



The Constitution and Reform Education Consortium - CRECO

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Press Release

ATT: News Editor/Head of News

The Onus is now on the President to Ask Hon. Kenyatta and Amb. Francis Muthaura to Resign

Following the just concluded Confirmation Hearings at the International Criminal Court (ICC) against the Ocampo Six, the Constitution and Reform Education Consortium, (CRECO) while

Remembering the more than 1300 people who lost their lives in the politically instigated violence after the 2007/2008 bungled elections

Concerned about the numerous Kenyan's still living in desolation in IDP camps whom the government has not resettled

Recognising the impact of the ICC ruling on impunity;

Reiterating our unwavering support for a local tribunal to supplement the ICC process

Recognising the Constitution of Kenyan, 2010 and especially Chapter Six on Leadership and Integrity,

Wish to communicate as follows:

CRECO appreciates the ruling and we congratulate the ICC judges, led by Judge Ekaterina Trendafilova, for upholding the rule of law and being professional in their Judgement. We are especially aware and uphold the presumption of innocence of the suspects.

While recognising their right to appeal this ruling, CRECO identifies the need suspects to respect this ruling and to refrain from issuing disparaging comments aimed at dividing this

country. We would like them to allow the due process of law to take place as provided in the Rome Statute, to which Kenya is a signatory.

We call upon the President to require of both the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance, Honourable Uhuru Kenyatta and the Head of Civil Service Ambassador Francis Muthaura to resign from their positions in the Executive, in respect to Chapter Six, Article 73 (1) (a) which states that: *An authority assigned to a State officer...is a public trust to be exercised in a manner that –*

(iii) brings honour to the Nation and dignity to the office; and

(iv) promotes public confidence in the integrity of the office;

Indeed, precedence has been set in this country on the matter of resigning - today Honourable Henry Kosgey is still suspended as the Minister for Industrialisation for criminal related crimes and abuse of office.

In the event that they do not resign, the President in consultation with the Prime Minister has the duty to protect public office by relieving them of their duties. The onus is now upon the president to do the necessary.

Lastly, we call upon Kenyans to uphold the rule of law, live in peace and harmony as this country prepares for the next General Elections in 2012/2013. On this, Kenyans should be led by values as provided for in Article 10 and Chapter Six of the Constitution.

We call upon Kenyans to respect, uphold and defend our Constitution.

Signed

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For and on Behalf of CRECO