

**SOUTHERN SUDANESE
COMMUNITY REFERENDUM COORDINATION COMMITTEE IN
UGANDA**

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**SOUTHERN SUDANESE COMMUNITY REJECTS SOUTHERN SUDAN
REFERENDUM EXERCISE IN UGANDA**

Southern Sudanese Community Referendum Coordination committee is a civil society organization formed by Southern Sudanese community in Uganda to coordinate the Southern Sudan referendum affairs.

As provided for in the 2005 Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA), the referendum on South Sudan's independence is due to take place on 9 January 2011 with registration exercise commencing on 15 November 2010 all over Southern Sudan and eight other countries outside Sudan including Uganda.

In its extra-ordinary southern Sudanese community's meeting held on 11 November 2010, it is unanimously resolved that Southern Sudanese community will not participate in any referendum exercise in Uganda for reasons not limited to the following:

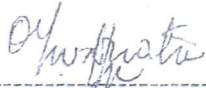
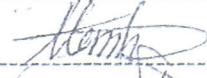

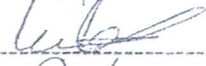

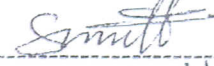
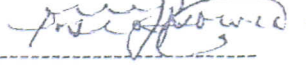
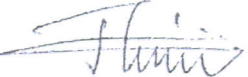

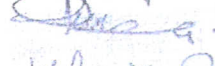
1. That the members of Southern Sudanese community in Uganda made up of business community, students, refugees have expressed willingness and ability to go and register and vote inside South Sudan.
2. That delay in the referendum process in Uganda in terms of trainings, sensitization, delivery of supportive materials is much behind schedule and that it is impossible to hold a referendum in less than two months.
3. The question of eligibility of voters creates a lot of suspicions in the community since the referendum eligibility criteria empowers any person without Sudanese national identity to be registered upon backing testimony by any eligible voter. This does not adequately address the question of some nationalities in Uganda especially those along the border

with Sudan who share common heritage such as tribe, language, and color with those in Southern Sudan.

4. Census for South Sudanese has never taken place in Uganda; this leaves the exercise without concrete population database, which is a critical factor in any election. Moreover, most of the members of South Sudanese community in Uganda were counted in the last Sudan's national census of 2008.
5. Insecurity of the process since this exercise will coincide with the Uganda's general elections now ongoing.
6. The management of the referendum process is not transparent at all since this is being done in camera with no media and involvement of Sudanese authorities at all levels. The safety of data and especially votes are at stake. Moreover the referendum registry exhibition period from 6th -13 December, 2010 which is associated with opportunity to file an objection in Sudanese court of law by any aggrieved party or eligible voter makes the suitability of participation in the exercise inside Sudan desirable.

We the undersigned leaders being representatives of our communities in Uganda inform the public, government of Sudan and any stakeholder involved in the process of South Sudan referendum in Uganda to hold the process since southern Sudanese will not take part.

Best wishes,

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