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Press statement issued by the Government of Kenya

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1. His Excellency Hon. Mwai Kibaki, CGH, MP, President and Commander-in-Chief of Kenya Defence Forces of the Republic of Kenya held cordial and fruitful discussions with the President of the Assembly of the State Parties of the International Criminal Court, Mr. Christian Wenaweser. The meeting was attended by Hon. Mutula Kilonzo, Minister for Justice and Constitutional Affairs; Hon. James Orengo, Minister for Lands; Hon. Amos Wako, the Attorney General; and Hon. Richard Onyonka, Assistant Minister for Foreign Affairs.
2. The President of the Assembly of the State Parties of the International Criminal Court expressed his appreciation of Kenya's continued cooperation with the ICC including the enactment of enabling and implementing legislation which is the International Crime Act.
3. The President of the Assembly further acknowledged that the country has a new constitution and is already at an advanced stage in the enactment of enabling legislation for the reform of the Judiciary and the Police Service as well as the establishment of Independent Commissions to ensure high standards of governance and the rule of law.
4. His Excellency the President of the Republic of Kenya reiterated that Kenya is still a Member of State Parties to the Rome Statute. Kenya has taken and will continue to implement measures to establish national judicial mechanisms to deal with and try post-election violence suspects within the framework of the Constitution of Kenya and the Rome Statute under the principle complementarity.
5. The Government has prepared Bills including the Judicial Service Bill 2011, the Vetting of Judges and Magistrates Bill 2011, and for Bills to be tabled in Parliament to reform the Judiciary, the Police and the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions.
6. His Excellency the President of the Republic of Kenya assured H.E. Christian Wenaweser that actions that have been taken by the Government in respect of post-election violence are fully in compliance with Rome Statute.
7. The meeting also acknowledged that pursuit of justice should be seen in the context of peace, national cohesion, reconciliation and respect for national dignity and sovereignty.

Dated at Nairobi, 28th January 2011