

JMEC WELCOMES PARTIES' COMMITMENT TO UNIMPEDED HUMANITARIAN ACCESS AND TIMELY FORMATION OF THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT

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JUBA: The January 2016 meeting of the Joint Monitoring and Evaluation Commission (JMEC) chaired by the Chairperson of JMEC, Mr. Festus G. Mogae, Former President of the Republic of Botswana, convened today in Juba. Representatives of the Government of the Republic of South Sudan and the SPLM/A (In Opposition) responded to the call of the Chairperson to ensure complete and unconditional cooperation with the humanitarian agencies working in South Sudan, and agreed to remove any obstacles that currently impede the humanitarian response.

The Parties committed to naming their ministers for the Transitional Government of National Unity (TGoNU) by 14 January 2016, and that the TGoNU would be formed by 22 January 2016, as provided for in the implementation calendar issued earlier by JMEC.

Additionally, the Parties committed to the expeditious convening of the Strategic Defence and Security Review Board, to begin the vital process of security sector reform and transformation provided for in the Agreement on the Resolution of the Conflict in the Republic of South Sudan (ARCSS).

The next meeting of JMEC will be held in Juba on Tuesday, 2 February 2016.

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