

## Peacebuilding Commission's advice to the Security Council on South Sudan

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The Peacebuilding Commission (PBC) welcomes South Sudan's *National Peacebuilding Priorities Framework Document* and its continued engagement with the Peacebuilding Commission. The Commission wishes to advise the Security Council to consider:

1. Reiterating its commitment to support South Sudan's peacebuilding and sustaining peace efforts.
2. While recognizing some progress made by the Reconstituted Transitional Government of National Unity (RTGoNU), encouraging it to implement all outstanding provisions of the *Revitalized Agreement on the Resolution of the Conflict in South Sudan (R-ARCSS)*, in line with agreed timelines.
3. Acknowledging some progress in the establishment of the Necessary Unified Forces, and calling on the RTGoNU to deploy further efforts for the full implementation of all Transitional Security Arrangements, as well as requesting the international community to increase support for the Necessary Unified Forces.
4. Calling for the provision of required funds for all the electoral management bodies, including the National Elections Commission and the Political Parties Council, and encouraging the RTGoNU to increase its efforts to ensure the full, equal and meaningful participation of women in the peace process, the electoral processes and in all institutions of the government, as well as increased engagement of youth and civil society representatives in peacebuilding efforts.
5. Calling for the establishment of all outstanding institutions, processes, and the development of effective security arrangements that would ensure an environment conducive for the holding of free, fair and credible elections, as well as encouraging the RTGoNU to ensure the implementation of a robust code of conduct for all political stakeholders to ensure peaceful, free, fair and credible elections.
6. Encouraging the provision of funding for resilience and livelihood development programs that would assist in addressing the root causes of the conflict, with particular emphasis on youth and women.
7. While recognizing that underdevelopment, lack of livelihood, especially for the youth, and constraints in the provision of social services are major challenges in the implementation of the *R-ARCSS*, encouraging the international community to increase its support to the RTGoNU to address the spiraling downturn in the economy, taking into account the significant effects of climate-related events such as frequent and intense flooding and localized drought, as well as encouraging the RTGoNU to implement all public financial management reforms.
8. Underscoring the important role of UNMISS to advise and assist South Sudan, in line with its mandate, provide technical assistance, capacity-building, and logistical support for the electoral process, and assist the transitional government and necessary unified forces in the difficult task of providing peace and security leading up to and during the elections in 2024.
9. Calling for enhanced coordination and coherent support for South Sudan's peacebuilding efforts, working alongside the UN; the African Union (AU), including its

*Ad Hoc* High-Level Committee for South Sudan (C5); the Intergovernmental Authority for Development (IGAD), including the Reconstituted Joint Monitoring and Evaluation Commission (RJMEC); national institutions; and civil society.

10. Noting with concern the continuing intercommunal violence, especially against women and children, calling on the RTGoNU to strengthen social cohesion in South Sudan, including through community-led peace dialogue processes to increase intercommunal security and national reconciliation initiatives.
11. Supporting enhancing the capacity of national justice actors across South Sudan to reinforce the rule of law and effectively investigate, prosecute and adjudicate serious crimes, in particular sexual- and gender-based violence and conflict-related sexual violence.