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Resolutions of the Economic Cluster of the Cabinet on Tax Collection Malpractices

The Economic Cluster of the Cabinet of South Sudan, chaired by the Vice President, Dr. Riek Machar Teny, met on September 8th, 211 to deliberate on widespread malpractices in tax collection. A fact finding committee led by Hon. Stephen Dhieu, Minister of Energy and Mines, reported that levies and taxes on imported essential goods and services are causing skyrocketing of prices. According to the same report, many unauthorized institutions have set up checkpoints for levying taxes.

The committee found that 44 authorized and 65 unauthorized tax collection institutions are operational across South Sudan. The customs checkpoints and stations where these institutions are found in big numbers are Nimule, Kaya, Jebel Kojur, Mobil, Juba International Airport, River Port, and Gumbo. As a result, the cost of bringing goods to market is artificially inflated.

In light of the findings, the Committee made the following resolutions

- 1) Establishment of a Revenue Authority at the national and state levels;
- 2) Immediate removal of unnecessary checkpoints and roadblocks;
- 3) Elimination of illegal tax collecting units from all border entries and checkpoints;
- 4) Harmonize system of tax collections between the national and state levels;
- 5) Establish a mechanism for screening and licensing of clearing agencies;
- 6) Encourage the establishment of bank branches at international borders for direct deposits and wire transfers;
- 7) Regulate transfers by the National Ministry of Finance with the involvement of National Security and Police;
- 8) Review policy on exemptions (e.g. food and building materials, etc);
- 9) Encourage the use of Letter of Credit by the Central Bank;
- 10) The National Ministries which are responsible for the implementation of the resolutions are Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning, Commerce, Industry and Investment, Defence, National Security and Interior.
- 11) Customs clearances to be completed only at the following 61 entry Points:

Upper Nile State

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| 1. Wunthow (Joda) | Renk County |
| 2. Geirger | River Port Renk County |
| 3. Kuek | Manyo County |
| 4. Magnis | Manyo County |
| 5. Hamara | Manyo County (the same latitude with Wado Kona) |
| 6. Halub | Manyo County (The same latitude with Kaka) |

7. Oriny	Fashoda County
8. Urush	Panyikango County
9. Gumba	(Borders between Renk County with Sennar and Blue Nile States)
10. Sama	Maban County (South Ulu)
11. Atham	Maban County (Bodh)
12. Gufah	Maban County
13. Chata	Maban County
14. Yabus/ Mayase	Longachuk County
15. Dago	Longachuk County
16. Muoya Sukun (Wadessa)	Maiwut County
17. Nguan Keai	Maiwut County
18. Pagak	Maiwut County
19. Jekou	Maiwut County
20. Malual Gar Hoth	Longachuk County
21. Wang Nyang	Nasir County
22. Jikmer	Nasir County
23. Wanding	Nasir County
24. Paloich Airport	
25. Malakal Airport	

Jonglei State

1. Akobo	Akobo County
2. Pachalla	Pachalla County
3. Dima/ Raad	Pibor County

Eastern Equatoria State

1. Kibish	Kapoeta East County
2. Nadapal	Kapoeta East County
3. Lotukei	BUDI County
4. Thertanya	Ikotos County
5. Laboni	Magwei County
6. Pugea	Magwei County
7. Owiny-Ki-Bul	Magwei County
8. Nimule	Magwei County

Central Equatoria State

1. Keji Keji	
2. Kaya	Yei County
3. Bazi	Marubo County
4. Juba Airport	Juba County

Western Equatoria

1. Ngabanga	Ibba County
2. Sakure	Anzara County

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| 3. Ezo | Ezo County |
| 4. Nabiapia | Yambio County |
| 5. Sorsiabo | Tombura County |
| 6. Namtina | Nyajero County |

Western Barl El Gazal

1. Kefia Kanyji
2. Tumsah
3. Radom
4. Katah

Northern Bahr El Ghazal State

1. Majok Nyin Thiew
2. Warguet
3. Kier Adiem

Lakes State

1. Rumbeck Airport

Warrap State

1. Mayen Abun

Unity State

1. Orush
2. Kunrindi (Alel)
3. Jaw
4. Heglig (Thor)
5. Kaj Kang
6. Adiemnhom