



**Opening Statement
By
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Chairman of CTSAMM
at the 13th CTSAMM Meeting**

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Excellencies,

Colleagues,

Ladies and gentlemen,

Good morning and welcome to the 13th Ceasefire and Transitional Security Arrangements Monitoring Mechanism (CTSAMM) Members meeting.

1. CTSAMM continued its monitoring of the Permanent Ceasefire and Transitional Security Arrangements through regular and long duration patrolling and maintaining contacts with a broad base of stakeholders at all levels.
2. To fulfill its mandate CTSAMM is regularly engaging relevant institutions to the peace agreement.
3. CTSAMM has also been playing an active role in mapping Other Armed Groups and political groups to be engaged ahead of the IGAD High Level Revitalization Forum and has conducted multiple meetings with different relevant stakeholders to support JMEC's efforts.
4. As per the request from the SPLA, CTSAMM is planning to verify the redeployment of security forces outside of Juba with the aim of facilitating the deployment of the RPF.
5. This reporting period has witnessed serious incidents of ceasefire violations in locations including Pagak, Mathiang, and Maiwut in eastern Upper Nile.

6. CTSAMM also continues to witness attacks and ambushes on the main supply routes of Central and Eastern Equatoria against civilians.
7. CTSAMM is calling on the Transitional Government of National Unity (TGoNU), SPLM/IO (aligned with Riek Machar) and Other Armed Groups to respect the ceasefire, protect civilians, play a role in expediting humanitarian relief, and engage in the IGAD revitalization process.
8. Unfortunately since we last met, there are still some restrictions on Freedom of Movement for CTSAMM with delays and denials of access assurances from both the government and Opposition aligned with Riek Machar.
9. CTSAMM appreciates the support of the TGoNU, the SPLA and UNMISS as these institutions are key to the pursuit of our mandate.
10. I look forward to your active and objective discussion on CTSAMM activities and the investigation reports.

Thank you.