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**STATEMENT BY CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMISSION**  
**ON THE SITUATION IN KENYA**

The Chairperson of the AU Commission, Alpha Omar Konaré, expresses his concern at the continued impasse between the Kenyan parties over the appointment of the coalition government. The delays in appointing a coalition government will inevitably delay a return to normalcy in Kenya, and is also of concern to the rest of the region.

The Chairperson reiterates the call made by Mr. Kofi Annan, the Chair of the Panel of Eminent African Personalities, that the parties implement the National Accord and Reconciliation Agreement scrupulously.

While the signing of the Agreement on 28 February marked a significant milestone in the peaceful resolution of the Kenyan crisis, its final success is dependent on the full implementation of all aspects of the Agreement by the Kenyan parties. In this regard, the Chairperson calls on President Mwai Kibaki and Hon. Raila Odinga to reach agreement speedily on the number and composition of the government, in accordance with the letter and spirit of the National Accord and Reconciliation Agreement, and to appoint a government that will meet the needs and aspirations of the Kenyan people.

**Addis Ababa, 9 April 2008**