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COMMUNIQUE

Putting on hold our Planed Public Demonstration after being assured by the Office of the Prime Minister Department of Refugees that efforts have been put in place to address amicably the issue of the two Rwandan Refugees mainly Musikale Hirari Marcel known as Rasta and Leonard Semukanya Hope who we do consider are still missing,

On Thursday November 16th, 2017 we positioned ourselves for a demonstration bringing all refugees together in favor of our two missing Rwandan Refugee Leaders in Uganda, and which the deadline is today Monday November 20th, 2017 by 5pm. Since Friday November 17th, 2017 we therefore started mobilizing all refugees both in urban and in camps and we are so grateful that as per now a big number of refugees in Kampala, Nakivale, Kyangwali, Kyaka II, Oruchinga have been so far mobilized and are waiting for actions from us the organizers.

However basing on communication from the Office of Prime Minister Department of Refugees which came to us on Saturday November 18th, 2017 indicated that OPM Department of refugees is aware and informed of the whereabouts of the two Rwandan Refugee Leaders and that they have had sent a representative to OPM to engage with them. On top of that basing on the communication we received on Sunday November 19th, 2017 from Rasta Marcel's Lawyer confirmed that there have negotiations with OPM and have been satisfactory to all parties and they came up with away forward which we also support. And lastly after having engaged with the families which have updated of the progress which is being made,

Therefore as organization **Foundation People for Peace and Defense of Human Rights**, we put on hold all our public actions including the announced demonstration in favor of Rasta and Semukanya. We may opt for it again in case we are not satisfied by the results as we expect in the near future. However the organization **Foundation People for Peace and Defense of Human Rights** is still engaged in discussions with all other Refugee Leaders in Uganda for a common positions and actions towards the unbearable situation of refugees currently in Uganda.

The purpose of this Communique is therefore to update you about the above development and humbly seek you to remain mobilized for the wellbeing of refugees in Uganda.

We reaffirm our strong commitment to remain the voice of the voiceless refugees and still engaged to help refugees in Uganda to claim for their rights which are massively abused.

Yours sincerely,

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