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Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Engages with five Environment and Human rights NGOs Regarding Compensation for Project-Affected Persons by the Karuma Hydropower Dam

The Committee on Environment and Natural Resources is scheduled to meet with a delegation of Non-Governmental organizations working on environment and human rights on Thursday, October 5th, 2023, commencing at 10:00 AM in Parliament.

This meeting has been convened in response to a petition jointly submitted by the NGOs and the Project-Affected Persons (PAPs) from the Karuma Hydropower Dam Project.

The petition, which was initially addressed to the Speaker of Parliament, Right Honourable Annet Anita Among, pertains to several pressing issues concerning the violation of land rights within project-affected communities, militarization, and intimidation.

In their petition to the Honourable Speaker of Parliament, members of the Awoo and Ayuda villages in Karuma district highlighted the urgency of establishing a commission of inquiry to investigate the distressing conditions they have endured since the construction of the Karuma Hydropower Dam, a joint project undertaken by Sino Hydro, a Chinese state-owned hydropower and construction company, and the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development.

The NGOs will engage in a discussion with the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, placing a central emphasis on the reassessment of the population and land census carried out by Energy Infratech (PVT) in 2011. The discussions will also concentrate on the review of the Resettlement Action Plan for the Karuma Hydropower Dam, with a concerted effort to find lasting solutions to the suffering experienced by the affected communities.

This engagement marks a significant milestone in addressing the grievances brought forth by the affected communities and underscores the invaluable contribution of the Parliament of Uganda.

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About the NGO

The NGOs involved in this initiative comprise the following organizations:

- Center for Food and Adequate Living Rights
- The Environment Governance Institute (EGI)
- Friends with Environment in Development
- Witness Radio Uganda
- Africa Institute for Energy Governance (AFIEGO)