

Women Submission to NCAC for Review of Section 60 (2) (b) and Section 61 (b) of the National Elections Act, 2012

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Preamble

Since 29th September 2022, South Sudanese women held consultations through different women organizations, association, individuals, women-led organizations, women Parliamentarians, women networks in and out of the country and discussed with election experts in and out of the country. In this process the women were in search of ideas, experiences and best practice on how to realize meaningful women participation in the national and state level elections. The consultation generated several perspectives on different aspect of elections and election processes. **Though with specific focus on providing women's opinion for review of section 60 (2) (b) and Section 61 (b) of the National Elections Act 2012.** The consultations were held on different online platforms, one-on-one conversations with women leaders and held two (2) hybrid consultation session (one for civil society leaders and the other for women Parliamentarians) both with provisions for in-person and online participation of women in and out of the country.

Cognizant of the important role National Constitutional Amendment Committee (NCAC) continues to play in review of different pieces of legislation necessary to facilitate the much-anticipated reform and transformation in the country;

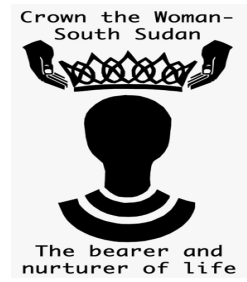
Aware of the tight time line and sacrifice NCAC continues to make in order to deliver on their mandate as commissioned by the Revitalized Agreement on the Resolution of the Conflict in the Republic of South Sudan (R-ARCSS) 2018;

Appreciative of the decision taken by the committee in consideration of the quest by women to reopen the discussions on the two subsections of the act, the women reached consensus on the following as preferred text for amendment of the specific sections of the National Elections Act 2012.

Submission

Section	Original Provision	Preferred Language
Section 60 (2) (b)	Twenty-five percent (25%) of women shall be elected on the basis of proportional representation at the national level from closed party list	Thirty five percent (35%) of total seats in the National Legislative Assembly shall be reserved for women's constituencies, geographically demarcated across the Republic of South Sudan as an affirmative action and shall be elected on basis of first-past-the-post single member constituencies drawing contestants from political parties and independent candidates.
Section 61 (b)	Twenty-five percent (25%) of women shall be elected on the basis of proportional representation at the state level from closed party list	Thirty five percent (35%) of total seats in the State Legislative Assembly shall be reserved for women's constituencies, geographically demarcated across the Republic of South Sudan as an affirmative action and shall be elected on basis of first-past-the-post single member constituencies drawing contestants from political parties and independent candidates.

Endorsed by the following organizations on behalf of South Sudanese Women (See Page 2)



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