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LAWS OF SOUTH SUDAN

In accordance with provisions of Articles 55(3), (b) and 85(1) of The Transitional Constitution of the Republic of South Sudan, 2011 the National Legislative Assembly, with the assent of the President, hereby enacts the following:

CHAPTER I

PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS

1. Title and Commencement

This Bill shall be cited as the National Security Service Bill, 2014 and shall come into force on the date of its signature by the President of the Republic.

2. Repeal and Saving

Any legislation governing the subject of this Bill is hereby repealed; provided that all appointments, orders and proceedings taken or made under the repealed legislation, except to the extent cancelled by or otherwise inconsistent with this Bill, shall remain in full force and effect.

3. Purpose

The purpose of this Bill is to provide for establishment, organization, mandate, terms and conditions of service of the National Security Service.

4. Authority and Application

(1) This Bill is drafted pursuant to Articles 159, 160 and 161 and Schedule A (2) of The Transitional Constitution, 2011, which give the National Government competence to establish and organize a National Security Service at all levels of the government.

(2) This Bill shall apply to all officers, non-commissioned officers, persons employed or seconded to the Service.

5. Interpretations

In this Bill, unless the context otherwise requires:
“Agent,” means any person not a permanent or regular employee of the Service but is retained by the Service.

“Assembly” means the National Legislative Assembly.

Chairperson: means chairperson of the National Security Council.


“Council” means the National Security Council established in accordance with the provisions of this Bill.

“Classified Information” means information of sensitive nature of which its unauthorized publication or disclosure constitutes security risk to the nation.

“Commissioner” means Commissioner of any county who by virtue of his or her position is the Chairperson of the Security committee of the county in accordance with the provisions of this Bill.

“Director General” means the Director-General of General Intelligence Bureau or Internal Security Bureau.

“Government” means the Government of the South Sudan at all levels.

“Governor” means the Governor of any state who by virtue of his or her position is the Chairperson of the Security Committee in the state.

“Intelligence” means information gathered, analysed, processed and disseminated to the authority concerned for decision making.

“Legal Counsel” means any legal counsel seconded or appointed to the Service by the Ministry of Justice to perform legal work entrusted to him or her in accordance with the provision of this Bill.

“Member” means any person appointed in the Service in accordance with the provisions of this Bill.

“Minister” means the Minister of National Security in the Office of the President.

“Non-Commissioned Officer” means a person in the Service from the rank of lance corporal to the rank of regimental sergeant major.

“Commissioned Officer” means a person in the Service from the rank of second lieutenant to the rank of general.

“Offences against the State” means a person who or which is:

(a) in a state of war with the State of South Sudan.
(b) threatening security of South Sudan.
(c) carrying out an act of sabotage or terrorism against South Sudan.
(d) is in collaboration with the enemy in (a), (b) & (c).

"Organised Force" means the armed forces, law enforcement agencies and members of the Service.

"President" means the President of the Republic of South Sudan.

"Private" means a soldier of a lowest rank.

"Security clearance" means permission granted to a person to access restricted area, appointment to particular post or being permitted to transact in certain business.

"Security vetting" means a systematic procedure used to examine a person to determine his or her security competence.

"Security information" means information that carries specific degree of sensitivity.

"Service" means the National Security Service.

"Support Staff" means any auxiliary person employed by the Service.

"Technical Committee" means the national technical security committee established in accordance with provisions of this Bill.

"Crimes against the state — Threat to National Security" includes:

(a) any activity related to espionage, sabotage, terrorism, subversion or intention to engage in any such activity directed against or detrimental to the interest of the nation and any other activity performed in conjunction with any activity related to espionage, sabotage, terrorism or subversion.

(b) any activity directed to undermine or intended to bring about destruction or overthrow of the constitutionally established Government in South Sudan at any level;

(c) any threat or act of violence or unlawful harm directed or intended to achieve, bring about or promote any constitutional, political, industrial, social or economic objective or change in South Sudan including any conspiracy, incitement or attempt to commit any such threat or act of violence and

(d) any foreign-influenced activity within or outside which is against or related to South Sudan that is:

The National Security Service shall:

(a) be subject to the authority of the Constitution and the law;
(b) be subordinate to civil the civilian authority;
(c) respect the will of the people, the rule of law, democracy, human rights and fundamental freedoms;
(d) reflect the diversity of the people of South Sudan in its recruitment and
(e) Pre-empt and control any situation that may harm and cause danger to national interest;
(f) be professional and its mandate shall focus on information gathering, analysis and advice to the relevant authorities
(e)(g). Continue to improve service through initiation of reforms.

CHAPTER II

ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL SECURITY SERVICE, SECURITY COUNCIL, STRUCTURES, POWERS AND FUNCTIONS

7. Establishment

(1) A service to be known as National Security Service is hereby established.
(2) The Service shall be an organized national force headed by the Minister directly answerable to the President having general oversight of the Service.
(3) The Minister shall exercise powers and functions in accordance with the provisions of section 13 of this Bill.

8. Structures of the Service

(1) The Service shall have the following organs two Operational Organs:
(a) Security Council
   (a)—General Intelligence Bureau and
   (b) Internal Security Bureau.

(2) The two Operational Organs shall be under the Minister.

(3) Each of the Operational Organs shall be headed by a Director General.

(4) There shall be established a Legal Department in the service
    i) The Legal Department shall be headed by a senior legal counsel of not less
       than 7 years standing with 2 legal assistants of not less than 5 years
       standing.

9. Council

(1) A council to be known as National Security Council is hereby established consisting of
    the following:

   (a) President of the Republic, Chairperson;
   (b) Vice-President of the Republic, Deputy Chairperson;
   (c) Minister responsible for defence, member;
   (d) Minister responsible for foreign affairs, member;
   (e) Minister responsible for justice, member;
   (f) Minister responsible for finance, member
   (g) Minister responsible for interior, member and
   (h) Minister responsible for national security service, secretary.

(2) The Chairperson of the Council may invite any person to attend the Council meeting if
    such person has any knowledge or connection to the matter before the Council for
    discussion but the person shall not have the right to vote.

10. Powers and Functions of the Council

The Council shall have the following powers and functions:

(1) Approval of the strategies, plans, policies and directives related to the security of the
    nation and undertaking co-ordination and general supervision of implementation of such
    strategies, plans, policies and directives so as to ensure security and safety of the nation.
(2) Without prejudice to the generality of sub-section(1) of this section, the Council shall exercise the following functions:

(a) **Define planning of general policy and any specific trend related to the security of the nation.**
(b) general supervision on progress of security work.
(c) co-ordination among security organs.
(d) follow-up implementation of security programmes, plans and policies and receipt of reports related to such programmes, plans and policies.
(e) approval of regulations related to the work of the Council and its committees.

