Reassembly

1. Reassemble slide components. Insert the barrel into the slide (this may require a bit of wiggling). Ensure the barrel is fully in place, with the locking lugs engaged in the top of the slide. Insert the recoil spring assembly into its recess in the front of the slide, with the semicircular cutout facing upward. Then rotate the spring guide 180 degrees so the semicircular cutout fits against the underside of the barrel.

2. Replace slide on frame. Replace the slide assembly onto the frame rails, the reverse of how it disassembled. This is most easily done with the pistol held upside down, as this will help keep the barrel fully engaged in its locking lugs. If the barrel drops out of those lugs, it will prevent the slide from moving into place properly.

3. Replace slide stop lever. Repeating your disassembly step to hold the slide open, set the slide stop lever loosely in its hole in the frame, facing directly upward. Pull the exposed end of the recoil spring guide forward and gently press the slide stop lever into place. You may need to guide it into place, but force is not required if the guide rod is pulled forward. Alternatively, the slide stop can be pushed directly into place without holding the guide rod, but this will require some force to push into place and one should be careful not to scratch the frame in the process.