

OPEN LETTER TO THE LORD'S RESISTANCE MOVEMENT/ARMY

Dear Chairman and Commander in Chief of the LRM/A,

In August 2006, ISIS-WICCE and the Women's Initiatives for Gender Justice in collaboration with the Uganda Women Lawyers Association the Uganda Human Rights Commission and Local Women organizations held a workshop on Women's Human Rights in Lira, Uganda.

We the Women's peace and Human Rights Activists from North and North-Eastern Uganda attending the Women's Human Rights Workshop in Lira, August 22-24, 2006, call upon the Lord's Resistance Movement/ Army to:

- To be mindful of the suffering of over 1.8 million people in North and North Eastern Uganda who have been internally displaced in camps for over two decades.
- Be fully committed to the ongoing peace talks in Juba in order to reach a successful peace agreement and reconciliation with the people
- End attacks and hostilities including gender based violence against women and girls
- Release all women and children who are under your care/custody in the bush
- Be assured that as mothers we are awaiting your return home. We will welcome you all.

Signed:  24/8/2006

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For and on behalf of the Women Peace Activists of:

- 1. Gulu Women's Organization for peace and Resettlement (GWOPAR)**
- 2. LIRA Women Peace Initiatives (LIWEPI)**
- 3. Kitgum Women's peace Initiative (KIWEPI)**
- 4. Teso Women peace Activists (TEWPA)**
- 5. Youth for the Mission**
- 6. KOKA (Kaberamaido)**
- 7. Representatives of Moslem women**