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55/26. Technical assistance and capacity-building for South Sudan

The Human Rights Council,

Guided by the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations,

Guided also by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights and relevant human rights treaties,

Reaffirming that all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights, and that everyone is entitled to all the rights and freedoms set forth in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,

Recognizing the important role and efforts of the Intergovernmental Authority on Development in bringing parties together to work towards a peaceful resolution of the conflict in South Sudan, supporting the inclusion of civil society, women and youth in negotiations and securing the Revitalized Agreement on the Resolution of the Conflict in the Republic of South Sudan,

Recognizing also the important role of the reconstituted Joint Monitoring and Evaluation Commission and the Ceasefire and Transitional Security Arrangements Monitoring and Verification Mechanism in supporting the implementation of the Revitalized Agreement and its ceasefire provisions, noting the continued constructive engagement of the Government of South Sudan with the United Nations, the African Union, the reconstituted Joint Monitoring and Evaluation Commission, the Intergovernmental Authority on Development and other international agencies to oversee the implementation of the Revitalized Agreement, and urging all parties and international partners to continue to engage constructively with all the bodies created pursuant to the Revitalized Agreement,

Noting with appreciation the cooperation of the Government of South Sudan with United Nations bodies, including the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, and with other relevant international and regional human rights mechanisms, and underscoring the importance of continuing such cooperation and further constructive engagement,

Welcoming the recent deposit of instruments of accession by the Government of South Sudan to core regional and international human rights treaties, inter alia, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on the Rights of Women in Africa,



Welcoming also the progress made in the implementation of the Revitalized Agreement, including the implementation of chapter II on the training and deployment of the first batch of the Necessary Unified Forces, chapter V on the submission of bills to the parliament for the establishment of the commission for truth, reconciliation and healing and the compensation and reparation authority, and chapter VI on the reconstitution of the National Constitutional Review Commission to draft a permanent constitution, and the reconstitution of the National Elections Commission and the Political Parties Council,

Welcoming further the efforts made by the Government of South Sudan to maintain peace and for the cessation of hostilities, the protection of civilians and humanitarian access to the civilians affected by, inter alia, environmental events that have resulted in flooding in some parts of the country,

Recognizing the establishment of a government-led coordination working group that will be a platform for the holistic, comprehensive, transparent and efficient coordination of the delivery of technical assistance and capacity-building support to the Government of South Sudan,

1. *Welcomes* the recent steps taken by the Government of South Sudan towards finalizing governance structures in South Sudan, including by reconstituting the Transitional National Legislative Assembly, and calls upon the Government to continue to make progress in finalizing all layers of State and local government, in accordance with the Revitalized Agreement on the Resolution of the Conflict in the Republic of South Sudan;

2. *Recognizes* the political will of the Government of South Sudan to promote and protect human rights and its wish for tangible progress and for the prevention of further human rights violations and abuses by establishing in Juba a court to try cases of gender-based violence and military mobile courts to prosecute offences committed against civilians by members of the organized forces while on duty;

3. *Recalls* all relevant decisions and communiqués of the African Union and the Intergovernmental Authority on Development, and the communiqués of the Peace and Security Council of the African Union of 14 November 2019 and 27 January 2020, in which the Council, inter alia, re-emphasized its request to the Government of South Sudan and the African Union Commission to accelerate the establishment of transitional justice mechanisms under chapter V of the Revitalized Agreement, and the constitution and electoral processes, and urges immediate high-level political discussion among all the signatories to address the outstanding issues;

4. *Emphasizes* the need for the Government of South Sudan to continue to ensure the meaningful participation of women and youth during all stages and in all structures envisaged in the Revitalized Agreement, and for all parties to the Revitalized Agreement to meet their commitments regarding women's representation and to ensure balance in the representation of youth, gender and national and regional diversity in their appointments;

5. *Stresses* that States have the primary responsibility for the promotion and protection of human rights by taking measures to prevent human rights violations and to provide an effective remedy for victims of such violations and abuses, and recalls that the Government of South Sudan has the primary responsibility to protect the population from all human rights violations, including by preventing violations of international humanitarian law;

6. *Notes*, however, the challenges facing the Government of South Sudan in this regard, and encourages the international community to provide technical assistance to and support the rule of law institutions to prevent, investigate and, as appropriate, prosecute violations of human rights;

7. *Calls upon* the Government of South Sudan to provide all necessary resources to the National Elections Commission, the National Constitutional Review Commission and the Political Parties Council, and encourages the international community to provide technical assistance to these institutions;

8. *Calls upon* the international community to provide technical and financial assistance in order to further improve the services and capacity of police and prison officers,

judiciary personnel, public prosecutors, the Directorate of Military Justice and the South Sudan Human Rights Commission to enhance the functioning of the legal system and to allow the Government of South Sudan to effectively deliver necessary services, including criminal investigations and prosecution, education and health-care services, food and clean drinking water and infrastructure;

9. *Appeals* to the international community to provide humanitarian support to populations in dire need of assistance, at the same time calls upon the Government to step up its efforts in that regard, notes with concern that attacks on humanitarian workers continue, and calls upon all parties to ensure an enabling political, administrative, operational and legal environment for the delivery of humanitarian assistance and protection of humanitarian workers while ensuring full compliance with international humanitarian law;

10. *Requests* the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, in cooperation and collaboration with the Government of South Sudan and relevant mechanisms of the African Union, to enhance the technical assistance provided to the Government of South Sudan to continue to assist it in addressing human rights challenges in the post-conflict transition, by:

(a) Determining the capacity-building needs of South Sudanese institutions in order that they may investigate and prosecute alleged violations of human rights and international humanitarian law;

(b) Providing the Government of South Sudan with technical assistance for the establishment of the transitional justice institutions under chapter V of the Revitalized Agreement and building the capacity of statutory courts, local courts, police personnel and public prosecutors to investigate and prosecute alleged violations of human rights with a view to improving accountability and promoting reconciliation and healing in South Sudan;

(c) Providing the Government of South Sudan with the technical assistance and capacity-building necessary to enable it to deliver necessary services;

(d) Reporting to the Human Rights Council on the technical and capacity-building support provided to the Government of South Sudan in accordance with the terms of the present resolution;

(e) Engaging with the Government of South Sudan and international and regional mechanisms, including the United Nations Mission in South Sudan and the African Union, with a view to addressing human rights violations and abuses committed during the conflict by the parties;

(f) Supporting the Government of South Sudan in the implementation of the recommendations accepted by the Government in the context of the universal periodic review;

(g) Building the capacity of national institutions, including the South Sudan Human Rights Commission, and in consultation with civil society organizations and other national stakeholders, to promote national ownership of transitional justice;

(h) Providing advice and technical assistance to the Government of South Sudan in planning and preparing for the elections, in line with its commitment under the Revitalized Agreement and the associated road map;

11. *Also requests* the Office of the High Commissioner to give an oral update to the Human Rights Council at its fifty-seventh session, including on progress made, to be followed by an interactive dialogue, with the participation of representatives of the African Union, and to present a comprehensive report to the Council at its fifty-eighth session, to be followed by an interactive dialogue;

12. *Further requests* the Office of the High Commissioner to submit the above-mentioned report and recommendations to the Human Rights Council, then to share them with the African Union and all relevant organs of the United Nations, including the United Nations Mission in South Sudan;

13. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide all the resources necessary to enable the Office of the High Commissioner to provide such administrative, technical and logistical support as necessary to implement the provisions of the present resolution;

14. *Decides* to remain seized of the matter.

*55th meeting
4 April 2024*

[Adopted without a vote.]
