South Sudan to support the declassification of files on civil war with the view to contribute to the ongoing process of national reconciliation and peace building;
4. **Applauds** the Government of the Republic of South Sudan for the proactive and continued positive efforts made to ensure stability and peaceful co-existence of people living in the areas of Northern Bahr El Ghazal, especially in Abyei;
5. **Calls upon** the South Sudanese Government and the Republic of the Sudan to ensure security of the people of Abyei Administrative Area and **further urges** the two Governments for expeditious determination of the final status of Abyei Administrative Area;

6. **Encourages** the guarantors of the Revitalized Peace Agreement to continue playing a proactive role for the peace process to succeed;
7. **Welcomes** the first graduation held on August 30, 2022 for the NUF that are being formed by retraining all the forces into military, police, and security personnel and the agreement in Juba between the parties on the unification of command of the Military and other organized forces;
8. **Call upon** United Nations Security Council (UNSC) to lift the arms embargo imposed on South Sudan on the purchase or transfer of weapons, ammunition and related materials;
9. **Urges** the parties to the Agreement to expedite the unification and deployment of the forces and continue the process of Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration in the Country;
10. **Implores on** Humanitarian agencies to:
  - a. Continue to support IDPs and vulnerable people in the Republic of South Sudan especially in the States of Jonglei and Upper Nile;
  - b. Dedicate the necessary humanitarian aid to the population who fled to neighboring countries.
11. **Requests** the Secretary General of the FP-ICGLR to continuously monitor the developments on the Political, Security and Humanitarian situation of South Sudan and to report on it at the next Plenary Assembly;
12. **Decides** to remain actively seized of the Political, Security and Humanitarian of the Republic of South Sudan.

Done in Juba, on April 1, 2023



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President of FP-ICGLR

