

PRESS STATEMENT

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

Nairobi, 30 January 2009 - The Dialogue Team of the Kenya National Dialogue and Reconciliation (KNDR) met today at the Serena to review the status of implementation of the KNDR agreements.

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. South's progress report will be made available to the public as soon as possible.

The Dialogue Team assessed progress and constraints under the four agenda items of the KNDR, namely:

- 1) Immediate action to stop violence and restore fundamental rights and liberties
- 2) Immediate measures to address the humanitarian crisis, promote reconciliation and healing
- 3) How to overcome the political crisis
- 4) Long-term issues and solutions (including constitutional, legal and institutional reform; tackling poverty, inequity and regional development imbalances; tackling unemployment, particularly among the youth; consolidating national cohesion and unity; undertaking land reform; and addressing transparency, accountability and impunity).

The meeting also reviewed the status of implementation of the recommendations of the Independent Review Commission (IREC) and the Commission of Inquiry into the Post-Election Violence (CIPEV).

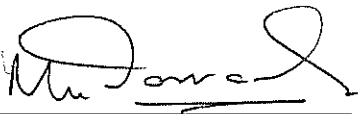
The Dialogue Team noted that progress had been made in some areas but felt more dynamic and concerted effort was required to achieve the KNDR's objectives in a timely fashion, particularly as regards governance, the fight against corruption and putting an end to impunity, in order to meet the high expectations of the Kenyan people.

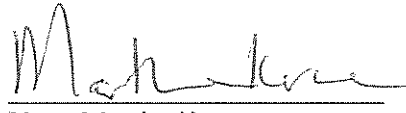
At the conclusion of the meeting, the members of the Dialogue Team agreed to redouble their efforts to work with their colleagues in Cabinet and the National Assembly to ensure more effective implementation of the KNDR agreements, particularly the reform agenda, and to restore the public's confidence in the Coalition Government.

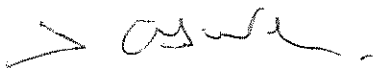
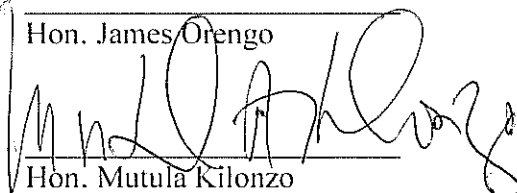
The next meeting of the Dialogue Team to review the implementation process is scheduled for late April 2009.

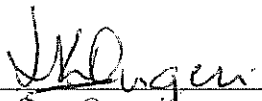
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