

PRESS STATEMENT

AFRICAN UNION PANEL OF EMINENT AFRICAN PERSONALITIES - KENYA NATIONAL DIALOGUE AND RECONCILIATION

Nairobi, 30 June 2009 - The Dialogue Team of the Kenya National Dialogue and Reconciliation (KNDR) held its second review meeting today on the status of implementation of the KNDR agreements for the period January to April 2009.

The meeting discussed the findings of a report prepared by South Consulting – the research firm designated by the Panel of Eminent African Personalities to undertake independent monitoring and evaluation of the implementation process, with funding provided by the Open Society Institute (OSI).

With regard to Agenda Item One (*Immediate action to stop violence and restore fundamental rights and liberties*), the South report noted that political violence had generally stopped, but that gang or criminal violence and resource-based conflict had been on the increase. The report argued that the gains in the enjoyment of rights and freedoms made between 2003 and 2007 needed to be effectively guarded, as they provided a firm foundation for the development of the country.

On Agenda Item Two (*Immediate measures to address the humanitarian crisis, promote reconciliation and healing*), the South report found that the Government's resettlement programme had assisted Internally-Displaced Persons (IDPs) to return to their home areas and a humanitarian fund had helped them to re-establish their lives. However, many IDPs continued to live in "transit" camps, where they had no access to services. The report also indicated that Peace and Reconciliation Committees had been established in areas that had been affected by the post-election violence, and healing efforts had witnessed an increased involvement of local and national politicians.

Regarding Agenda Item Three (*How to overcome the political crisis*), the South report suggested that, while the parties continued to share Cabinet positions in line with the power-sharing agreement, divisions between the two coalition partners had deepened, leading to disillusionment among the citizenry. It further noted that while the establishment of the Permanent Committee on the Management of Coalition Affairs was a good attempt at resolving disputes, the Committee had not yet been used effectively.

Turning to Agenda Item Four (*Long-term issues and solutions*), the South report concluded that the establishment of the Committee of Experts on the constitutional review process had marked an important step towards achieving many of the agreed-upon reforms. However, it also suggested that ongoing conflicts within the Coalition Government could undermine both the speed and nature of the general reform efforts.

The report also reviewed the status of implementation of the recommendations of the Independent Review Commission on the 2007 elections (IREC) and the Commission of

Inquiry into the Post-Election Violence (CIPEV). The report, which covers the period January through April 2009, will be made available to the public as soon as possible.

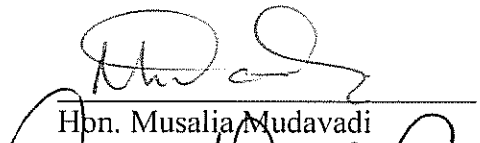
At today's review meeting, the Dialogue Team took note of the findings of South's report and acknowledged that more needed to be done to move the country forward.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the members of the Dialogue Team agreed to forward the report to the Permanent Committee on the Management of Coalition Affairs.

The next meeting of the Dialogue Team to review the implementation process is scheduled for mid-July 2009.

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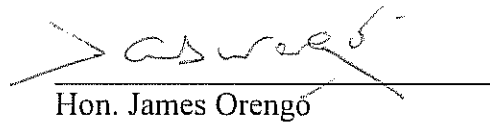
Signed on this day 30th June 2009:



Hon. Musalia Mudavadi

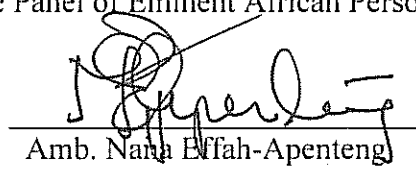


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