



Resolutions by Inter Religious Council for Peace in Tanzania (IRCPT) to Revive the New Constitution Making Process held at Golden Tulip Hotel, Dar es Salaam On April 11th to 12th, 2017

Preamble

On April 11th and 12th, 2017, twenty five (25) religious leaders representing all religious networks in the country under an umbrella of the Inter Religious Council for Peace in Tanzania (IRCPT) gathered to learn more and discuss about the new constitution making process in the country.

Among the key issues discussed in a two days meeting coordinated by the Legal and Human Rights Centre include:

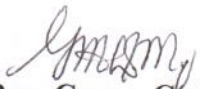
- the history of constitutional reforms in Tanzania
- the process of making a new citizen centered constitution
- the content of the second draft of the constitution and
- the proposed constitution.

From the meeting we religious leaders came to apprehend that one of the key factors that led to stalemate of the process is an interference of two core electoral activities leading to the National Electoral Commission fail to coordinate multiple activities at the same time i.e. preparation for the proposed constitution referendum and voters registration for 2015 general elections.

With that knowledge in mind we religious leaders have firmly come out with following resolutions:

- i. We deferentially plead His Excellence the President of the United Republic of Tanzania to allow the new constitution making process to proceed in advance of the 2020 general election so as to avoid repeated interference.
- ii. Despite the discrepancies in the Proposed Constitution, we recommend that the constitutional review process continue to the amendment of laws (the Constitutional Review Act and the Referendum Act) thereafter to the referendum.

We are hopeful that these resolutions will be taken into consideration for the sake of honoring the decisions to acquire the people centered constitution and double the national efforts in promoting social welfare and peace maintenance.


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