



SOUTH SUDAN OPPOSITION ALLIANCE (SSOA)

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Press Statement

Response of SSOA to the letter of SPLM/IO to the H.E Ambassador Augustino Njoroge, Interim chairperson of the RJMEC

1. Art. 1.5.1- During the Transitional Period, the Executive of the RTGoNU shall comprise of the President, First Vice President, and four Vice Presidents, (hereafter collectively referred to as the Presidency).
2. The meeting that took place yesterday, May 7th 2020, was the meeting of the Presidency representing parties to the R-ARCSS.
3. Art. 1.9.6.1.1 - The Presidency: Art. 1.9.6.1 Decision making in the Presidency shall be collegial collaboration. Hence, the resolution that was issued yesterday by the Presidency is in accordance with sub article 1.9.6.1.2 The president, the First vice President, and the Vice Presidents shall seek to reach an agreement on matters of executive administration and failure to which by agreement of at least (04) of them. The decision of yesterday was by 5 against 1 which in our view is democratic in nature and therefore binding on all in the Presidency as an institution.
4. In the event of a deadlock (Art. 1.9.6.1.4) - In the event of a deadlock or a tie in the exercise of joint executive powers listed below, the matter shall be decided by Council of Ministers which shall require the agreement of two thirds of all the members of the Council of Ministers (67%). The decision of the Council of Ministers shall be final.

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Art. 1.9.6.1.4.1: In appointment of constitutional and judicial office holders, including State Governors.

Art 1.9.6.1.4.4- The President, the First vice President, the Vice Presidents shall seek to reach agreement on matters of supervision of the implementation of this agreement, failure of which decisions shall be reached with an agreement of at least 4 of them, where one must be either the President or the First Vice President.

5. SSOA applauds the spirit of compromise demonstrated by OPP that enabled ITGoNU to have six States and SPLM/IO to have three. This was in line with the proposal of RJMEC Interim Chair proposing that OPP forgo its gubernatorial seat in exchange with senior position in the state governments. In the spirit of compromise ITGoNU compensated OPP with two deputy governor positions and others.
6. In light of the communal dynamics in Upper Nile State, SSOA is the only neutral party to the agreement that can unite the communities in Upper Nile to ensure the country has sustainable peace and stability.
7. According to the R-ARCSS, SSOA has 10% of responsibility sharing which is one out of the 10 states. We are therefore urging SPLM/IO to accept the resolution of the Presidency and demonstrate the spirit of compromise and nationalism. Furthermore, SPLM/IO should understand that the state that falls under their authority will be governed as a part of the country and not as independent or autonomous states.
8. This is also in line with fair distribution of the three major towns of which SPLM-IG takes Juba, SPLM-IO takes Wau and SSOA takes Malakal.

Signed

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