

South Sudan Civil Society

Declaration on Civil Society Engagement in the IGAD-Led Peace Process for Sustainable Peace and Development

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

March 17, 2014

We, the representatives of Civil Society representing wide spectrum of our civil population including; faith based institutions, people with disabilities, academics, professionals, youth, women, and think tanks gathered in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 15-17 March, 2014 under the theme “Sustainable Peace is a collective Effort”.

Preamble

Deeply concerned of the worsening human rights and humanitarian conditions of our people in South Sudan including massive loss of lives and dignity; destruction of property and displacements since 15th December, 2013;

Noting that the ongoing violence started as a political disagreement and power struggle within the governing SPLM party that quickly spilled over into a military confrontation which took ethnic dimension;

Cognizant of the urgent need to cease all forms of hostilities and violence as a pre-requisite for political solution to ensure rehabilitation and reintegration of our civil population especially the internally displaced persons and refugees;

Convinced that the current crisis is political in nature and requires political solutions through inclusive national dialogue and broad consultations;

Recognizing the continued call by IGAD for an “inclusive political dialogue in the peace process by all South Sudanese stakeholders including representatives of civil society as confirmed in the communiqué of the 25th Extra-ordinary Session of the IGAD Assembly of Heads of State and Government on the situation in South Sudan;

Supportive of the IGAD-led peace process which provides an opportunity for wartime leadership and institutions to be transformed into peacetime leadership and good governance structure;

Further Recognizing the important *silent* role that Civil Society played in the 2005 Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) which culminated to the secession of South Sudan as an independent state and the potential to effectively contribute to the ongoing peace process for a sustainable peace in South Sudan;



Now, resolved and agree to the following:

1. Call on the parties to immediately stop the war and urge the international community to pressurize those supplying weapons to both conflicting parties to stop, while fully adhering to full implementation of the Cessation of Hostilities agreement signed on 23, January 2014.
2. Immediate establishment of humanitarian corridors in all affected areas as recommended in the Cessation of Hostilities Agreement signed on 23 January, 2014 and ensure the reintegration and relocation of IDPs to safer zones.
3. For an immediate amendment of the Transitional Constitution of the Republic of South Sudan, 2011 specially sections related to excessive powers of the executive, procedure and competence of the National Constitutional Review Commission, the establishment of National Elections Commission and electoral laws, the National Judiciary to ensure respect for the separation of powers and smooth transition while the parliament shall enact legislation that outlines an inclusive constitution making process. The constitutional draft text shall be prepared by a committee of experts nominated in accordance with the said act.
4. Restructuring of the army and other security organs to reflect the diversity of South Sudan and to professionalize it as a national defense force with central command. These security reforms include proper management and timely implementation of the disarmament, demobilization and reintegration (DDR) program. The recruitment of the army and other security personnel based on an open, transparent procedure such as education and physical fitness, while views of the civil society be included in the National Security Policy.
5. That the role of civil society in matters of reconciliation, peace and justice be enhanced. And for civil society to collaborate with both local and international institutions that are concern with investigation, inquiry and prosecution for extreme cases of human rights violations.
6. Urge the parties to commit to a well reasoned economic vision, policies and strategies that include diversification of economy, provision of critical services such as health, investment in education and skills, protection of national businesses and probity in the management of national wealth.
7. Urge the IGAD mediators to accredit representatives of the civil society to the peace process as important stakeholders, provide funding for their involvement and to maintain a platform for dialogue between civil society and the conflicting parties.




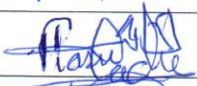
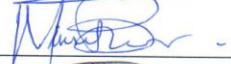




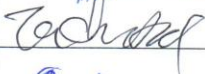
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