

**Resolutions & Communiqué
From The Public Forum
Held at the Kenyatta International Conference Centre in
Nairobi
On June 25, 2008
On the Tragic Developments in
Zimbabwe**

We the representatives of the Government, political parties, civil society and the public of Kenya;

Having gathered at the Kenyatta International Conference Centre in Nairobi on Wednesday, June 25, 2008 to deliberate on the escalating political, economic, social and security crisis in Zimbabwe;

Having affirmed our unity and solidarity with the people of Zimbabwe;

Cognizant of the consensus of African and World Opinion expressing serious concerns on the tragic and deteriorating situation in Zimbabwe;

Desirous of entrenching democracy, peace, sustainable development and national healing in Zimbabwe do make the following resolutions:

RESOLUTIONS:

1. The government and people of Kenya stand in solidarity with the people of Zimbabwe as they struggle for democracy, peace and development.
2. The people and government of Kenya demand the postponement of elections in Zimbabwe until conditions are created that will enable free and fair elections - in the event that the run off proceeds under the current conditions, the Kenya government and its people shall not recognize a leadership under a flawed process;
3. We condemn the blatant violations of human rights and demand that Robert Gabriel Mugabe and ZANU-PF take immediate steps to end the campaign of state terror and violence against peaceful, democracy seeking people of Zimbabwe;
4. We call for the immediate release of Tendai Biti MP and Secretary General of the MDC and the party's chief mediator; all MDC leaders, lawyers arrested because of their defense of political, constitutional and human rights freedoms and all other Zimbabweans currently languishing in prison on trumped up charges;

5. We condemn the gagging of the media, the harassment and repression of journalists in Zimbabwe and demand that the illegitimate Mugabe regime immediately restore the freedom of the press, freedom of expression and other fundamental rights;
6. We support the efforts of the African Union to broker peace and foster democratic development in Zimbabwe but call for change of approach. Specifically we call upon the AU and its member states:
 - a) Not to recognize Robert Gabriel Mugabe's illegitimate presidency;
 - b) Declare the purported run off scheduled for June 27, 2008 as illegal, illegitimate and inconsequential;
 - c) Note that the Zimbabwe Electoral Commission is discredited and should be reconstituted for a fresh election;
 - d) Take decisive action to intervene in the Zimbabwe crisis up to and including the "Anjuan Option";
 - e) Send in a peace-keeping force to stop the spate of violence, atrocities, especially crimes against humanity;
 - f) Replace President Mbeki from spearheading the negotiations because of his overt bias towards Mugabe and dismal failure to oversee a credible mediation process.
7. The AU must take immediate steps to adequately address the human rights and humanitarian crisis in Zimbabwe among them:
 - a) Put together a major regional fact-finding mission on gross human rights violations; with special attention to questions of sexual violence and abrogation of the rights of women and children;
 - b) Call upon the Peace & Security Council of the AU to hold an urgent and special session on Zimbabwe;
 - c) Demand for the postponement of the run off election of the 27th June, 2008.
8. The people and government of Kenya are fully behind the recent UN Security Council unprecedented and unanimous decision to censure the Mugabe regime's anti-democratic determination to hold fraudulent elections in a climate of fear and intimidation as he holds the people of Zimbabwe at ransom;
9. We call upon and encourage the victors and the losers in the March 29 elections in Zimbabwe to embrace dialogue in order to work out a framework for a sustainable democratic transition on the basis of electoral results, truth and justice;

10. We pledge to use all democratic methods to protest the human rights violations and repressive policies of the discredited Mugabe-ZANU PF regime And we will take all steps within the law to promote the human rights, political freedoms and peace in Zimbabwe;
11. We reaffirm our solidarity and support for Zimbabwean IDPs inside the country and Zimbabwean refugees and exiles outside the country. In this connection we call upon the AU member states to make special provisions for any Zimbabwean asylum seekers and refugee claimants seeking protection anywhere within the continent.
12. We call upon the international community to impose targeted sanctions on Mugabe, and his coterie both in government and ZANU PF and their immediate families by:
 - a. Revoking and or denying visas of any kind;
 - b. Freeze their assets anywhere in the world;
 - c. Hold Mugabe culpable for the violent use and abuse of Zimbabwean youth in perpetrating violence, crimes against humanity, repression and economic sabotage in the country;
 - d. The International Criminal Court (ICC) should institute investigations against Mugabe for crimes against humanity.
13. We condemn all the world leaders and states that are coddling and condoning the pariah Mugabe regime while African citizens in that country are dying and languishing in Mugabe's dungeons;
14. We call upon all democracy seeking human rights defenders around the world to pitch camp outside the diplomatic missions of Zimbabwe around the world on Friday June 27th, 2008 in solidarity with the people of Zimbabwe;

Signed for the Government of Kenya;

Rt. Hon. Raila Amolo Odinga, Prime Minister of Kenya
Hon. Moses Wetangula, MP, Minister for Foreign Affairs

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