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PRESS STATEMENT

1 October 2009, Nairobi -- The Chair of the AU Panel of Eminent African Personalities, former UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan, is planning to visit Nairobi from 4-7 October 2009 to assess the status of implementation of the agreements reached during the Kenya National Dialogue and Reconciliation (KNDR) process, particularly the reforms under Agenda Item Four. Mr. Annan looks forward to holding discussions with the two principals, President Mwai Kibaki and Prime Minister Raila Odinga, as well as the members of the Dialogue Team and other political leaders. During his visit, he also intends to exchange views with representatives of civil society, including religious leaders and the business community, and other stakeholders in Kenya regarding the reform process. Mr. Annan last visited Kenya in October 2008, when he received, on behalf of the Panel, the final report of the Commission of Inquiry into the Post-Election Violence (CIPEV).

A press conference will be held at the conclusion of the visit. To register interest in attending the press conference, members of the media should e-mail robert.watkinson@portlandpr.co.uk with their full contact details.

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