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THE PASSING OF THE UGANDAN ANTI-HOMOSEXUALITY BILL 2013

INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY RESPONSE GUIDELINES

Dear Partners, Friends and Allies,

Yesterday Friday 20th December 2013 the Ugandan parliament passed the long contested Anti-Homosexuality Bill after five long years of civil society efforts to obstruct its passing on human rights and constitutional grounds. The whole turn of events took everyone by surprise despite past vigilance with monitoring its progress in parliament.

Faced with this sudden turn of events, we are aware that there are many suggestions and plans as to what to do and in what way to respond on the part of our international partners and allies. The following are therefore substantive guideline points for international response on the passing of the Anti-Homosexuality Bill:

1. Aid cut as a possible punitive measure should be discussed with the government of Uganda behind closed diplomatic doors and out of the glare of the media and the public.
2. Our own stand on aid cut is that we do not support it because of the backlash that might occur on the LGBTI community and the suffering innocent Ugandans will have to endure as a result of the same but we also cannot influence the foreign policies of donor countries whose citizens demand that tax payers money not be sent to countries that do not respect human rights in general.

3. All our partners, local and international are free to issue statements. However please do cross check with us (CSCHRCL) that your facts are correct if you are not sure of them.
4. The CSCHRCL has not yet gotten a hold of the full text of the passed bill since parliament has gone into recess. However we shall follow this response guideline with our own copy which we have put together incorporating the original bill and the recommendations of the Legal and Parliamentary Affairs Committee of Parliament as well as records from parliament on yesterday's proceedings that led to the passing of the bill on the floor of parliament. This we shall use as a working document as we wait for the full text of the newly passed bill.

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