



PANEL OF EMINENT AFRICAN PERSONALITIES

STATEMENT BY THE AFRICAN UNION PANEL OF EMINENT AFRICAN PERSONALITIES

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The African Union Panel of Eminent African Personalities would like to warmly congratulate the National Assembly for passing the draft Constitution on 1 April 2010. The Panel welcomes, in particular, the strong show of support in Parliament for the draft from the President and Prime Minister.

By supporting the draft constitution, Kenya's elected representatives have demonstrated their commitment to fundamental legal and political reform in Kenya. They have also shown that despite differing views, they can unite to help deliver a better future for all Kenyans.

The Panel asks all stakeholders to support the constitutional review process until its conclusion and come together in ensuring that an important component of Kenya's reform agenda is fulfilled.

A new constitution is within Kenya's grasp. The outcome is now in the hands of the people of Kenya. The Panel, therefore, urges all Kenyans to seize this opportunity and make their voices heard in the coming referendum.

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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.

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