11. Meetings and Quorum of the Council

(a) The Council shall meet at least once every week,
(b) The Chairperson of the council may call for an emergency security meeting at any time as he or she may deem necessary.
(c) The quorum of the Council shall be half of its members plus one.
(d) The Secretary, in consultation with the Chairperson of the Council, shall prepare agenda for any meeting of the Council.
(e) The Council may take its decision by consensus or by majority vote; provided that in case of tie vote the Chairperson shall exercise an additional vote.
(f) The Secretary of the Council shall be responsible for keeping minutes and other documents and administrative affairs of the council.
(g) The Secretary of the Council shall prepare report annually or on request by the Chairperson on performance of the Council.

CHAPTER III

POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE SERVICE

12. Powers and Functions of the Service

Without prejudice to the Bill of Rights provided in The Transitional Constitution, 2011, the Service shall exercise the following powers:

(a) Protect the National Interest of the Republic of South Sudan—Very Important Persons, public utilities and public properties—in coordination with other regular forces.
(a)(b) request any information, statement, document, or thing and any relevant material from any suspect and potential witness for perusal or examination, keep or take necessary or appropriate measures in respect of such information, statement, document or thing and relevant material.

(b)(c) summon, investigate and take particulars and depositions from any suspect and potential witness.

(e)(d) monitor, investigate and conduct search of suspect and places.

(d)(e) seize property connected with an offence concerned with crimes or offences against the state in accordance with the law.

(e)(f) arrest and detain suspects in accordance with the provision of this Bill in crimes related to National Security.

(f)(g) maintain security, protection of the Constitution, national social fabric and safety of South Sudanese from any internal or external danger.

(g)(h) gather internal and external information related to security of the nation, analyzing, evaluating and recommending the necessary protection measures based on such information.

(h)(i) undertake necessary search and investigation for disclosure of any situation, fact activity or factors which may endanger the national security and safety of the nation in accordance with provisions of this Bill.

(i)(j) provide opinion, advice, consultation and services in respect of security and intelligence to various national organs for realization of stability and safety of the nation.

(j)(k) detect any danger resulting from espionage, terrorism, conspiracy, piracy, cybercrimes and environmental crimes or destructive actions.

(k)(l) detect and combat of any destructive activities by any organization, group or individual from foreign country or South Sudanese group inside or outside South Sudan.

(l)(m) cooperate with any similar or friendly organ in exchange of information, combat of terrorism and any activity threatening mutual system and security.

(m)(n) protect Very Important Persons and public utilities in coordination with other regular forces.

(n)(o) monitor frequencies, wireless systems, publications, broadcasting stations and postal services in respect to security interest so as to prevent misuse by users.

(o)(p) any other function assigned by the President or the Council in accordance with the Constitution.

13. Functions of the Minister
The Minister shall exercise the following functions:

(1) Daily briefing of the President on the security situation of the nation.
(2) Recommending to the President appointment of Director General of each of the Operational Organs in accordance with provisions of Article 160 (2) (b) of the Constitution.
(3) Rendering of advice to the President and the Council on matters of national security.
(4) Recommending to the President appointment of officers in accordance with the provisions of this Bill, regulations and rules made under this Bill.
(5) Establish the necessary divisions, directorates, departments and create posts of directors and heads of departments, branches and units for each of the Operational Organs to carry out the powers and functions of the Service.
(6) Oversight of the administration of the Service.
(7) Approval of any functional directive issued by each Director General of the Operational Organ of the Service in relation to physical security, communication security, protection of classified information and any other matter necessary for the Service.
(8) Approval of any functional directives issued by Director General of each Operational Organ in relation to conditions of service and any other matter necessary for the efficient command and control of the Service.
(9) Upon receipt of report from each of the Directors General and after obtaining consent of the President make regulations for employment, training, promotion, posting, transfer, resignation, discharge, dismissal, suspension or demotion of the members of the Service, conditions of service of members of the Service, establishment and maintenance of training institutions, matters related to command and discipline, control of the Service, control over administration of funds appropriated to the Service and all matters related to representative and equity and code of conduct for members of the Service.
(10) In collaboration with the Directors General of the two Operational Organs, the Minister may cause to be put in place such additional arrangements, including but not limited to responsibility for strategic planning and leadership, general administration, financial and human resources management, communications and technical infrastructure, record-keeping, protective security and dissemination of intelligence products.

14. Appointment of Directors General

The two Directors General of the Operational Organs of the Service shall be appointed by the President upon recommendation of the Minister.
15. Powers and Functions of Directors General

(1) Each of the Directors General shall perform the following functions:

(a) be in charge of day-to-day administration of his or her Operational Organ.
(b) prepare report to the Minister on daily operation of the organ headed by him or her.
(c) be answerable to the Minister for efficient operation of the organ headed by him or her.
(d) issue an annual report for assessment of need for appointment of new officers and employees for the Service.
(e) management of funds and any other assets of the Service entrusted to his or her Operational Organ.
(f) submission of periodical and annual report on the activities of the Service to the Minister.
(g) perform any other functions assigned to him or her by the Minister or the President.

(2) Notwithstanding the generality of the provisions of sub-section (1) of this section, each Director General shall perform particular additional functions necessary to his or her Bureau.

16. Appointment and Functions of Deputy Directors General

(1) The Minister in consultation with the Director General of each Operational Organ shall recommend for appointment of Deputy Director General by the President.

(2) The Deputy Director General shall assist the Director General in performance of his or her functions and duties and act in his or her absence.

17. Appointment and functions of members of the Legal Department

i) The legal team above shall be appointed by the President on the recommendation of the Minister.

ii) The legal department headed by the senior legal counsel shall:

i) Advice the service on legal matters
ii) Draft contracts for the service
iii) Act as ombudsman and ensure that cases being handled by the service are expedited and promptly referred to court

a) Attend to complaints within and without the service and advise on the best practices regarding the constitution and human rights.
y) Checks excesses of power and receive complaints of members within the service.

CHAPTER IV
MECHANISM FOR OVERSEEING OPERATIONS OF THE SERVICE

17.18. Assembly oversight of Service
The Minister shall submit an annual report to the Committee for Security and Public Order of the National Legislature with regard to matters related to the Service.

