

**The Republic of South Sudan**  
**The Registrar of the Workers Trade Unions & Employers Association**



*Office of the Registrar*

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**Decision on an application**

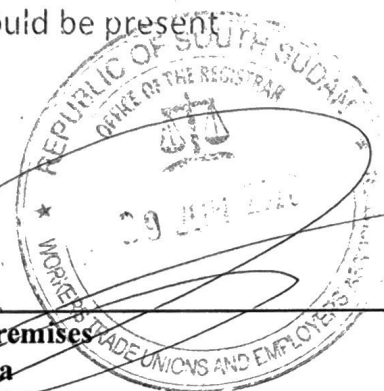
This is an application submitted by concerned of some members of Union of Journalists of South Sudan of general assembly in the National Capital City of Republic of South Sudan-Juba dated April, 29, 2026 through Law firm Just the Justice Law Chambers signed by Hon. Advocate Wol Deng Akech against National Executive Committee of Union of Journalists of South Sudan received by the office on the fourth of May 2026

**Summary of the complaint;**

- 1- That the current National Executive Committee of UJOSS was elected pursuant to provision of its Constitution.
- 2- that the G.A of UJOSS conducted a meeting in 2024 resolved to form a committee to draft amendments to 2021 Constitution provisions to be presented to G. A of 2026 which has not happened.
- 3- instead of that NEC appointed electoral committee to prepare the ground for the election of 2026 which is a violation of provisions of Article 31(b) of UJOSS 2021, that committee supposed to be presented before G.A for final approval.
- 4- that since the election of the current NEC of UJOSS no auditing has been carried out despite is a requirement of this Constitution of 2021, supposed to be presented before the G.A of UJOSS of 2026.

The respondent was notified to respond to the complaint and he has responded the following through his Advocate Johnson Juma Batal on behalf of Kodok Office Law Firm,

- 1- That the issues raised by the applicants are administrative issues in nature of the internal management of the Union that should be present



before administrative mechanism within the Union frame work to be looked into before over jam to external mechanisms.

Otherwise, they should be addressed to the general assembly the supreme authority of the Union based on the 2013 constitution amended 2024 to deliberate and determine on them.

- 2- That the General Assembly is going to convene its general meetings in the nearest future therefore these risen issues will be the applicable forum for it.
- 3- That the UJOSS is an independent Institution governed by its legal frame work therefore if there are any grievances should be treated within legal frame work of the Union not to resort to external mechanism in this context.

The applicants were notified for comment and they insist on their complaint, which compel the office to make decision on the matter.

### **The decision**

After perusal into the application of the applicants and the response of the respondent its observed that the parties were referring int different constitutions

The applicants refer to 2021 constitution of UJOSS, where the respondent refer to 2013 amended 2024 of UJOSS, means there is disagreement of over constitutional matter which is a serious issue also there is dispute over powers of National Executive Committee, the applicants according to their argument that and based on 2021 constitution the electoral committee should be appointed and agreed upon by the General Assembly of UJOSS at the same time the respondent argued that it's the sold responsibility of the National Executive Committee based on Article 31(b) of UJOSS constitution of 2013 constitution amended 2024, in these matters I have the opinion that these issues are constitutional matters and the right authority to look into and decide over it, it is the General Assembly the supreme authority of any organization in this context the UJOSS therefore, I,

### **advise the two parties:**

- 1- The applicants to wait and raise these issues before the General Assembly of UJOSS which is on the process to convene as constitutional urgent matters.



- 2- The respondent is advised to convene the annual General Assembly meeting as soon as possible on and before the mid of July 2026.

**Final orders;**

- 1- Convention of General Assembly of UJOSS on and before July 15, 2026 by National Executive Committee of UJOSS.
- 2- All Constitutional matters of the governance of UJOSS to be presented and to be deliberated on and be decided upon before any business by the General Assembly.

**Gabriel Majak Abui**

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Cc, Advocate; Wol Deng Akech on behalf of applicants

Cc, Advocate Johnson Juma Batal on behalf of respondent

