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The High-Level Taskforce on COVID-19 Pandemic

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Juba, South Sudan

The High-Level Taskforce on COVID-19 Pandemic held its 17th Meeting on the afternoon of Tuesday 7th 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 Taskforce** considered the following items on the Agenda:

- 1- Overview of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Situation in South Sudan, the Region and the Globe.
- 2- Presentations:
 - University of Juba COVID-19 Response Committee.
 - Securiport Solutions

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The High-Level Taskforce listened to a presentation from the Vice Chancellor of the University of Juba on the preliminary report of the University's COVID-19 Coordination Committee Preparedness and Response Strategies. And following thorough reflection on the recommendations of the University's COVID-19 Committee;

The High-Level Taskforce welcomes the recommendations of the University Committee on COVID-19, particularly on the involvement of all sectors of the society in the awareness creation in the community.

The High-Level Taskforce resolves to co-opt two members of the University of Juba into the membership of the **High-Level Taskforce**.

The High-Level Taskforce also exchanged views with the leadership of the United Nations on the Procedures for the UN Internal Flights in South Sudan to deliver Essential Services. After thoughtful discussions:

The High-Level Taskforce resolves to approve low-risk cargo flights, movement of essential staff, medical evacuations and risk mitigation measures.

The High-Level Taskforce directs the UNMISS to seek approval from the Ministry of Environment and Forestry for the United Nation's Environmental Company prior to commencement of their fumigation operations at the Juba International Airport.

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The High-Level Taskforce directs the UNMISS to collaborate with the Ministry of Health to establish a porthealth at the UNMISS Terminal at Juba International Airport.

The High-Level Taskforce further listened to a presentation from the Securiport Solutions on the Epidemic Control System (ECS) including its application in mitigating COVID-19 Pandemic. And after careful deliberations:

The High-Level Taskforce resolves to refer the matter to the relevant government institutions for further scrutiny and recommendations.

On Requests for Special Permission to entre or leave the country, the High-Level Taskforce resolves to:

- 1-Grant special permission permit to evacuate the Administrative Attaché at the Embassy of the Republic of Uganda to Kampala via Nimule Crossing on the Diplomatic vehicle with the Registration Number CD 3 SSD.
- 2-Grant special permission to repatriate the remains of a South Sudanese national from Khartoum to Aweil on land via Mairam.
- 3-Grant special landing permission for Food Cargo Aircraft No. 5Y-PYR operated by Africa Inland Mission (AIM AIR) to land in Juba and Torit on the 7th April 2020.

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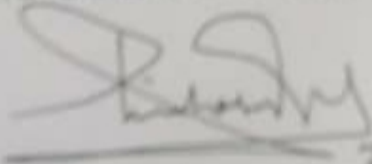


4-Grants special landing permission to American Embassy to fly Ethiopian Airline Aircrafts to Juba International Airport to evacuate foreign nationals from South Sudan on 10th, 17th and 24th April; and 1st May 2020. In the event that any of these flights are unable to operate on the requested dates, the Embassy must submit another request for landing permission for consideration.

5-Grants a South Sudanese national to travel to Kenya on land.

The High-Level Taskforce urges the South Sudanese Citizens to refrain from indulging in hate speech and xenophobic activities targeting nationals of other countries. COVID-19 Virus Pandemic is a human calamity without regards to race.

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


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