19. Complaints Board

1) There is established a Board to be known as the Board which shall consist of the following members all of whom shall be appointed by the President on the recommendation of the Judicial Service Commission:

i) A Chairperson who shall be a person who holds or has held or is qualified to hold office as a judge of the High Court;

ii) Four other members of whom:

a) Head of the Legal Department in the Service shall be a member;

b) One shall be an advocate of not less than five years standing;

c) One shall be a woman judge or advocate of at least 3 years standing; and

d) One shall be a religious leader of national repute.

2. The Chairperson or member of the Board shall hold office for a period of three years and shall be eligible for re-appointment provided that no Chairperson shall hold office for more than three terms.

3. The Chairperson or member of the Board may resign by writing to the President which resignation shall take effect from the date of receipt of the letter by the President.

4. If the Chairperson or a member of the Board vacates office before the expiry of his/her term, the President shall appoint another person in their place.

5. Any person aggrieved by anything done by the Director-General or by a Director, officer or other member of staff of the Service in the exercise of the powers or the performance of the functions of the Service under this Bill may make a complaint in respect thereof to the Board in such manner as may be prescribed.

6. (1) FUNCTIONS OF THE BOARD
The functions of the Board shall be:

a) To inquire into complaints against the service
b) To inquire into any matter referred to it by the President and make its recommendations thereon to the President.

2) Subject to subsection (3), for the purpose of investigating any complaint under this bill, the Board shall have the powers of the High Court to summon any witnesses, to administer oaths or affirmations and to order the production of any documents relevant to the investigation.

3) In the discharge of its functions under this bill, the Board shall have regard to the requirements of national security and shall for that purpose—

a) Consult the Director General and the Council in determining information or circumstances under which certain information may not be disclosed in the course of or in relation to any inquiry in the interest of national security;

b) Take all the necessary precautions to prevent the disclosure of—
   i) Any information which in its opinion may not be disclosed in the course of or in relation to any inquiry; and
   ii) The source of any such information;

4) The Board shall hear separately and in private, such evidence as may be tendered by the complainant and the Director General in connection with the complaint.

5) If at any stage, during the course of an inquiry, the Board is of the opinion that there is evidence of any such breach of duty or misconduct by any officer of the service, it shall forthwith inform the President and the council or the Director General with the recommendation for taking of an appropriate disciplinary action against the service individual or individuals so complained against.

6) The Board shall inform the complainant in writing of its conclusions and shall make a report of its findings to the President and the council with such recommendations as it considers appropriate.

7. (i) No proceedings shall lie against the Chairperson or any member of the Board in respect of anything done bona fide in the performance of the functions or the exercise of the powers of the Board;

8. No Chairperson or member of the Board shall be called upon to give evidence in any court or in any proceedings of a judicial nature in respect of anything in his knowledge by virtue of the powers or the functions of the Board under this Bill;

9. Anything said or information supplied or any document or material produced by any person in the course of any inquiry by or proceedings before the Board shall be privileged in the same manner as if the inquiry or proceedings were in a court;

10. A person aggrieved by a decision of the commission may appeal to the High Court within 14 days.

Complaints against Service
(1) Any person aggrieved by an act of any member of the Service, whether related to his or her person or property, may file a written complaint to the officer in charge of the Service within the area the act was committed.

(2) In case where a complaint against the Service is submitted to any public institution such institution shall promptly forward the complaint to the Director-General concerned at the national level or to the Director at the state level.

(3) Notwithstanding the provisions of sub-section (1) of this section, the Service shall establish a public relations office at the national and state levels for receipt of complaints from a member of the public against any member of the Service.

CHAPTER V

ESTABLISHMENT OF TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

49. Establishment of Technical Committee

A committee to be known as Technical Security Committee is hereby established as follows:

(a) Minister responsible for the Service, Chairperson
(b) Chief of General Staff of the SPLA, member
(c) Inspector General of the National Police Service, member
(d) Director of Military Intelligence of the SPLA, member
(e) Director General of the General Intelligence Bureau, member
(f) Director General of Internal Security Bureau, member and secretary
(g) Undersecretary of the Ministry responsible for foreign affairs, member
(h) Undersecretary of the Ministry responsible for justice, member
(i) Undersecretary of the Ministry responsible for finance, member

20. Functions of Technical Committee

The Technical Committee shall perform the following functions:
(a) submit available information about general situation of internal and external security of the nation together with proposals and recommendations to the Council.

(b) alert the Council on direct or indirect political, military or economic threats to the security of the nation.

(c) co-ordinate various security plans from different security agencies or as directed by the Council.

(d) study security plans presented by security committees and other security agencies and submission of such study to the Council for approval and follow-up the implementation by any of the security committees.

(e) co-ordinate work of security committees as approved by the Council.

(f) prepare and submit technical reports about the general state of security of the nation, performance and administration of the national security organs to annual security meeting.

22. **Meetings and Quorum of Technical Committee**

1. The Technical Committee shall hold its meetings on notification by the chairperson on the date and at the place specified in the invitation or stated in the call.

2. The quorum of the Council shall be half of its members plus one.

3. The Technical Committee may take its decision by consensus or by majority vote; provided that in case of tie vote the Chairperson shall exercise an additional vote.

4. The Technical Committee may invite any person it deems appropriate to attend and participate in deliberations at any of its meetings; provided that such person shall have no right to vote.

23. **Establishment of State Security Committee**

A committee to be known as State Security Committee is hereby established in each State as follows:

(a) Governor of State, Chairperson;
(b) Deputy Governor, Deputy Chairperson;
(c) Security Advisor in State (if any), member;
(d) Minister of Local Government in State, member;
(e) Minister of Finance in State, member;
(f) Head of Legal Administration in State, member;
(g) Commander of the SPLA Forces in State, member;
(h) Director of the Police in State, member and
23. **Functions of State Security Committee**

(1) A State Security Committee shall perform, among others, the following functions:

- maintains and keeps security in the State.
- coordinates among security agencies at State level.
- receives reports from security committees in counties, Payams and Bthomas.
- submits periodical reports to the Council.
- carries out any assignment delegated by the Council or Technical Committee.

(2) The State Security Committee may establish a technical team from security agencies in State to assist in implementation of its functions.

24. **Meetings and Quorum of State Security Committee**

(1) The State Security Committee shall hold its meetings at least once a week.

(2) The quorum of the State Security Committee shall be half of its members plus one.

(3) The State Security Committee may take its decision by consensus or by majority vote; provided that in case of tie vote the Chairperson shall exercise an additional vote.

(4) The State Security Committee may invite any person it deems appropriate to attend and participate in deliberations at any of its meetings; provided that such person shall have no right to vote.

