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The SPLM/SPLA delegation engaged the mediators in consultative meetings before and after the symposium on selection and participation of the stakeholders.

We have come to conclude the following:

1. The process of selecting the stakeholders to the symposium has not been transparent and inclusive in the following ways:
 - a. There were no criteria for selecting participants to the symposium.
 - b. The stakeholders outside government controlled areas, aggrieved IDPs in UNMISS camps, those who fled to neighboring countries for fear of their lives to Ethiopia, Kenya, the Sudan, Uganda, and the diaspora were excluded
2. The process of selecting the participants to the peace talks has not also been transparent and inclusive in the following ways:
 - a. The fourteen (14) Civil Society Organizations' representatives who were selected in a process facilitated by USAID in collaboration with IGAD in Nairobi, Addis Ababa and Juba were disregarded.
 - b. A faulty process was instead conducted on June 8, 2014 using an expanded list beyond those who participated in the symposium for selecting 23 delegates to peace talks.
 - c. Many complaints were raised about this stakeholders delegates' selection process. Thereafter, an unacceptable attempt to ratify this faulty process by adding four extra delegates to each category (Political Parties, CSOs and Faith Based Organizations) was done on June 14, 2014.

3. The SPLM/SPLA notes that the current stakeholders' participation mechanism adopted by the IGAD Mediation Process will result in four (4) direct negotiating groups (GRSS, SPLM/SPLA, Former SPLM Detainees and Political Parties).
4. In the light of the above, the SPLM/SPLA seriously objects to this faulty process and calls for a credible, transparent, and inclusive process to be conducted for selecting other stakeholders' delegates. By taking this position, the SPLM/SPLA reiterates its commitment to a genuine inclusive process
5. Furthermore, we want to reiterate that the negotiation is between the two direct parties (SPLM/SPLA and GRSS). However, the like minds stakeholders can flock together with each of the parties. We need clarification on these issues before the opening of the next round of the peace talks.
6. The SPLM/SPLA agrees to ensure the inclusion of all South Sudanese stakeholders in the peace process, and the negotiation of a transitional government of national unity, in order to ensure broad ownership of the agreed outcomes; stakeholders include: the two direct negotiators (GRSS and SPLM/SPLA), and other such as the SPLM Leaders (Former Detainees), Political Parties, Civil Society, and faith-based leaders.
7. The SPLM/SPLA reaffirms its commitment to the May 9, 2014 Agreement and the IGAD led Mediation Process.

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