

RESOLUTIONS
Women Leaders Kenya 15 February 2008

We resolve to work towards holding our Nation together as women and in particular make the following recommendations;

1. Kenyans must expose what is being planned in their backyards and refuse to aid and abet by turning a deaf ear to any efforts made towards hurting our people.
2. All displaced people must be treated equally.
3. Peace committees must be initiated in the constituencies and locations and the existing ones encouraged and women and youth must participate.
4. Kenyans need information to enable them understand the processes that are taking place and their part in the country in order to make informed decisions.
5. The media should support the mediation and healing and reconciliation process by portraying balanced and positive views.

On the ongoing mediation process, it is recommended as follows;

1. That the voice of the women has not been taken into the national mediation process other than the women involved as parties and mediators in the process. It is important that the mothers of the Nation are heard in terms of how the current crisis should be dealt with.
2. Therefore, women demand the opportunity to make the representation to the WHOLE MEDIATION Team so that they can hear the pain of the women and of the whole nation.
3. It is also a major concern that documents emerging from the on going mediation talks are not being made available to the women and the people of Kenya. It is imperative that the same should be done through publication and circulation.
4. The decisions of mediation team will affect and determine our lives. Women must participate in any decisions made prior to the signing of the same.

At the Political level,

1. There appears to be an assumption on the part of political leaders that things are normal around the country. This is far from the truth. We therefore demand an end to violence and harassment as a priority so that children can go to school and business can resume.
2. We refuse to witness the death or suffering of any one more Kenyan. We are a country that is proud of our energies and focus and we refuse to be disorganized again.
3. Peaceful Co-existence for ALL Kenyans has been compromised and yet we had done so for 40 years so we must hold our Nation together by preaching and acting the peace message. Parents must preach Kenyanism and promote peace at home.

Media Level :

The vernacular media stations continue to use destructive language that inflames tensions and encourages tribalism. Women recommend that there should be directives to promote peace or ace stiff penalties.

We recognize that our country must consider Political and legal solutions in order to have sustainable peace and we therefore recommend the following;

1. Political Settlement to include frame work for wholesome constitutional reform that is time bound
2. Election Closure: We need a process to determine the truth about the Presidential elections
3. The short term political solution must secure Affirmative action for the women, youth and the marginalized.
4. Political Solutions must be secured within interim constitutional amendment.

5. Power sharing must be done both horizontally and vertically through a transitional government. The said measures must be for a time bound period.
6. That a Truth , Justice , Reconciliation Commission to be set up within the interim framework.
7. Re-settlement of the displaced people must be secured in the short term
8. That the land question be settled in the medium term period whether by constitutional solutions or by revised land law/ policy