25. **Establishment of County Security Committee**

A committee to be known as County Security Committee is hereby established as follows:

- Commissioner, chairperson;
- Commander of SPLA Forces in county, member;
- Director of Police in county, member;
- Legal Advisor in county, member and
- Head of the Internal Security Unit in county, member and secretary.

26. **Functions and Quorum of County Security Committee**

The County Security Committee shall perform, among others, the following functions:
(a) maintains and keeping of security in county.
(b) coordinates among security agencies at county level.
(c) submits periodical reports to State Security Committee.
(d) carries out any assignment delegated by the State Security Committee.

27. Meetings and Quorum of County Security Committee

(1) The County Security Committee shall hold its meetings at least once a week.

(2) The quorum of the County Security Committee shall be half of its members plus one.

(3) The County Security Committee may take its decision by consensus or by majority vote; provided that in case of tie vote the Chairperson shall exercise an additional vote.

(4) The County Security Committee may invite any person it deems appropriate to attend and participate in deliberations at any of its meetings; provided that such person shall have no right to vote.

CHAPTER VI

RESTRICTION ON INFORMATION OF THE SERVICE

28. Right of Access to Service Information

Subject to Article 32 of the Constitution, the Service shall not release information likely to prejudice public security or the right to privacy of any person.

29. Gathering of Information

The Service shall gather, retain and disseminate information related to any person as is necessary for carrying out its duties and functions under this Bill.

CHAPTER VII
ELIGIBILITY, APPOINTMENT AND RECRUITMENT OF MEMBERS OF SERVICE

31. Eligibility for Recruitment of Members of Service

(1) To be eligible for selection and appointment as member of the Service a person shall:

(a) be a South Sudanese;
(b) be at least 18 years old;
(c) be of sound mind;
(d) not have been convicted of any offence involving integrity or moral turpitude during the past five years;
(e) have satisfied the following:
   (i) Medical fitness
   (ii) (k) academic requirements: (1) Bachelor Degree or its equivalent for an officer and (2) South Sudan Secondary School Leaving Certificate or its equivalent for other ranks having regard to national balance.
(f) have passed security vetting.

(2) Recruitment to the service shall:
   a) reflect the diversity of the people on the bases of equitable representation of the states of the South Sudan;
   (b) be based on a quota system or proportional percentage of the states population

32. Deployment of Directors and Chiefs of the Security Divisions

(1) The Director General concerned shall, in consultation with the Minister, deploy Directors and chiefs of divisions and officers, non-commissioned officers in accordance with the approved organizational chart of the Service and the regulations shall specify their functions.

(2) The Director or Chief of Division deployed under subsection (1) of this section shall be the administrative head of the division.

33. Ranks of Members of Service

(1) Ranks of officers and non-commissioned officers of the Service shall be as follows:

(a) officers, from second lieutenant to general.
(b) non-commissioned officers, from lance corporal to regimental sergeant major.
(c) private.

(2) Any civilian employed by the Service shall be given title indicative of his or her functions.

33. **Recruitment of New Officers**

i) Recruitment of new officers shall be done through selection by a committee formed by the Minister and chaired by Director General of the Operational Organ concerned.

ii) Recruitment shall be based on national representation.

34. **Commissioning and Appointment of New Officers**

(1) Commissioning and appointment of new officers into the Service shall be made by the President.

(2) On being commissioned, appointed officers of the Service shall take oath before the President and in case of other ranks before the Minister as provided in the schedule attached to this Bill.

35. **Appointment of New Non-Commissioned Officers, women and men**

Appointment of new non-commissioned officers and privates shall be made by the Minister on recommendation of the Director General of the concerned Operational Organ.

36. **Secondment**

(1) The Director General of the concerned Operational Organ, in consultation with the Minister, may second any member of the Service to any institution in accordance with the regulations.

(2) After having obtained prior consent of an appropriate person for secondment, the Director General of the concerned Operational Organ may recommend to the Minister secondment of such person to work in the Service for two years subject to renewal after which he or she shall have the choice to either return to his or her former institution or to finally be transferred to the Service.

(3) The person seconded shall be deemed, during the secondment period, a member of the Service and shall be treated equally with those of his or her rank.

(4) Notwithstanding the provisions of sub-sections (1) and (2) of this section, where interest of the Service so requires, the Director General, in consultation with the Minister, may terminate secondment of any seconded person; provided that the
Director General shall notify such person and the institution to which he or she belongs within thirty days before the termination, unless there exists reason for immediate termination.

37. **Rejection of Agents**

   (1) The Director General of the Operational Organ concerned may recruit or approve recruitment of an appropriate person to be an agent into the Service on such conditions and terms as prescribed by regulations which the Director General of the Operational Organ concerned may specify.

   (2) The Director General of the Operational Organ concerned may terminate the service of any agent at any time; provided that the Director General of the Operational Organ concerned shall forthwith notify such agent of the termination.

38. **Transfer of Members**

   (1) The President may order transfer of any officer from the Organised Forces to the Service.

   (2) The Minister, in consultation with the Director General of the Operational Organ concerned, may recommend to the President final transfer of any officer from the Service to any other organised Force or civil service.

39. **Seniority**

   The Director General of Operational Organ concerned shall keep and maintain seniority list of members of his or her Bureau.

40. **Salaries, Emoluments, and Privileges, Benefits**

   (1) Salaries, privileges, and benefits of the members of the Service shall be in accordance with public service law.

   (2) Emoluments and privileges of the members of the Service shall be prescribed in accordance with the financial and accountability regulations of the Service.

41. **Training**
The basic principles and standards for training programmes of members of the Service shall be prescribed in the regulations.

42. **Promotions**

1. After consultation with the Directors General of each of the Operational Organs, the Minister shall recommend to the President promotion of officers of the Service.

2. Promotion of non-commissioned officers and privates of the Service shall be approved by the Minister on recommendation of Director General of the Operational Organ concerned.

43. **Placement on reserve non-effective list Provisional-Retirement**

1. The Minister, after being satisfied with the recommendation of the Director General of each of the Operational Organs regarding unsatisfactory performance of duties by an officer or upon decision by medical commission that an officer is medically unfit for continuation in the Service, may place such officer under provisional retirement for a period of one year and inform the President about such provisional retirement.

2. Before the end of the one year of the provisional retirement stated in sub-section (1) of this section, the Minister shall constitute an investigation committee to look into the causes for the provisional retirement of the officer concerned and the committee shall present a recommendation regarding whether the officer is to be returned to active service when found medically fit or be put on pension.

