

PRESS STATEMENT BY H.E. KOFI ANNAN

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Good evening, ladies and gentlemen.

I'm pleased to announce that the two teams, those of the Government/PNU and the ODM, today agreed on nine immediate measures to address the humanitarian crisis, and another nine measures to promote reconciliation, healing and restoration.

We will make the full text of the agreement available to you, but let me give you a few of the highlights:

On the humanitarian crisis, the parties agreed:

To assist and encourage displaced persons to go back to their homes or other areas and to have safe passage and security throughout.

To augment current efforts at providing basic services for displaced people, including food, water, sanitation and shelter both to those in camps and those in affected communities; to provide medical assistance with special focus on women, children and people living with HIV and AIDS in displaced camps; and to ensure that all children have access to education.

To expeditiously operationalise the Humanitarian Fund for Mitigation of Effects and Resettlement of Victims of Post-2007 Election Violence by establishing a bi-partisan, multi-sectoral Board with streamlined procedures to disburse funds rapidly.

On promoting reconciliation, healing and restoration, they agreed that:

Joint peace rallies should be convened by all leaders of parties to promote peace and reconciliation.

All-inclusive Reconciliation and Peacebuilding Committees should be established. These committees should involve the provincial administration, council of elders, women, the youth and conflict resolution/civil society organizations.

A Truth, Justice and Reconciliation Commission that includes local and international jurists should be established.

The United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights investigatory team should be welcomed and encouraged.

In addition, the teams request the Speaker of Parliament to urgently convene a meeting of all members in informal session so that the Committee has the opportunity to inform Parliament of the progress of the National Dialogue and Reconciliation.

They ask the Panel of Eminent African Personalities to provide periodic joint briefings to His Excellency Mwai Kibaki and the Honorable Raila Odinga.

Regarding implementation of these resolutions, the teams recommend weekly progress reports on implementation to be made to the Committee by the relevant parties or institutions.

I want to thank etc.