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The High-Level Taskforce on COVID-19 Pandemic

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The High-Level Taskforce on COVID-19 Pandemic held its 27th Meeting on the afternoon of Friday 17th April 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 Pandemic**.

The High-Level Taskforce was briefed on the **Coronavirus (COVID-19) Situation in South Sudan, the Region and the Globe** by the **Honourable Minister for Health**.

The Honourable Minister informed the **Taskforce** that out of 27 samples collected yesterday from contacts twelve (12) samples, of those whose quarantine time has elapsed, were tested and returned negative.

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The other fifteen (15) samples will be tested today.
South Sudan has four (4) confirmed cases.

The High-Level Taskforce welcomes contribution of the University of Juba through volunteering health workers in the fight against COVID-19 pandemic.

The High-Level Taskforce reminds the public, including the Organised Forces to adhere to, and strictly observe, the social distancing measures introduced by the Taskforce.

The High-Level Taskforce takes note of the concerns of the United Nations on the cancellation of flights granted permits by the Taskforce. **The Taskforce** reiterates that permits granted are to be implemented within 72 hours prior to travel to allow relevant authorities to process and finalise the approval.

On Requests for Special Permission to enter or leave the country,

The High-Level Taskforce resolves as follows;

1- Grant Special Permission for the Trusts contracted by the UNMISS to transport food from Juba to Wau, Bor, Torit, Yei, Pibor and Bentiu from 17th April to the 1st May 2020 as follow;

a-Juba – Bor; 9 trucks/vehicles with Drivers and Assistants.

b-Juba/Rumbek/Wau-Bentiu; 25 Trucks with Drivers and Assistants.

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c- Juba - Yambio; 6 trucks with Thirteen Drivers and Assistants.

d- Juba - Torit; 8 trucks with 17 Drivers and Assistants.

e- Juba - Yei, 6 trucks with 12 Drivers and Assistants.

f- Juba - Pibor, 7 trucks with 13 Drivers and Assistants.

Before the travel, all drivers and assistants must be tested and produce a certified evidence of a COVID-19 free status from the Molecular Biology Laboratory at the Public Health Laboratory. No other passengers shall be allowed onboard the trucks.

2-Grant Special Landing Permission for Cargo Aircraft HS 748 with Registration Number EY-639 contracted by the UNMISS and operated by ES-KO International to fly from Juba to Wau, Malakal and Bentiu from 17th – 24th April 2020.

3-Grant Special Landing Permission to the Sudanese Embassy to land at Juba International Airport Aircraft AN-12 with Registration No. S9DAF, delivering 350 boxes of military uniforms for the Necessary Unified Forces (NUF) who are currently undergoing training in Eighteen (18) Training Centres, on Saturday 18th April 2020. The three passengers onboard the Aircraft must produce a certified evidence of COVID-19 free status, and must submit to a mandatory 14-day-quarantine prior to engaging in their duties in South Sudan.

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4-Grant Special Permission to the Uganda Ministry of Works and Transport to transport (9) engineers and workers to Jinja in Uganda to help in clearing the floating island at the Jinja Dam.

The details of the vehicles are:

- a-UAW777M
- b-SSD 600 S
- c-SSD 333 AV
- d-SSD 336 T

5-Grant Special Permission for a cargo plane C20 with tail number N163PA delivering goods to the United States Embassy in Juba to land and exit at Juba International Airport on 23rd April 2020.

6-Grant Special Entry Permit to a Swiss Embassy staff member to enter South Sudan. The official must submit to a 14-day-quarantine period and must produce a certified evidence of a COVID-19 free status prior to travel to South Sudan. They shall be required to observe a further 14-day- quarantine prior to engagement in their normal duties in South Sudan.

7-Grant Dan Church Aid (DCA) to fly a cargo plane with Registration No. EY-331, ATONOV; 72 PAYLOADS: 9MT from Juba to Yei and Juba to Yida from 17-29th April 2020.

8-Grant Special Permission to MSF to fly Aircraft C208B with Registration Number 5Y-ZBR for medical and relief cargo transport to Old Fangak on 18 April 2020.

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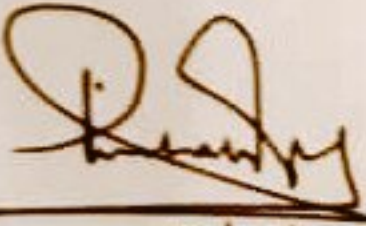
9- **Grant Special Landing Permission for a Cargo Aircraft E190/B736F with Registration No. 5Y-FFB/5Y-KQD operated by Kenya Airways to land at Juba International Airport from 22nd April to 1st May 2020. Each flight shall be considered on a case by case basis.**

10- **Grant Special Landing Permission to Stanbic and Cooperative Banks to land Cargo Aircraft Beech Super King Air – 200 with Registration No. 5Y – JAL at Juba International Airport on 18th April 2020.**

11- **Grant Special Permission for a Cargo Plane to transport food from Entebbe-Juba-Wau-Juba-Entebbe or Entebbe-Juba-Malakal-Juba-Entebbe. Each flight shall be considered on a case by case basis.**

12- **Grant Special Landing Permission to the Bank of South Sudan to land a cargo aircraft No. 5Y-JAL at Juba International Airport on 18th April 2020.**

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


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