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**STATEMENT BY H.E. MR. KOFI ANNAN, CHAIR OF THE PANEL OF EMINENT
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I welcome the most recent judicial appointments announced yesterday by His Excellency Mwai Kibaki, President of the Republic of Kenya.

Upon assuming office, the new incumbents will take on responsibility for guiding and facilitating much of the justice reforms contemplated in the new Constitution. I wish them well.

The appointments to these senior positions usher in a new era of judicial dispensation in Kenya. The expectations of the people are high. Kenya wants to see a fully independent, accountable and efficient justice system. These new appointments are a positive sign that reform in this sector is irreversibly underway.

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Note to Editors

The Panel of Eminent African Personalities, which is chaired by H.E. Kofi Annan, was established by the African Union in January, 2008. The other members of the Panel are H.E. Benjamin Mkapa and Mrs. Graça Machel.