

Subject: Reference for Kees Hulsman
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Dear Peggy:

First of all, welcome to AUC. I returned to Cairo on 15 August, and am just settling into the place, in spite of the fact that I am beginning my tenth year on the faculty.

I am writing in support of Kees Hulsman's candidacy to teach two courses in the Mass Comm Department. I have known Kees for as long as I have been in Cairo; we both share a long interest in Sudan, and have shared many hours discussing matters there. I have read material written by Kees, and am very familiar with the news service he helped to create which reports on religious issues. Kees has also interviewed me both for radio and print stories he was undertaking. In every instance, I have found Kees to have an agile mind and a keen understanding of events, as well as a ready ability to interpret those events so that others can understand them.

More recently, we considered Kees' interest in the post of researcher in the Forced Migration and Refugee Studies program, however, the stipend we were offering was more along the lines of an honorarium than an income with which one could support a family, otherwise I am sure Kees would have been a strong candidate.

Kees has lived in Egypt for many years, is familiar with the culture and language, and brings academic credentials, as well as "real life" credentials as a journalist. I would think he would be very well suited for a post in your department.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions-- about Kees or anything else in Cairo. I will be happy to do my best to answer them.

All the best

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