

## CHAPTER III

### SESSIONS OF THE ASSEMBLY

#### 5. Sessions of the Assembly

The Assembly shall convene two sessions each year.

- (1) The first session shall begin on Monday of the first week of March and shall end on Wednesday of the last week of May.
- (2) The second session shall begin on Monday of the first week of September and shall end on Wednesday of the last week of November.
- (3) The Speaker in consultation with the President of Government of Southern Sudan may resolve to extend the duration of the session.
- (4) The Southern Sudan Legislative Assembly shall hold its first sitting upon convocation by the President of the Government of Southern Sudan within thirty days following the official declaration of the results of the elections. The most elderly member of the Assembly shall chair the first sitting.
- (5) Members shall take the oath as a group by putting their hands upon the Bible or Quoran or by raising their hands in case of solemn affirmation as follows:

“I-----, having been elected/appointed, as a member of the Southern Sudan Legislative Assembly, do hereby swear by the Almighty God /solemnly affirm / that I will bear faith and allegiance to Southern Sudan and its people; that I will obey and respect the Constitution and the Interim National constitution and abide by the law; and that I will faithfully and conscientiously discharge my duties as a member of the Southern Sudan Legislative Assembly and serve the people of Southern Sudan to the best of my ability; and so help me God/ God is my witness.

- (6) A member who has not previously taken the oath shall at the first sitting he/she attends, do so at the stage of the business specified in these Regulations.
- (7). The Speaker shall regulate the sessions of the Assembly in consultation with the President of the Government of Southern Sudan.
- (8) Prior to the general elections, the term of the Southern Sudan Legislative Assembly shall not exceed the end of the fourth year of the Interim period.
- (9) The Assembly may, during any session, decide to adjourn its sittings provided that a date for resumption of the next sitting is fixed.
- (10) The Speaker may:
  - (a) At any time suspend the sittings of the Assembly or recall the Assembly to sit

- (b) After consultation with the Assembly Business Committee, fix the time when a sitting of the Assembly should be adjourned.
- (c) If he or she thinks fit, call a sitting of the Assembly before the date or time to which it has been adjourned.