44. The member on provisional retirement under sub-section (1) of this section shall continue to be subjected to this Bill, regulations and rules made under this Bill and shall inform his or her unit in writing of his or her place of residence or of any change in such place of residence.

45. **Effect of placement on reserve non-effective list Provisional Retirement**

Any member of the Service placed under non-effective list provisional-retirement in accordance with the provisions of section 443 of this Bill shall be subject to the following:

a. Payment of two third of his or her salary; provided that part of such two third salary shall be deducted for pension purpose.
(b) The provisional retirement period shall be considered as part of his or her active years of employment with the Service.

(c) upon presentation of the report of the investigation committee formed in accordance with section 42A(2) of this Bill, the Minister may recommend to the President that the member shall resume his or her duties with the Service or be put on retirement.

45. 46. Suspension from work

(1) Where a charge for contravention of the provisions of this Bill or criminal proceedings have been instituted against a member of the Service, the Director General concerned may issue a written order suspending such member from work if, the interest of work so requires; provided that an order for suspension of any officer from the rank of second lieutenant and above shall be the competence of the Minister, on recommendation of the Director General concerned; provided further that the suspended officer shall be notified of the reasons for his or her suspension in accordance with public service regulations.

(2) Suspension of the Directors General and Deputy Directors General shall be by Presidential order on recommendation of the Minister.

(3) Where an order of suspension in accordance with the provisions of sub-section (1) of this section is not related to any criminal proceedings against a member of the Service, the Minister shall form a committee to investigate the charge or charges against such member and upon the investigation report, the Minister shall either take action against the member or revoke the order.

(4) The regulations of the Service shall specify procedures for suspension provided in subsection (1) of this section.

46. 47. Complaint and Petition

An aggrieved member of the Service may submit his or her complaint or petition to the senior officer in accordance with the regulations.

48. 48. End Termination of Employment

(1) Employment of an officer who is a member of the Service shall come to an end by a Presidential Order, on the recommendation of the Minister after consultation with the
Director General of the Operational Organ concerned, based on any of the following reasons:

(a) attainment of retirement age in accordance with the civil service law.
(b) acceptance of written resignation.
(c) appointment to constitutional post
(d) termination of employment with the Service.
(e) loss of any of the eligibility requirements provided in section 30 of this Bill
(f) upon conviction by a tribunal constituted by the Service.
(g) upon conviction by a competent criminal court for commission of an offence punishable by death or life imprisonment.
(h) natural death or martyrdom.

(2) Employment of a member of the Service from non-commissioned officers shall come to an end by ministerial order, on recommendation of the Director General concerned, for any of the same reasons stated in sub-section(1) of this section.

49. Post-Service benefits

The post service benefits including of pension and other benefits of the members of the Service shall be determined by Public Service law.

50. Duties of a Member

(1) Any member of the Service shall:

(a) dedicate all his or her time and activity to discharge all duties provided in this Bill, regulations made and orders issued under this Bill by personally discharging thoroughly and honestly every duty or work assigned to him or her.
(b) bear responsibility for any orders issued by him or her.
(c) at all time obey lawful orders issued to him or her by senior officer related to his or her duties and exert utmost effort in executing such order.
(d) be a good example to others in behavior and integrity at work.
(e) uphold the dignity of his or her position by showing conduct compatible to his or her duties.
(f) consider himself or herself on duty for twenty four hours by being available at his or her place of work unless permitted to leave such place of work by the Director General concerned or senior officer in charge of the place of work and
(g) respect the dignity and self-esteem of human beings and protect the human rights.

(h) not keep for himself or herself any original or copy of an official document or remove such original or copy from file in which such document is kept even if the
document is related to work assigned to him or her or divulge any information or disclose any matter secret by nature or deemed to be secret by special instructions unless permitted to do so.

(2) Every member of the Service shall sign confidentiality and non-disclosure agreement with the Service conditional to his or her employment and observation of such confidentiality and non-disclosure agreement shall continue even after end of employment with the Service.

51. **Arrest without warrant** Powers to Arrest

(1) Any person who is found committing any one of the offences against the state as provided under section 5 of this bill, or who is reasonably suspected of having committed, or having attempted to commit or being about to commit such an offence may be arrested without a warrant by any service officer and detained.

(2) Any person arrested under the provisions of this section shall, whether or not the service inquiries are completed, be brought before a magistrate as soon as is reasonably practicable within 24 hours.

(3) Once an arrested person is produced before a magistrate or judge the process shall proceed as provided for arrests with warrants under section 52 below.

(a) An officer or member authorized by the Minister or Director-General concerned may, without warrant, arrest any person if such officer or member reasonably suspects that the person to be arrested has committed or is about to commit an offence against the state punishable by law.

(b) In carrying out the powers and functions of the Service provided in section 12 of this Bill, every member of the Service, when effecting arrest, search, entrance on premises and investigating shall exercise all powers of the police under the applicable police service law and criminal procedure laws.

52. **Warrants**: Rights of Person under Arrest, Detention or Confinement

(1) Where the Director-General or an employee designated by him has reasonable grounds to believe that a warrant is required to enable the Service to perform any of its functions under this Act, the Director-General or the designated employee may apply for the issue of a warrant.

(2) An application under sub-section (1) shall be made to the judge of the High Court for a warrant under this section.

(3) An application under subsection (1) shall specify:

(a) the purpose for which the warrant is sought;

(b) whether the urgency of the matter is such that it would be impracticable to carry out the investigation using any other investigative procedures or that without a warrant it is likely that information of importance with respect to the investigation would not be obtained.
(a) The type of information, material, record or document proposed to be obtained and the power referred to in subsection (3) proposed to be exercised for that purpose;

(b) The identity of the person, if known, who has possession of the information, material, record, document proposed to be obtained;

(c) The persons or class of persons to whom the warrant is proposed to be directed; and

(d) A general description of the place where the warrant is proposed to be executed;

(1) A judge may issue a warrant under this section authorizing the action on any person, property or material specified therein.

(a) A warrant issued under this section shall be valid for a period not exceeding one month at a time and the period for which it has been issued shall be specified in the warrant. The judge issuing the warrant or one acting in his her stead may extend that period as deemed fit.

(b) If the judge who authorized the warrant is convinced that the grounds on which the warrant was issued have ceased to exist, the judge shall cancel the warrant.

(2) A person aggrieved by the issue of a warrant or by the extension of the period of a warrant may appeal to the court of Appeal within 14 days and the decision of the court of Appeal shall be final.

No person arrested or detained shall be informed of the charge against him or her within 24 hours. Any person who is arrested shall be informed, at the time of arrest, of the reasons for his or her arrest and shall be promptly informed of any charges against him or her.

