

## GOVERNMENT STATEMENT:

### GOVERNMENT CHANGES TEMPO ON ITS FIGHT AGAINST CORRUPTION

In the recent past, statements have been made which put to doubt the commitment of this Government to fighting corruption.

While we appreciate the robust way Kenyans have shown their outrage to any perception of corruption, some of the utterances and allegations have become exceedingly outrageous.

This Government upholds the right of Kenyans to express themselves democratically, but we have to caution sections of the media and politicians not to engage in any actions that threaten the peace and stability of our country.

Lately we have seen sections of the media and politicians cast aspersions on the integrity on the person of President Kibaki, a person whose untainted record speaks for itself.

For nearly 50 years of public service, President Mwai Kibaki's personal integrity has been beyond reproach and has never been questioned.

These unwarranted and unprecedented attacks are malicious falsehoods that are an attack on the person and character of the President and undermine the institution of the Presidency.

These falsehoods are highly actionable and we believe the Attorney General has taken note.

For avoidance of any doubt about this Government's commitment to the fight against corruption, it has been decided that the tempo of pursuit of prosecution and restitution will immediately be heightened.

The Government will move expeditiously to fast track all cases of perceived corruption. These include:

- Pending Audit queries by the Public Accounts and Public Investment Committees;
- All the culpable actions reported in the report of the Ndung'u Commission;



Ministers Henry Obwocha, Martha Karua, Mukhisa Kituyi, Gideon Konchellah and Mutahi Kagwe during the Press briefing at Harambee House

- Release and action on the report of the Goldenberg Commission;
- Anglo Leasing and
- Any other cases of perceived corruption will be dealt with expeditiously.

Over the coming days we will keep you abreast of all the actions the Government is undertaking.

**18:00 HRS - East African Time**

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