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The High Level Task-Force

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**The High Level Taskforce on COVID-19 Pandemic** held its 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting on the afternoon of Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2020 under the Chairmanship of **H. E. Dr Riek Machar Teny-Dhurgon**, the First Vice President and Deputy Chairman of the High-Level Taskforce on COVID-19. **The Taskforce** considered the following items on the Agenda:

- 1-Overview of the situation of COVID-19 in South Sudan, Region and the Globe.
- 2-Essential commodities Supply and Food Security during the Lockdown Period.

**And after** careful consideration of issues at hand, the High Level Taskforce, decides the following:



**On Special Requests from Some Countries to evacuate their Nationals from South Sudan;**

**The Taskforce** resolves to grant United States of America a special permission to evacuate 68 foreign nationals to their home country.

**On the Border Control,**

**The Taskforce** notes with concern, the risk associated with illegal influx into South Sudan of people escaping from neighbouring countries affected by COVID-19 Pandemic. The Taskforce directs the Ministry of Health to take immediate action to urgently train and deploy health workers and establish porthealths at those points.

All new entrants into South Sudan through border crossings will be mandatorily quarantined for 14 days prior to continuing their onward travel into the interior of the country and further directs security agents to put in place stringent measures to control the borders.

**On the Readiness of the Ministry of Health to adequately respond to the Pandemic,**

**The High Level Taskforce** takes note of the erratic electricity supply to Juba Teaching Hospital; and directs the Ministry of Electricity and Dams to urgently make arrangements to connect the Juba Teaching Hospital, the Public Health Laboratory and the Dr John Garang Infectious Disease Unit to the main power grid.

The Taskforce further directs the Ministry of Energy and Dams to engage Ezra to review the tariffs in favour of

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affordable rates for the public and the government institutions;

And urges the Electricity corporation the use of crude oil in power generation.

The Taskforce further directs the Ministry of Health to take immediate actions to enhance the capacity of the isolation units at John Garang Infectious Disease Unit and Juba Teaching Hospital in terms of adequacy of human resource and equipment.

### **On the Essential Commodities Supplies and Food Security during the Lockdown Period,**

**The High Level Taskforce** directs the Ministry of Finance and Planning to facilitate suppliers, by providing hard currency to Commercial Banks through Bank of South Sudan, to purchase essential commodities such as food items, fuel, medicines and medical products as regulated by the Ministry of Trade and Industry.

**The Taskforce** further resolves to establish an oversight committee comprising of the Ministry of Trade and Industry as chair, Ministry of Finance and Planning, Bank of South Sudan, and the National Security.

**On the South Sudanese Passengers** stranded at the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport; and government officials trained at the Kenya Wildlife and Tourism Institute, the **Taskforce** obligates itself of handling the cost of 14-day-quarantine in Nairobi before their repatriation home.

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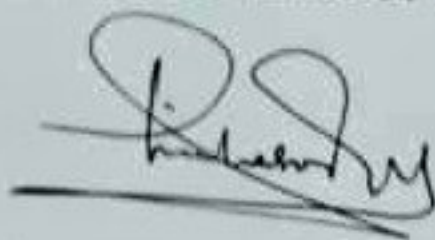


**On the Request to allow Pilots from COVID-19 affected Countries**, the Taskforce resolves to grant special entry permits provided they will be subjected to a 14-day-quarantine period prior to engaging in Desert Locusts combat.

The High Level Taskforce resolves to grant special permission to a cargo plane to repatriate money to the Commercial Banks as approved by the Bank of South Sudan.

The High Level Taskforce welcomes the gesture by **H.E. Mary Ayen Mayardit, the First Lady of South Sudan** to donate 2000 manual thermoscanners to enhance the capacity of the porthealths at the points of entry into the country.

**The High Level Taskforce on Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic remains seized of the situation.**



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