Southern Sudan Referendum Commission

مفوضية استفتاء جنوب السودان

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Date: 24. 10. 2010
From: Legal Department
Re: Eligibility Criteria

According to Article 25 and 27 of the Southern Sudan Referendum Act 2009, Voters are classified into three categories:

1. Voter who belongs to one of the indigenous ethnic communities residing in the Southern Sudan (on or before 1 January 1956.

   - This category of voter can vote in any referendum centre (Article 27 (4)), i. e., in referendum centre in the South and other locations *(North and 8 countries mentioned in the Act).*

   Explanation:

   "A" is a Dinka, which is one of the indigenous ethnic communities in Southern Sudan on or before 1st January 1956 and identifies himself/herself as part of this community wherever he/she may be. "A" is entitled to vote in the South or in any other locations *(Northern Sudan and other 8 countries mentioned in the Act)* irrespective of his/her current residence.

2. Voter who traces his/her ancestry to one of the indigenous ethnic communities in Southern Sudan, but has not permanently resided in the South (without interruption) before or since January 1956.

   - This category of voter can *only* vote in the South (Article 27(3)(b), where he/she can be identified.

   Explanation:

   "B" can trace himself through his/her ancestry as belonging to a Dinka community but "B" was not born in the South nor did he/she and his/her ancestry reside in the South since 1st January 1956 "B" lost touch with this community and can neither identify or be recognized as member of this community in other locations. "B" can only vote in the South after having identified himself/herself and accepted by the Dinka community to which he/she traces himself/herself.

3. Voter who does not belong to one of the indigenous ethnic communities in the Southern Sudan, but he/she or his/her parents or grand-parents are permanently residing in the South (without interruption) since 1st January 1956.
   - This category of vote can only vote in the South (Article 27(3)(b), where he/she can be identified.

   Explanation:

   "C" belongs to any other Sudanese communities than those indigenous ethnic in the South, but he/she or both or one of his/her parents or grand-parents have been resident in the South without interruption since 1st January 1956. "C" can vote only in the South where he/she, his/her parents or grand-parents or one of them has been permanently residing.

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