

STATEMENT OF H.E. KOFI ANNAN
ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION OF
INQUIRY ON POST-ELECTION VIOLENCE (CIPEV) &
INDEPENDENT REVIEW COMMISSION (IREC)

I am pleased that President Mwai Kibaki and Prime Minister Raila Odinga have signed an agreement for the implementation of the recommendations of the Commission of Inquiry into Post-Election Violence (CIPEV). The implementation of CIPEV's proposals will go a long way towards ending the culture of impunity and spearheading much-needed institutional reforms in the country. I note that the Parties to the agreement will now prepare and submit to the National Assembly a draft bill for the establishment of the Special Tribunal for Kenya. I trust that the bill will reflect the spirit of CIPEV's proposals and incorporate all its key provisions. I urge Kenya's leaders to redouble their efforts to implement the CIPEV recommendations and to respect the suggested timeline for action.

Equally important is continued progress on electoral reform. In this regard, I am pleased that the National Assembly has passed the Constitution of Kenya Amendment Bill, 2008, setting the stage for the implementation of the crucial reforms recommended by the Independent Review Commission (IREC) on the 2007 elections. Moving forward on the reform agenda is imperative for building a more stable and democratic Kenya.

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