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Process to Rectify the Question of Representation of Civil Society in the Multi-Stakeholder Peace Process for South Sudan

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1. The IGAD Mediation has received applications to participate in the peace process from more than seventy (70) civil society organisations, most of which are currently located outside of South Sudan, with the majority in Nairobi, Khartoum and Addis Ababa.
 2. Recognising that not all civil society organisations were present during the civil society selection processes held in Addis Ababa in March and June 2014, and in order to ensure sufficient representation of IDP and refugee communities and displaced civil society organisations in the peace process, the IGAD Mediation proposes the following:
 3. In the coming days, the IGAD Mediation shall facilitate the convening of three (3) meetings, in Nairobi, Khartoum and Addis Ababa, to select seven (7) additional civil society organisations to participate in the peace process, as follows:
 - a. The Nairobi meeting will select four (4) organisations, of which at least two (2) represent women;
 - b. The Khartoum meeting will select two (2) organisations, of which at least one (1) represents women;
 - c. The Addis Ababa meeting will select one (1) organisation.

The number of representatives to be selected at each meeting is proportional to the number of applications received from civil society organisations in each of the three (3) locations of Nairobi, Khartoum and Addis Ababa.

4. These meetings will select representatives without the influence of the IGAD Mediation or any other stakeholder group or party. The meetings will be facilitated by representatives of the IGAD Mediation and will be open for observation by the international community (the African Union, the United Nations, the IGAD Partners Forum, the European Union, the Troika and China) to ensure the selection is transparent, fair and credible.

5. The seven (7) additional organisations elected in Nairobi, Khartoum and Addis Ababa will meet with the seven (7) civil society organisations elected on June 8, 2014, in Addis Ababa. A neutral facilitator will chair this meeting. These fourteen (14) representatives will select from amongst themselves ten (10) representatives to the plenary sessions of the negotiations, of which at least five (5) of the ten (10) are to represent women.
6. One (1) representative of the Citizens for Peace and Justice will join the ten (10) representatives selected as per paragraph 5 to form the group of eleven (11) to participate in the plenary sessions of the peace talks, as per the Consolidated Modalities and Rules of Procedure for the South Sudan Dialogue.
7. The remaining civil society representatives (those four (4) not selected to attend the plenary sessions in the process described in paragraph 5, and three (3) representatives of the Citizens for Peace and Justice) will form the secretariat of the civil society delegation to the peace process.
8. In the event that a civil society delegate steps down or is otherwise unable to continue to participate in the peace process, his or her replacement will be selected by the entire civil society delegation to the peace process from amongst the civil society secretariat described in paragraph 7.
9. This process is outlined in a public document and made available to all Stakeholders.