

**Civil and Military Dialogue - Held on 23<sup>rd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at ECSS Guest House in Yei**

**Preamble**

We, the delegates of the civilians and the military convened for a two days joint civil - military dialogue from 23<sup>rd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup>/May/2023 in Yei Rive County at the ECSS Guest House; with support from CEPO, IOM and UNMISS Rule of law and with facilitation from the religious leaders;

Hereby committed to restore peace, harmony and social cohesion between the civilians and the military in Yei River County;

Do hereby comes up with the following resolutions and the recommendations:-

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| NO | ISSUES                                                                                              | RESOLUTIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | IMPLEMENTERS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | WHEN & HOW                                                                                                                                                                                    | WHERE                                                                                       |
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| 1  | No cooperation between local chiefs and local commanders on the ground.                             | (a) <u>Resolutions</u><br>1. Respect to both soldiers and civilians.<br>2. the role of the church should be respected.<br>3. soldiers should not stay in the same army garrison for more than six months.<br>4. soldiers should be given leave to go and check on their families.<br>5. false allegations should be minimise<br>6. in case of shortage of food, the commanders should go to the chiefs to request for help.<br>7. civilian disputes / grievances should be reported to the chiefs or police. | Hon. Commissioner, Chiefs, military commanders and all organised forces, County Legal Advisor, community elders, youth associations, Faith-based (FBOs), women associations, CSOs, church leaders, CBOs, UNMIS, International Organisations, Local Government, State Government, Islamic Council, Ministry of Interior and Ministry of Defence. | (a) <b>When</b><br>• Will be implemented with effect from 24 <sup>th</sup> of May 2023.<br>(a) <b>HOW</b><br>Through cooperation, respect, meetings, dialogues, follow-ups, forgiveness, etc. | It will be implemented by Yei River County, Central Equatoria State and National Government |
| 2  | Local chiefs don't reports issues happening on the ground.                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                             |
| 3  | Civilians are confused as they live between two opposing forces who mistrust them as collaborators. |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                             |
| 4  | Mistrust between army and civilians                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                             |
| 5  | False accusations from army and civilians.                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                             |
| 6  | Accusations of collaboration between local chiefs and rebels.                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                             |
| 7  | Destruction of civilian crops by roaming animals.                                                   | (b) <u>Recommendations</u><br>1. Reduction in the number of checkpoints by the                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                             |

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| 8  | Land grabbing by soldiers.                                                          | <p>County authorities - with reservations due to security purposes.</p> <p>2. Both civil servants and soldiers should be adequately pain in time.</p> <p>3. Free range grazing system of animals should be stopped.</p> <p>4. Establishment of military hospitals</p> <p>5. Extension of civil-military dialogues to the grassroots (Boma leve)</p> <p>6. Food should be given to the soldiers in time.</p> |  |  |  |
| 9  | Civilians have excessive fear (phobia) of people in khaki.                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |  |  |  |
| 10 | Soldiers mistrust pastors just because of one incident (rebel ambush).              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |  |  |  |
| 11 | Some indiscipline cases have been reported by civilians among elements in the army. |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |  |  |  |
| 12 | Army accused of being a 'tribal army' angers soldiers.                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |  |  |  |
| 13 | Some soldiers support or are aligned with political parties.                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |  |  |  |
| 14 | Transfer of anger from soldiers to civilians after clashing with rebels.            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |  |  |  |
| 15 | Looting of civilians property by some soldiers.                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |  |  |  |

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| 16 | Lack of respect to church leaders and chiefs by some soldiers.                                                                         |  |  |  |
| 17 | Language barrier - soldiers are suspicious when local people use their native language in conversation.                                |  |  |  |
| 18 | False allegation by both sides.                                                                                                        |  |  |  |
| 19 | Some politicians are responsible for the mistrust between the civilians and army.                                                      |  |  |  |
| 20 | Soldiers don't distinguish between an innocent civilian and a rebel (civilians found in rebel territories are considered sympathisers. |  |  |  |
| 21 | Heavily armed cattle keepers and their cattle destroy both people and their property.                                                  |  |  |  |

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| 22 | Local commanders and common soldiers don't implement the President's order for cattle keepers to take their animals back to their original land. |  |  |  |
| 23 | Army trucks transport food to cattle keepers                                                                                                     |  |  |  |
| 24 | Salaries of soldiers are meagre and don't come in time.                                                                                          |  |  |  |
| 25 | Soldiers' food is not adequate or does not come in time.                                                                                         |  |  |  |
| 26 | Competition over resources.                                                                                                                      |  |  |  |
| 27 | Many checkpoints collecting money from people                                                                                                    |  |  |  |
| 28 | Bandits rob people and NGOs of their property, taking advantage of the conflict                                                                  |  |  |  |
| 29 | Media mistrust - as source of misinformation / disinformation.                                                                                   |  |  |  |

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| 30 | Meagre (little) salaries for civil servants and military (soldiers). |  |  |  |  |
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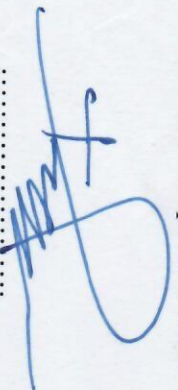
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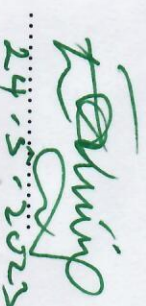
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