(1) Any person arrested under this Bill as part of an investigation, may be held in detention for a period not exceeding 24 hours and if not released on bond to be produced in court. The court has authority to either remand the accused in prison or release him or her on bond.

(2) An arrested or detained person shall have the right to choose to inform a member of his or her family, close relative or the body to which he or she belongs of such arrest or detention and the right to communicate with his or her family and lawyer of his or her choice. Provided that such communication does not prejudice progress of any inquiry or investigation of the case.

(3) An arrested, detained or confined person shall be treated with dignity and not to be subject to abuse physically or morally and safety of deposits found with the arrested, detained or confined person shall be kept in safe custody.

(4) Subject to circumstances related to security and order at custody, a person under detention shall have the right to obtain reasonable amount of foodstuff, reading materials and clothes at his or her own expenses.

(5) An arrested or detained woman shall be kept in special custody for detention of women and accorded treatment conducive to her as a woman.
the regulations shall prescribe visits of members of family of a detained person
(7) — a detained person shall have the right to medical care.
(8) — the competent public attorney shall be allowed regular inspection of detention
facility to ensure compliance with rights of detainee as provided in this section and
receive complaint if any by the detainee:
(9) — an advocate shall be allowed regular visits to custody where his or her client is
detained:
(10) — the regulations shall prescribe minimum standards of custody.

52. **Immunity of Members of Service**

Criminal proceedings shall be initiated against any members of the Service nor any
measure be taken against the person or belongings of such member except upon without
permission from the Minister in case of the officers or from the Director-General
concerned in case of other ranks, except where further where he or she is caught
committing an offence for which police may arrest without warrant.

CHAPTER VIII

OFFENCES, CONTRAVENTIONS PENALTIES, VIOLATIONS AND
PUNISHMENTS

Offences and Penalties

53. **Extend of Application of Provisions of Penal Code to Members of the Service**

(1) Where a member of the Service commits an offence in contravention of provisions of
this Bill and the offence committed is at the same time an offence in accordance with
the provisions of the applicable penal code, such a member shall be tried under the
provisions of this Bill but the Minister, on reasonable grounds, may refer the case for
trial before a competent criminal court.

(2) Subject to the provisions of sub-section (1) of this section, the provisions of another
relevant applicable penal law shall apply to any member who commits an offence not
provided for punishable under the provisions of this Bill.

54. **Penalties for Offences Related to involvement with the Enemy**

A member of the Service who:
(a) abandons or surrenders any post, station or place of custody which he or she was duty bound to defend; commits an offence and shall be punished with death: and shall upon conviction be punished with imprisonment for a term not exceeding 14 years.

(1) Death sentence or sentence of life imprisonment shall be imposed on any member who commits any of the following offences:

(a) abandons or disgracefully surrenders any post, station or place of custody which he or she was duty bound to defend;

(b) surrenders or abandons disgracefully his or her weapon, ammunition, tools or equipment before the enemy commits an offence and if convicted and shall be punished for a term not exceeding 10 years.

(c) directly or indirectly conveys to the enemy or hostile service or an unauthorized person information related to the security of the country or directly or indirectly assists the enemy in obtaining such information shall upon conviction be punished with death or imprisonment for a term not exceeding 14 years.

(d) neglects in immediately Fails to report to his or her superior or any other senior officer within 48 hours what he or she knows about an act or about correspondence or direct or indirect connection done by any person who is an enemy, commits an offence and shall upon conviction be punished with death or imprisonment for a term not exceeding 14 years.

(2) For the purpose of this section, an enemy is a natural or unnatural person who is:

(a) in-state of war with South Sudan;

(b) threatening security of South Sudan;

(c) carrying out an act of sabotage or terrorism against South Sudan.

55. Penalty for Offences of Conspiracy and Mutiny

A member of the Service who:

Death sentence or life imprisonment shall be imposed on any member who commits any of the following offences:

(a) attempts, with any member or other members, to commit, provoke, participate or cause mutiny.
(b) while present, fails to exert utmost effort to suppress mutiny.

(c) knowingly or having reason to believe that mutiny or intention to commit mutiny or any conspiracy against the existing constitution and constitutional government and not report such mutiny, intention or conspiracy.

 Shall be upon conviction be punished with death or imprisonment for a term not exceeding 14 years.

56. Penalty for Exposing Internal or External Security of Country or Service to Danger

A member of the Service who intentionally exposes internal or external security of the country or of the Service to danger commits an offence and shall upon conviction be punished with death sentence or life imprisonment for a term not exceeding 14 years shall be imposed on any member who intentionally commits or refuses to perform an act so as to expose internal or external security of the country or of the Service to danger.

57. Penalty for Negligence in Discharge of Duty

A member of the Service who:

A member who commits any of the following offenses shall be sentenced to imprisonment for a term not exceeding ten years or fine or with both:

(a) neglects to report immediately to his or her superior officer any mis-information, he or she has come to know, related to functions of the Service;

(b) grossly-neglects or carelessly-fails in carrying out any of the duties provided for in this Bill.

(b) shall upon conviction be punished with imprisonment for a term not exceeding ten years or fine or with both.

58. Penalty for Abuse of Power and Misuse of Position

A member who abuses powers delegated to him or her under the provisions of this Bill or misuses his or her position in the Service with intention to obtain any personal material or moral benefit for himself or herself or for the benefit of another person or causing injury or damage to another person shall upon conviction be punished with sentence to imprisonment for a term not exceeding ten years or fine or with both.
59. **Penalty for Unlawful Gain and Making False Statement**

A member of the Service who:

A member who commits any of the following offenses shall be sentenced to imprisonment for a term not exceeding ten years or fine or with both:

(a) obtains for himself or herself or another person allowance, pension, benefit, money or privilege by providing false statement or he or she knows to be false;

(b) intentionally makes false statement or report to any person or competent entity about the number of members under his or her command or responsibility or about the situation of such members or the extent of property, tools, instrument, accoutrements, equipment, machinery, uniform, weapons for personal use or ammunition under his or her custody, whether such property, instrument, uniform or weapons are of the Service or for personal use of the members or any other person attached to the Service or intentionally neglects to send any statement or report about any of the stated things or refuses to send the report.

Shall upon conviction be punished with imprisonment for a term not exceeding ten years or fine or with both.

