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To: President of the World Bank

President of European Investment Bank

Directrice de l'Agence Française de developpement

Dear Sir/ Madam

## **<u>RE:</u>** COMPLAINTS AGAINST UNJUST TREATMENT BY KENGEN AND GEOTHERMAL EXPANSION PROJECT.

are aware of the threat that exists on the Keekonyokie living in the area from Olkaria to Suswa. Through the commissioning of Olkaria 1& 11 attests to this, the future of the greater Keekonyokie areas is bleak when the community was forced out without consideration

- 1. Kengen initially claimed that H<sub>2</sub>S is the reason for evicting us because it is poisonous to our health. How is it that kengen is now drilling very close and around the resettlement site? Is this not the same poisonous H<sub>2</sub>S that we are supposedly being moved away from? The council of elders is totally opposed to the new drilling sites around the resettlement site.
- 2. The council of elders is surprised that the Resettlement Action Plan Implementation committee (RAPIC) and Kengen have agreed to resettle the people on 7<sup>th</sup> August 2014 without official land ownership documents. We know this RAP land has a court case, what would be the implication of moving to this land without official documents?
- 3. To date, the MOU between the local community and Kengen has not been fulfilled; yet, already companies have started drilling around the area. Thus as elders, we are worried about any other continued negotiations with Kengen because the MOU signed with our local representatives, the chairmen, has never been honoured and yet they claim to resettle us soon.

With expansion of the geothermal industry, Narasha and many other sites are facing an eviction threat. How is it that the residents of Narasha, also Project

Affected Persons, have not been considered for compensation and subsequent resettlement like the other initial four villages?

- 5. We also call upon you to discuss about the Orjorowa gorge and the Suswa conservancy in which our sacred and cultural sites are located. We remind you the Gorge is listed on the Unesco's world heritage sites tentative list. We fear that geothermal projects are going to destroy this important natural and cultural heritage as well as our livelihood with its expanding activities.
- 6. We are still in fear of the number of houses constructed and yet some deserving project Affected Persons (PAPS) were left out.

With this few items we have brought before you, it is our wish for you to come on the ground so that you can bear witness to all that we are complaining about. Majority of us elders always remain in the village; chairmen who attend the meetings always represent us. We have neither confidence nor the trust of our representatives.

The Council of elders of this community wish to invite the World Bank inspection panel to meet the council of elders of this community.

Yours Faithfully