Interim Chairperson  
Reconstituted Joint Monitoring and Evaluation Commission (R-JMEC)

**Subject: Resolution No.1 on Allocation of States**

I am writing to bring to your attention the rejection of SPLM(IO) the statement on the meeting of the Presidency issued today, 7th May 2020.

1. Article 1.16.4 of R-ARCSS states that "In sharing State and local government positions the Parties shall take into consideration the relative prominence each Party has in the respective State or county." This article gives the Parties the competence to allocate the States and Counties and not the Presidency. The article also makes it clear that the prominence of Parties in each State must influence the choice of the States.
   
2. The allocation of the States as came in the statement is that of the President and not a decision taken by consensus. It does not put into consideration the relative prominence of each Party has in each of the respective State or county. In this case, neither SSOA nor ITGONU has prominence in Upper Nile state more than SPLM (IO).
   
3. The allocation of the States also violates article 1.16.1.4. which gives OPP 1 state governor.
   
4. The President’s allocation of the States gives the ITGONU 6 state governors instead of 5 state governors (article 1.16.1.1.). This is a violation of the R-ARCSS.
   
5. As far as we are concerned, the deadlock on the allocation of the States still stands. We wish to remind R-JMEC that we have previously invoked Article 7.11 of R-ARCSS to resolve the deadlock. The decision taken by President Salva Kiir today is a clear rejection of the recommendation made to the Parties by the Interim Chairman of RJMEC in his letter number RJMEC/C/2020L/136 dated 1st of April 2020. In this case,
according to the same Article 7.11 the RJMEC has to refer the matter to the Guarantors.

In light of the above, I would like to underline the fact that there was no consensus in the President’s allocation of States but rather deadlock, as such I am asking for your intervention.

Yours truly,

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Chairman and Commander-in-Chief, SPLM/SPLA(IO) and the First Vice President of the Republic
7th March 2020

Cc:

1. H.E. Abdel Fatah Al Burhan, President of Sudan Transitional Sovereign Council, the Chairperson of IGAD Assembly of Heads of States and Government.
2. H.E. Yoweri Museveni, President of the Republic of Uganda.
5. H.E. Mohamed Abdullahi Mohamed, President of the Federal Republic of Somalia.
7. H.E. Salva Kiir Mayardit, President of the Republic of South Sudan.
8. H.E. Workneh Gebeyehu, PhD – Executive Secretary of IGAD.
9. H.E. Ismael Wais, IGAD Special Envoy to South Sudan.