(h)

60. **Penalty for Accepting Unlawful Benefit**

A member who directly or indirectly accepts any unlawful benefit or consideration for personal use or for use by another person or procures such benefit or consideration or accepts such benefit or consideration so as to employ any person in the Service or to facilitate acceptance of tools, accoutrements, weapons or ammunition to administration under his or her command commits an offense punishable shall upon conviction be punished with imprisonment for a term not exceeding ten years or fine or with both.

61. **Penalty for Disposal of Weapons, Ammunition and other Accoutrements**

(1) A member who disposes or without justification permits disposal of weapons, ammunition, tools, accoutrements, instruments or uniform given to him or her for use in performance of his or her duty or under his or her responsibility commits an offense shall be upon conviction punishable with imprisonment for a term not exceeding ten years or fine or with both.

62. **Penalty for Offences Related to Property**

A member of the Service who:

A member who commits any of the following offenses shall be sentenced to imprisonment for a term not exceeding ten years or fine or with both:
A member who commits an act inconsistent with discipline as prescribed under the regulations or orders made under the provisions of this Bill shall be punished with sentenced-to-imprisonment for a term not exceeding five years.

66-64. Penalty for Making False Accusation or Statement

A member of the Service who:

(a) makes false accusation against any other member or

(b) maliciously makes false complaint or statement contrary to any fact or conduct related to any other person or member or makes exaggeration in presenting any vital information in respect of such complaint or statement.

Shall upon conviction be punished with imprisonment for a term not exceeding five years.

66-65. Penalty of for Desertion

(1) A member who deserts his or her duty position shall upon conviction be punished with sentenced-to-imprisonment for a term not exceeding five years or fine or with both, provided that the penalty shall not prejudice any other penalty that may be imposed on such member under the provisions of this Bill.

(2) For the purpose of sub-section (1) of this section desertion shall be deemed absence by a member from his or her place of duty or non-reporting after the expiration of his or her leave, without acceptable excuses or, where the period of his or her absence exceeds twenty one days.

67-31. Penalty for Use of Criminal Force against Superior and Maltreatment of Subordinate

A member of the Service who uses criminal force against his or her superior or subordinate or imprisons for a period not exceeding three years or with both shall be punished on a member who knowingly or have reason to believe uses force, assaults or attempts to use force against:

(a) his or her superior officer during working hours or after working hours.

(b) any of his or her subordinates.

Shall upon conviction be punished with imprisonment for a period not exceeding three years or fine or with both.
(a) maliciously converts for his or her benefit any property, instrument, accoutrement or equipment entrusted to him or her;

(b) intentionally receives for purpose of keeping for himself or herself any money, property, instrument, accoutrement or equipment of the Service;

(c) converts or keeps for himself or herself any property he or she knows or have reason to know has been used in commission of an offence;

— intentionally or negligently damages or destroys property of the Service or disposes of such property in a way that amounts to transfer of ownership or loss of the property;

(d) Shall upon conviction be punished with imprisonment for a term not exceeding ten years or fine or with both.

63.62. Penalty for Offences Related to Custody
A member of the Service who:

(1) A member who commits any of the following offences shall be punished with the same penalty for such offence:

(a) refuses to deliver to the official authority entitled by law to receive any member or person arrested or detained or in custody under his or her command or handed to him or her during his or her duty as a guard.

(b) unlawfully releases any member or person under his or her guards or by way of negligence makes it possible for such member or person to escape from custody.

(c) Shall be punished with imprisonment for a term not exceeding ten years or fine or with both:

A member who escapes from custody shall upon conviction be punished with sentenced-to-imprisonment for a term not exceeding five years.

64.63. Penalty for Lack of Discipline
68.66. Penalty for Offences Related to the Service Tribunal

A member of the Service who:

- imprisonment for period not exceeding two years; fine or with both shall be imposed on—
  - a member who commits any of the following offences:
    - Intentionally refrains to appear for testimony before Service Tribunal after being officially summoned or refuses to take oath, make statement, answer any question or to produce or deliver any document or any other thing upon being required to do so;
    - Intentionally or knowingly under oath makes false statement or gives false answer as a witness before a Service Tribunal or any other competent court;
    - Intentionally abuses, causes disturbance, nuisance or uses abusive words, gesture or sign during session of Service Tribunal with intent of causing threat, disrespect, show of violence or disobedience;

Shall upon conviction be punished with imprisonment for a period not exceeding two years or fine or with both.

69.67. Penalty for Shameful and Improper Conduct

A member who disgracefully, shamefully dishonestly or improperly conducts himself or herself in a way incompatible with the dignity or respect for his or her position shall upon conviction be dismissed from the Service Tribunal with imprisonment for a term period—

- not exceeding three years, dismissal or with fine or with both.

69.68. Penalty for Incitement or Coercion to Commit an Offence

A member who incites or coerces any other member to commit any of the offences stated in this Bill shall be punished with the same penalty prescribed for the offence he or she has incited or coerced—

- another member to commit.

69.69. Contraventions

(1) A member who commits any of the following contraventions shall be subject with to—

- any of the penalties stated in section 703 of this Bill:
  - knowingly be tardy for duty, work or parade;
  - unsatisfactory performance of his or her duty.
(c) leaves his or her station of work without permission.
(d) gives false information about any work assigned to him or her.
(e) hesitates to obey orders.
(f) Disobeys or neglects to obey any general standing order made in accordance with the provisions of this Bill.
(g) contravenes discipline.
(h) negligently destroys or causes damage or loss to any property, instruments, accoutrements, equipment, machinery or uniform entrusted to his or her or being used by the Service.
(h) malingered or intentionally prolongs treatment of his or her sickness.

(2) A member who incites or coerces another member to commit any of the contraventions stated in sub-section(1) of this section shall be deemed to have committed the same contravention and be punished with the penalty stated for such contravention under the provisions of this Bill.

72.70. Penalties for Contraventions

A member who commits any of the contraventions stated in section 6974 shall be punished as subject to any of the following penalties:

(a) with respect to officers:

(i) written advice, verbal or written warning;
(ii) simple reprimand;
(iii) severe reprimand;
(iv) deprivation of annual increment allowances;
(v) deprivation of the basic salary for a period of absence without permission, and for any crimes punishable under this Bill, an officer shall be liable to:
(vi) deprivation of seniority for a period not exceeding one year;

(b) with respect to non-commissioned officers:

(i) simple reprimand.
(ii) severe reprimand
(iii) extra duty.
(iv) deprivation from the basic salary for a period not exceeding seven days or for the period of absence without permission.
(v) deprivation of annual increment.
(vi) warning of dismissal.
(vii) detention at the barracks for a period not exceeding twenty-eight days.
(viii) confinement for a period not exceeding twenty-eight days.
(ix) demotion.
(x) dismissal.
(xi) expulsion.

