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Southern Sudan Referendum Commission

## 2011 Referendum – Exhibition, corrections and objections to the preliminary referendum register

According to the Southern Sudan Referendum Act 2009, the Preliminary Referendum Register will be publicly displayed on 10 December for seven consecutive days to allow:

- Objections to registered voters who are not considered eligible;
- Correction of registered voters' personal information if needed.

The aim of the Exhibition, Corrections and Objections Period is to ensure that the Final Referendum Register is as accurate as possible.

The Preliminary Referendum Register must be displayed in every Referendum Centre for the mentioned period. It will contain the personal data of those who have registered at that particular Referendum Centre.

For seven days, any registered voter will be able to:

- Ensure that the personal particulars of his/her registration data are correct;
- Request the correction of any personal particulars that have been mistakenly recorded;
- Object the registration of another registered voter whose name appears in the Preliminary Referendum Register.

Only registered voters can object the inclusion of a name in the Preliminary Referendum Register, provided the person is:

- Not Southern Sudanese (as stipulated in section 25/1 of the Southern Sudan Referendum Act 2009);
- Not sound of mind;
- Less than 18 years old;
- Already registered in another location or has left his/her residence for good;
- Dead.

All corrections and objections will be recorded on the "Objections and Correction Form" available at every Referendum Centre.

A Considerations Committee will consider the objections and requests for corrections for five days. The Considerations Committee will be composed of three members chosen among former civil service officials with experience in administration and well known for independence and competence. The Considerations Committee members must make decisions not later than 22 December.

The Considerations Committee decisions must be posted at the referendum centre for public view.

The Southern Sudan Referendum Act 2009 also contemplates that any person aggrieved by the decision of the Considerations Committee, may lodge an appeal to the competent court of law within seven days of the Consideration's Committee decision. The final date for appealing to competent courts is 29 December.

The competent court shall rule on all appeals by 3 January, and the court's decision shall be final.

The Final Referendum Register will be published on 8 January. It will be available in hard copy at the Southern Sudan State High Committee (SHC) offices and in North Sudan at the State Referendum Committee (SRC) offices for inspection. According to article 32.2., the Commission may give any person a copy upon request of the form prepared by the Commission following the payment of prescribed fees.

The Exhibition, Corrections and Objections Period is not meant to register people who did not register during the Registration Period.