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Okonjo-Iweala, Obiageli Katryn Ezekwesili, Vera Songwe  
Subject Kenya - Fourth Update on discussions of January 2, 2008

Dear Bob,

On behalf of Oby, please find attached the fourth update - prepared by Colin Bruce our CD in Nairobi - on the Kenya situation as of cob today. Before the end of the day we will also send you the requested one-pager on the Bank activities in Kenya and how they help address governance concerns and reflect a different way of doing business (ref. to the FT Op-Ed).

regards, Hart

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LET THE WIND BEND YOU BUT NOT BREAK YOU (Chewa Proverb)

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cc Ngozi N. Okonjo-Iweala, Obiageli Katryn Ezekwesili, Marie-H.  
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Subject Kenya - Update on discussions today



Dear Hart,

Per your request, here are a few bullets updating you on ongoing negotiations toward finding a solution to the crisis in Kenya.

- After the shock of the violence earlier this week, multiple political and diplomatic initiatives were launched. This created several layers and silos for debate and negotiation, complicated decision making, and caused jockeying among participants for access and influence. Meanwhile, the suffering of the poorest Kenyans intensified due to violence, displacement and hunger, and the economic impact on Kenya and its neighbors began to bite. This morning, Museveni called Kibaki to urge him to find a solution because of the emerging shortage of fuel in Uganda (which receives its supplies through Kenya).
- Kibaki and Odinga decided to streamline negotiations by appointing two trusted apolitical confidants

to negotiate directly on their behalf. Apart from making the process more efficient, it also eliminated some hard-liners on both sides. Yesterday, I was asked to act as a neutral facilitator, and to provide a safe neutral 'space' for meetings. We agreed that these discussions would be held away from the public spotlight and that we would be in the background completely.

- Today we met for about 10 intense hours, with breaks for the emissaries to consult their principals directly. We focused on the modalities of negotiation and the broad parameters of a 'deal'— (a) stopping the violence, (b) recount of the presidential vote, (c) interim government of national unity, and (d) possible role of development partners in the way forward. When we ended this evening, we had agreed on (a) the outline of the joint statement by Odinga and Kibaki; (b) practical steps to end the violence; (c) possible ways to postpone, without losing face, a huge opposition rally planned for Nairobi for tomorrow Jan 3 (but not authorized by the Government). This is a critical issue and it has not been fully resolved. The emissaries are now consulting with their principals and will report back at 7.00 am when our discussions resume; (d) assigned responsibilities for various additional tasks, including drafting a joint donor statement calling for resolution, and for tapping expert advice on some technical issues.
- Interestingly, by this evening, Odinga's team volunteered that they would prefer not to have a recount of the presidential vote (which further confirms the mounting evidence that they are quite vulnerable on this point). Both sides are opting to involve eminent Africans in a judicial review process but are heaping scorn on international observers—one side feels misrepresented by the EU observers; the other side sees those who are unfamiliar with the country context as far too gullible. This is their characterization, not mine.
- I must emphasize that these negotiations are a work in progress and subject to change. If we are unable to stop tomorrow's rally and there is violence, it could set us back considerably. Because all this is quite fluid and sensitive, I would greatly appreciate if further distribution of this email is strictly limited.

Regards.

Colin