

# **JOINT STATEMENT BY THE KENYAN NATIONAL DIALOGUE AND RECONCILIATION**

**Nairobi, 1 February 2008**

At its third session held on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2008, under the chairmanship of Mr Kofi Annan, chairman of the panel of Eminent African Personalities, the parties to the Kenyan National Dialogue and Reconciliation, namely the Government of Kenya/Party of National Unity and the Orange Democratic Movement, agreed on the agenda and timetable for the talks.

The agenda contains the following items: Immediate Action to Stop Violence and Restore Fundamental Rights and Liberties; Immediate Measures to Address the Humanitarian Crisis, Promote Reconciliation, Healing and Restoration; How to Overcome the Current Political Crisis; and Long-Term Issues and Solutions.

The parties also agreed on a joint public statement reflecting the agreements reached on specific actions to address agenda item number 1 (Immediate Action to Stop Violence and Restore Fundamental Rights and Liberties). These actions include among others refraining from irresponsible and provocative statements; holding joint meetings to promote peace and tranquility and demobilizing and disbanding illegal armed groups and militia; ensuring freedom of expression, press freedom and the right to peaceful assembly; the impartial, effective and expeditious investigation of all cases of crime and police

brutality and/or excessive use of force; the protection and assistance to the safe return of all internally displaced persons to their homes and places of work.

The parties agreed that the first three agenda items would be resolved within 7 to 15 days from the date the dialogue began on 29 January 2008. The fourth agenda item would be resolved within one year of that date.

The parties will resume work on Monday 4 February, 2008.