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DELIVER THE PROMISE: THE BATTLE MAY BE OVER BUT NOT THE WAR

CSOPNU congratulates the Government of Uganda and the LRA upon the recent agreements on accountability and reconciliation (annexure), permanent ceasefire and Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration (DDR) under the Juba peace Talks. The coalition also recognizes the roles being played by different actors in their respective capacities in making these efforts possible: the Government of Southern Sudan also the chief mediator, representatives of the African Union (AU), the UN and the Special Envoy for LRA affected areas and all the observers in their respective capacities.

The coalition observes that signing the agreement in itself will not automatically deliver the long awaited peace; rather it is just the beginning of another chapter in the peace process, an important journey towards sustainable peace.

People in Northern Uganda and the entire country have invested high hopes in the peace process. While significant progress has been achieved, this ought to be translated into confidence and assurance of peace in the local population. The population remains anxious about the actualization of the agreements due to the issues of the ICC indictment and alleged violations of the Cessation of Hostilities Agreements (CHA).

It's not enough to sign agreements; we therefore urge all the stakeholders, the Government of Uganda and the LRA to actualize the agreements and remain committed to the signing of a Comprehensive Peace Agreement and we urge the international community to support the full implementation of all signed deal.

In particular, the Government of Uganda should demonstrate commitment and expedite the process of legislative reforms, setting up transparent and accountable justice systems, structures, mechanism and appoint the required personnel in conformity with the agreements. The Government of Uganda should move faster on its promises to approach the UN Security Council to suspend the ICC indictments of the LRA.

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The LRA should demonstrate consistency and abide by the terms of the agreements already signed, assemble at agreed upon points and observe the Cessation of Hostilities and Ceasefire Agreements and come clear on allegation of attacks, abductions and movements towards the Central African Republic.

The international community should continue technical and financial support to the peace process and supporting the Government of Uganda to play its new role.

The Government of Southern Sudan (GoSS) and other parties providing oversight to the talks should ensure that both the Government of Uganda and LRA remain committed and observe signed agreements leading to the signing of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement.

The Cessation of Hostilities Monitoring Team (CHMT) should verify allegations of violations of signed agreements through alleged attacks, abductions and movement towards the Central African Republic and provide correct information to the public and ensure compliance by all parties.

The coalition of Civil Society Organizations for Peace in Northern Uganda (CSOPNU) was established in 2002 with the purpose of advocating for a just and lasting peace in Northern Uganda based on analysis and articulation of perceptions, underlying causes and effects of the conflict. We pledge our commitment to support the implementation of the final peace deal to ensure sustainable peace and livelihood recovery of the population.

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Steering Committee:

CARE International in Uganda, The African PACT, Soroti District Association NGO Network (SODANN), Save the Children in Uganda, Pader NGO Forum, Jamii ya Kupatinisha (JYAK), Concern Worldwide, Oxfam Great Britain, Uganda Child Rights NGO Network, World Vision Uganda and Uganda National NGO Forum & Concerned Parents Association (CPA)