

South Sudanese Civil Society Call For an End to the Deadly Armed Conflict and Commitment to a Sustainable Peace

Press Statement

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After having examined the Proposed Compromise Agreement on the resolution of conflict in the Republic of South Sudan, considering our sittings in Juba South Sudan dated 24 July up to 5th August 2015. Analyzing the same document in different locations and among different civil society networks as well as considering the views gathered during public consultations organized by other civil society organizations in and outside South Sudan, we have finally consolidated our inputs which were delivered to the last round of IGAD Plus peace process by the accredited Civil Society delegates.

We appreciate the IGAD Plus mediation leadership for maintaining the peace talk as a multi-stakeholder process for the same purpose of local ownership, popular legitimacy and sustainable peace through accommodating the interests of the people of South Sudan and not otherwise. We believe our recommendations presented during the plenary session by our representatives have been considered, notwithstanding few political issues that may need bilateral concerns of the principal parties to the armed conflict. However, the civil society still noted with great distress the continued prevaricating nature in which the Government of South Sudan and SPLM/A in Opposition are treating the negotiation process.

In light of this background and with the 17th August deadline nearing-in fact 24 hours away from now, we the undersigned organizations would like to express our utter disappointment at the failure of the parties to compromise and agree on the following issues;

1. Federalism
2. Power Sharing at both National and State level
3. Structure of the leadership of the Transitional Government of National Unity
4. Security arrangements with the following details:
 - Scope of the permanent ceasefire
 - Demilitarization of Juba and other major Town
 - Timeframe for the Unification of forces

We would like to appeal to principals President Salva Kiir and oppositional leader Dr. Riek Machar and all Heads of State and Governments as well as IGAD Plus Special Envoys to use this last available opportunity to narrow the gap and reach a peace agreement by all means. There is no perfect agreement at all that satisfy interests all parties, but a just sustainable peace that considered immediate stoppage of bloodshed, established transitional governance arrangements, including lost of some political power for the sake of peace, institute institutional reforms and conduct general elections. Enough is enough. The people of South Sudan cannot afford anymore to raise another generation of South Sudanese children in civil war.

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