

**UN HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL
ITEM 6- WORKING GROUP ON THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW
FIFTEENTH SESSION THE HRC**

Oral Statement regarding Minority and Indigenous Rights related recommendations to the Kenyan Government- By Conectas Human Rights

Thank you, Mr. President.

Conectas Human Rights and the Kenya Stakeholders' Coalition on UPR (KSC-UPR)¹ appreciate the recommendations made to Kenya and applaud the government of Kenya for supporting 128 of these recommendations and for undertaking to examine and respond to 15 other recommendations.

We applaud the government of Kenya for reconsidering the recommendations pertaining to the rights of indigenous peoples.

We are further encouraged by the promulgation of the new constitution of Kenya, acknowledging its expansion of the bill of rights to include the rights of minorities and marginalized groups.

We make the following suggestions in light of the new constitutional dispensation in Kenya:

¹ Members include: Kenya National Commission on Human Rights (KNCHR), International Center for Transitional Justice - Kenya, The CRADLE - The Children Foundation, Centre for Minority Rights Development (CEMIRIDE), ARTICLE 19, Kenya Human Rights Commission, The Kenyan Section of the International Commission of Jurists, Caucus for Women Political Leadership, The League of Pastoralist Women of Kenya, MPIDO, MAA Civil Society Forum, Indigenous Fisher People's Network, Ogiek People's Development Programme, Isiolo Human Rights Network, NCCK Lower Eastern, Migori Human Rights Network, GALCK, Minority Women in Action, Ishtar MSM, Centre for Legal Information and Communication in Kenya (CLICK), Transgender Education and Advocacy, Gay House, Bar Hostess Program, Gay & Lesbian Coalition of Kenya, KAACR, ANNPPCAN Kenya, Young Muslims Association, Zabibu Special Needs Centre, CLAN, ICS Africa, Undugu Society, Legal Resources Foundation, Girl Child Network, Tomorrow's Child Initiative(TCI), HelpAge Kenya, HelpAge International, Lavington United Church, FIDA Kenya, Coalition of Violence Against Women, League of Kenya Women Voters, Centre for Rights Education and Awareness(CREAW), Women in Law and Development (WILDAF), African Women & Child Features(AWC), Development Through Media (DTM), Young Women Leadership Institute (YWLI), Bar Hostess Empowerment Programme, National Council of Women in Kenya (NCWK), Maendeleo ya Wanawake (MYWO), KNDWOPNET, Coast Women Right, Kenya Female Advisory Organisation (KEFEADO), The League of Kenya Women Voters, EACOR, SALAR, Social Reform Centre(SOREC), Mount Kénta HURINET, OXFAM IYP/CWF/GYCA, HENNET, Network of African National Human Rights Institutions, Samia Environmental Management, CLARION, Eastern Africa Collaboration for Economic, Social & Cultural Rights (EACOR), URAIA, Goal Kenya, Elimu Yetu Coalition, Seed Institute, GCAP Kenya, KYCEP, Kutoka, Daraja Civic Education Institute, Youth Agenda, Youth Alive Kenya, Young People's Forum, Kenya Youth Education and Community Development Program, Seed Institute, Bunge la Wananchi, UDEK, UDPK, Kenya Society for the Blind, Zabibu Special Needs Centre, Kenya Association for the Intellectually Handicapped, Global Deaf Connection, Kenya National Deaf Women Peace Network, Joint Epilepsy Foundation, Kenya Sign Language Interpreters Association, Federation of and for people with disability, Kenya Sign Language Interpreters Association, Transparency International, AFRICA HOUSE, Legal Resources Foundation Trust, Muslim Consultative Committee, IMLU, Kituo Cha Sheria, IMLU/Bunge La Mwananchi, CEDGG, DTM, ICT Consumers, Open Society Initiative of East Africa (OSIEA).

- a) That the government fully implements the recommendations and decisions relating to minorities and indigenous peoples emanating from its own judicial institutions and the African Commission on Human and Peoples Rights in consideration of the new constitutional provisions on land and representation;
- b) That the government commits to the implementation of the recommendations made by the Special Rapporteur on the situation of Human rights and Fundamental Freedoms of Indigenous Peoples in light of its constitutional obligation to develop affirmative action programmes for minorities and marginalized groups.
- c) That the government considers ratifying ILO Convention 169 and adopting the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples as an enhancement of the constitutional safeguards accorded to minorities and marginalized groups.

Thank you Mr. President.