

Remarks by H.E. Kofi Annan

**Meeting the press upon arrival to Serena Hotel, Nairobi
Wednesday 16 April shortly after 18:00**

Mr. Annan gave some introductory remarks expressing pleasure at being back in Kenya at a time when a new Government has been formed. There is still a way to go, he said, stressing that there is work to be done and that through the next stage all Kenyans, including the Parliament, must work together. He urged all Kenyans to work with President Kibaki and Prime Minister designate Raila Odinga to “heal and reconcile this great nation”.
[no full transcript]

Mr. Annan took one question on the size of the newly formed Cabinet.

H.E. Kofi Annan: “This is a decision that the two parties have agreed, I know that some would have liked a smaller Cabinet which would have been easier to manage. But what is important is that the two parties have agreed and that is why I am stressing the fact that one has to mould this 40-man Cabinet into an effective, cohesive, and productive team. If they are able to do that, then size will not matter much. Of course, there are cost elements involved but I think that what is important is that they agree and then we can move forward”.
