

# **PANEL OF EMINENT AFRICAN PERSONALITIES**

## **PRESS RELEASE**

Nairobi, 21 February 2008--Jean Ping, the Chairperson-elect of the African Union Commission, this afternoon paid a courtesy call on Kofi Annan, Chair of the Kenya National Dialogue and Reconciliation, and Benjamin Mkapa, former President of Tanzania.

Both Annan and Mkapa, along with former South African First Lady Graça Machel, are members of the Panel of Eminent African Personalities asked by the African Union to assist Kenya in resolving its post-election crisis.

Mr. Ping came to extend his moral support to the Panel. He discussed with Annan and Mkapa the recent progress made in the Dialogue and explored further possible support that the African Union can offer to the Panel.

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