

KENYA NATIONAL DIALOGUE AND RECONCILIATION

PRESS STATEMENT

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Nairobi, 9 February 2008 - The Chair of the Panel of Eminent African Personalities, Kofi Annan, is concerned about certain reports in the media today regarding the status of talks within the Kenyan National Dialogue and Reconciliation.

He wishes to reiterate his public appeal of yesterday that while the talks are making progress, they have not yet come to a definite conclusion and so he urges the public to be patient until agreement can be reached next week.

"In negotiations," he said, "a deal is not done until it is done. I had urged all parties to refrain from making statements to the public on sensitive matters under discussion." "All must understand," he went on, "that selective leaks in the middle of negotiations are not to anyone's benefit."

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