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**PANEL OF EMINENT AFRICAN PERSONALITIES**

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**Statement issued by Mr. Kofi Annan, Chairman of the  
African Union Panel of Eminent African Personalities**

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Mr. Kofi Annan, Chairman of the African Union Panel of Eminent African Personalities, notes with deep concern the divergent positions of the two Principals regarding the recently announced nominations by the President for the posts of Chief Justice, Attorney-General, Director of Public Prosecutions, and Controller of Budget.

Mr. Annan recalls that the new Constitution of Kenya which came into effect on 27 August, 2010, continues the National Accord and Reconciliation Act, 2008, which enshrines the principle of collaboration between the President and Prime Minister.

“In line with the spirit of the Constitution, the two Principals should work together through a transparent mechanism of consultations, as required by the Constitution. I therefore urge the Principals to make every effort to solve the current impasse, and give this important beginning of true judicial reform, a solid foundation.”

“The Kenyan people have justifiably placed great hope in the Constitution and its promise for creating more transparent and accountable leadership throughout the government, especially as provided for in Chapter 6 of the Constitution. I urge the two Principals to reaffirm their commitment to democratic principles, the rule of law, and the full and faithful implementation of the Constitution and the broader reform agenda. This would give confidence to the people of Kenya that the fight against impunity will continue unabated.”

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