CHAPTER IX
SERVICE TRIBUNALS

53.71. Establishment of Service Tribunal

(1) There shall be established two types of Service Tribunals as follows:

(a) Warrant for the establishment of Service Tribunal for trial of summary offences in this Bill other than the offences stated in paragraph (a) of this section shall be issued by the Director General concerned of the Operational Organ.

(b) Warrant for the establishment of Service Tribunal for trial of non-summary offences stated in sections 54 to 70 of this Bill shall be issued by the Minister-Registrar.

(c) Warrant for the establishment of High Tribunal for trial of major offences against the national interest and security of the state and shall be established by the President of the Republic.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of sub-section (1) of this section, contents of warrant of establishment of non-summary and summary Service Tribunals shall be as in schedules attached to this Bill.
74.72. Service Tribunal Procedures

(1) Non-summary Tribunal trials constituted under the provisions of this Bill shall follow the procedure laid down in the Code of Criminal Procedure.

(2) In case a person other than a member of the Service is jointly accused of having committed an offence with one or more members of the Service, the Minister of Justice shall be consulted before commencement of any criminal proceedings against such person. The Minister shall direct the manner of how the accused shall be tried and to which court they will be referred.

74.73. Confirmation of Sentences issued by Service Tribunals

(1) Confirmation of sentences issued by Service Tribunals shall be in case of summary trials, by the concerned Director General if the period of the sentence exceeds twenty eight days.

(2) Any death sentence issued by the High Service Tribunal shall be subject to review by the Supreme Court of the Judiciary of South Sudan before confirmation by the President.

(3) Save in cases of offences punishable with death or life imprisonment, the regulations shall provide procedures for confirmation of other sentences issued by different Service Tribunals under this Bill.

(3) The Tribunals shall follow the procedures laid down in the Code of Criminal Procedure (CCP) 2008.

CHAPTER-X

FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

74. Service Budget

(a) The Service shall have a separate budget under the Office of the President as its main source of its funding, prepared and approved annually in accordance with the budget procedures of the National Government.

(b) The Service shall ensure that its finances are in accordance with the Public Management and Accountability Act 2011 and ensure that its budget is sufficient to meet its expenditure, including payment of operational costs.

(c) The Director General concerned shall be the Accounting Officer for the approved budget of the Service.

75. Audit Accounts of Service
The accounts of the Service shall be audited annually by the National Audit Chamber, provided that such auditing shall not include the Security Funds.

76. Service Budget

(a) The Service shall have an independent budget as a main source of its funding, prepared and approved annually in accordance with the budget procedures of the National Government.

(b) The Service shall manage its finances in accordance with sound financial principles and practices, and ensure that its budget is sufficient to meet its expenditure, including payment of operational cost.

(c) The Director-General concerned shall be Accounting Officer for the approved budget of the Service.

77. Audit Accounts of Service

The accounts of the Service shall be audited annually by the National Audit Chamber, provided that such auditing shall not include the Security Funds.

CHAPTER XI

MISCELLANEOUS

76. Service Budget

(a) The Service shall have an independent budget as a main source of its funding, prepared and approved annually in accordance with the budget procedures of the National Government.

(b) The Service shall manage its finances in accordance with sound financial principles and practices, and ensure that its budget is sufficient to meet its expenditure, including payment of operational cost.

(c) The Director-General concerned shall be responsible for implementation of the approved budget of the Service.

77. Audit Accounts of Service

The accounts of the Service shall be audited annually by the National Audit Chamber, provided that such auditing shall not include the budget allocated specially for security operations.
78. Duty to Assist Members of Service

All official authorities and citizens of mature age shall provide necessary assistance to members of the Service as may be required in execution of their duties under this Bill.

79. Restriction from Outside Employment

During employment with the Service a member shall not engage in or practice any private profession, transact in commercial business that affect his or her work with the Service or receive remuneration from entity or person or accept employment of any kind other than the Service.

80. Official Seal and Logo

(1) The Service shall have an official seal and logo in a form to be determined and approved by the National Security Council.

(2) The official seal when affixed to any document shall be authenticated by signature of the Director General concerned or any other person authorized by him or her.

81. Power to Issue Regulations

(1) The Minister, in consultation with the Directors General of the Operational Organs, shall issue regulations, rules and standing orders for implementation of the provisions of this Bill.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of sub-section (1) of this section, the regulations, rules and the standing orders, among others, shall regulate the following:

(a) good management of welfare of the members—offer accommodation, training centres and any other premises used by the members;

(b) training and capacity building of the members;

(c) uniform, accoutrements and instruments;

(d) terms of employment and retirement in with the Service;

(e) bases for promotions, transfers and leaves;

(f) job descriptions, organizational and functional charts of the Service;

(g) specification of the type of weapons, ammunition and uniform used by members of the Service;

(h) code of conduct of members;

(i) procurement rules;

(j) treatment of detainees and...
(k) relationship of the Service with the public,

(l) Initiatives for reform of the service

SCHEDULE I

The Oath

The Directors General, commissioned and non-commissioned officers and privates of the Services shall, before assuming office, take the following Oath before the President in case of commissioned officers and before the Minister in case of the non-commissioned officers and privates.

I ......................... swear by Almighty God/ solemnly affirm, that as a Director General, commissioned officer, non-commissioned officer—privates, shall duly truly protect the Constitution of the Republic of South Sudan, rule of law and human dignity, discharge duties entrusted upon me under this Bill or any other law in force and diligently protect the national interest and security of the Republic of South Sudan, obey my superiors, preserve the secrecy of the Service and not expose or release any information to any person without authorization or disclose any secret during or after my employment with the Service. So help me God/ God is my witness.

SCHEDULE II

COMPOSITION OF SERVICE TRIBUNAL

(a) The Service Tribunals shall be composed as follows:

(i) Summary Service Tribunal; three officers with legal education background and are all of higher ranks than the accused.

(ii) Non-summary Service Tribunal; four officers and a judge advocate; provided that the chairperson of the Tribunal is of a higher rank than the accused; provided further the other four members of the tribunal are at least of the same rank of the accused.

(iii) High Service Tribunal; four officers and judge advocate, provided that the chairperson of the Tribunal is of a senior rank than the rank of the Brigadier General.
provided further that the other four members of the tribunal are of the same rank as the accused.

(ii)

(b) in case of offences punishable with death or life imprisonment the rank of the chairperson of the Tribunal shall not be less than the rank of the accused Brigadier General Security Lt. Colonel or higher.