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MINISTRY OF HOUSING, LANDS & PUBLIC UTILITIES
CENTRAL EQUATORIA STATE



Legal Advisor's Office

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To: The Chairperson,
Committee on Land-Dispute between Land Owners & UNIMISS
Durupi South (Blocks I & II) in Juba.

Reference to the invitation for a Meeting with the 1st Director General of the State Ministry of Housing, Lands & Public Utilities/Central Equatoria State/Juba dated Wednesday, February 22nd 2023 (attached) by the Committee on Land-Dispute between the Land Owners and UNIMISS at Durupi South, 1st Class (BK I & II) where the Meeting was held successfully.

Fact Findings:

In brief the two Blocks in Durupi South, 1st Class Area belong to the Land Owners who already have Legal Documents. This very Land was requested from Tokiman Community since 2008 to 2009 and the total Area was 2 meters by 2 KM but the Area in question is 2 KM by 1 KM (1st Class) and the Allotment of these Plots were 1st Class and 3rd Class only.

In 2013, the Juba incident happened where many People (Citizens) were Displaced causing Internal Displacement (IDP).

The UNIMISS requested the Government of Central Equatoria State to give them a Land for the (IDPs) to settle for a period of time where the State Ministry of Housing, Lands & Public Utilities/Central Equatoria State/Juba by then State Ministry of Physical Infrastructure/Central Equatoria State/Juba. The Minister was instructed to find a place. As a result of all those communications, the Former Minister, Hon. Jimmy Wongo wrote to UNIMISS allowing them to settle the (IDPs) in Durupi South (Blocks I & II) temporarily for a period of three (03) months only. In actual facts, the Ministry of Housing, Lands & Public Utilities/Central Equatoria State/Juba did not have any agreement with UNIMISS nor re-allot any Plot to UNIMISS but what we know is that UNIMISS was allotted a Land at Durupi Community and it exists until now. Furthermore, there are more 54 People who are right now affected including the UNIMISS/IDPS Voluntary Extension to the 3rd Class Area.

Finally, as per attached Case, Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) Transition of Juba Protection of Civilian Site (POC) (attached) and the (attached) observation of Governor of Central Equatoria State on Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with UNIMISS regarding Transition of the Juba Protection of Civilian Site, (POC).

The Ministry of Housing, Lands & Public Utilities/Central Equatoria State/Juba has no any knowledge about what has been stated.

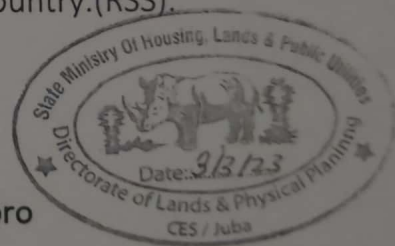
Therefore, the Office of the Legal Advisor in the State Ministry of Housing, Lands & Public Utilities/Central Equatoria State/Juba do hereby recommend the following:-

- 1- A Site Visit has to be conduct by both the State Ministry of Housing, Lands & Public Utilities/Central Equatoria State/ and the Committee on Land Dispute between the Land Owners & UNIMISS including the UNIMISS themselves to detect the Land given to them on Temporarily basis and which Land they Voluntarily entered.
- 2- Since the Plots in question belong to the Land Owners, UNIMISS have to come to agreement or not with the Land Owners and the State Ministry of Housing, Lands & Public Utilities/Central Equatoria State only be a Witness to the two Parties.
- 3- The Committee on Land Dispute between Land-Owners & UNIMISS should come up with strong Resolutions to end up this Land-Dispute to allow the Citizens have their rights as Citizens of this Country.(RSS).

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