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Concerned Citizens for Peace and Peacenet welcomes breakthrough on the political representation by ODM and PNU

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Concerned Citizens for Peace and the Peace and development Network warmly welcomes this agreement by PNU and ODM under the leadership of the Chairperson of the African Union H.E. Jakaya Kikwete and H.E. Kofi Annan, Chief Moderator of the Kenya National Dialogue and Reconciliation Team. Reflecting the mood of millions of Kenyans and friends of Kenya, Chairperson of the Concerned Citizens for Peace **Ms. Dekha Ibrahim said, “Concerned Citizens for Peace welcomes the agreement by PNU and ODM on political representation in the next Government. This is not only a light at the end of the tunnel but possibly also, the end of the tunnel itself!”**

Concerned Citizens for Peace and Peacenet also calls on the two parties PNU and ODM as well as the appropriate arms of Government to implement the other agreements reached by the Kenya National Dialogue and Reconciliation Team. **Dr. George Wachira, a Convenor of CCP argues, “This political agreement must be seen as part of a package. It is a package that reaffirms the rights for all Kenyans to enjoy their fundamental freedoms – the right to life, property and freedom from fear and discrimination. We must also seek implementation of the Agreements of February 1, 4 and 15th. To do less, will be an injustice to the hundreds who have died and the hundreds of thousand who have been displaced.”**

The Agreements of February 1, 4 and 15 have enshrined commitments to end violence, humanitarian assistance and an independent investigation into the General Elections. The agreements task law enforcement agencies and other executive bodies, parliament, civil society and the media to act.

Both Peacenet and Concerned Citizens for Peace have worked with Kenyans since January 1st to stop the violence, promote peace and reconciliation and restore justice, alongside religious groups, humanitarian organisations and the private sector to bring the political parties together to dialogue. **“We urge them to immediately agree on an implementation plan and benchmarks on how to realise the Agreements. We further urge the parties to immediately follow up with constituency and local level meetings with their supporters to explain the agreements”, Francis Nguli, Director of Peacenet added.**

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