

KENYA NATIONAL DIALOGUE AND RECONCILIATION

PRESS STATEMENT

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Nairobi, 13 February 2008 -- The Panel was pleased with the open and frank debate and leadership displayed by the Members of Parliament in the Kamukunji Parliamentary Session yesterday. The exchange served to highlight the strong support for the Kenya National Dialogue and Reconciliation.

Unfortunately, it appears that one of the parties may have misunderstood remarks made during the Question and Answer period in reference to the possible "grand coalition" which could oversee reforms within 2 years, followed by Presidential elections. This was discussed this morning with the parties and was clarified.

The Chairman's statement that a "grand coalition" is a possibility to manage the reform process within a two-year period represents his perspective on the discussions, and does not imply a formal agreement between the two parties. The parties continue to work constructively and are making good progress.

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