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Country/entity Kenya

Region Africa (excl MENA)

Agreement name Kenya National Dialogue and Reconciliation - Truth, Justice and Reconciliation

Commission

Date 4 Mar 2008

Agreement status Multiparty signed/agreed

Interim Yes

arrangement

Agreement/conflict Intrastate/intrastate conflict

level

Kenyan Post-Electoral Violence (2007 - 2008)

The conflict emerged as post-election violence. After the incumbent President Kibaki was declared the winner of the Kenyan presidential elections in December 2007, complaints of fraud and a structural disadvantage affecting his competitor Raila Odinga lead to outbreaks of severe ethno-political violence. After the first incidents in the Rift Valley region, mainly directed against the Kikuyu ethnic group – the traditional powerbase of Kibaki – the fighting spread to the cities of Nairobi and Mombasa. After two months, Kibaki and Odinga agreed on a power-sharing agreement that granted Odinga the post as a Prime Minister and ended the violence.

Close

Kenyan Post-Electoral Violence (2007 - 2008)

Stage Framework/substantive - partial

Conflict nature Government

Peace process Kenya peace process

Parties On behalf of Government/PNU:

- Hon. Martha Karua- Hon. Sam Ongeri- Hon. Mutula Kilonzo- Hon. Moses Wetang'ula

On behalf of ODM:

- Hon. Musalia Mudavadi- Hon. William Ruto- Hon. James Orengo- Hon. Sally Kosgei

Third parties - Witnessed by:

For the Panel of Eminent African Personalities, H.E. Oluyemi Adeniji, Session Chair

Description This agreement provides for the implementation of a Truth and Reconciliation

Commission. It defines its general parameters.

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Groups

Children/youth No specific mention.

Disabled persons No specific mention.

Elderly/age No specific mention.

Migrant workers No specific mention.

Racial/ethnic/

national group

No specific mention.

Religious groups No specific mention.

Indigenous people No specific mention.

Other groups No specific mention.

Refugees/displaced Groups→Refugees/displaced persons→Substantive

persons Page 1, General Parameters:

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these relate to conflict or violence.

Social class No specific mention.

Gender

Women, girls and

Page 2, Guiding Principles:

gender

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The Commission will consist of seven members, with gender balance taken into account.

Men and boys

No specific mention.

LGBTI

No specific mention.

Family

No specific mention.

State definition

Nature of state

No specific mention.

(general)

State configuration No specific mention.

Self determination No specific mention.

Referendum No specific mention.

State symbols No specific mention.

Independence/ secession No specific mention.

Accession/ unification

No specific mention.

Border delimitation No specific mention.

Cross-border

No specific mention.

provision

Governance

Political Governance→Political institutions (new or reformed)→General references

institutions (new or Page 2, Guiding Principles:

reformed)

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Appropriate powers: The Commission shall be given powers of investigation, including

the right to call persons to speak with the Commission, and powers to make

recommendations that shall be considered and implemented by the government or others. These recommendations may include measures to advance community or national reconciliation; institutional or other reforms, or whether any persons should be

held to account for past acts.

Elections No specific mention.

Electoral commission

No specific mention.

Political parties reform

No specific mention.

Civil society No specific mention.

Traditional/ religious leaders

No specific mention.

administration

Public

No specific mention.

Constitution

No specific mention.

Power sharing

Political power

sharing

No specific mention.

Territorial power

sharing

No specific mention.

Economic power

sharing

No specific mention.

Military power

sharing

No specific mention.

Human rights and equality

Human rights/RoL general

Human rights/RoL Page 1, General Parameters:

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Page 2, Guiding Principles:

The Commission will reflect the following principles and guidelines, taking into account international standards and best practices:

Page 2, Selection and Composition:

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In keeping with international best practices, and to ensure broad public trust in and ownership of the process of seeking the truth, the national members of the Commission shall

be chosen through a consultative process.

Bill of rights/similar No specific mention.

Treaty

No specific mention.

incorporation

Civil and political rights

No specific mention.

Socio-economic

No specific mention.

rights

Rights related issues

Citizenship No specific mention.

Democracy No specific mention.

Detention procedures

No specific mention.

Media and communication

No specific mention.

Mobility/access No specific mention.

Protection measures

No specific mention.

Other No specific mention.

Rights institutions

NHRI No specific mention.

Regional or international human rights

institutions

No specific mention.

Justice sector reform

Criminal justice and No specific mention. **emergency law**

State of emergency No specific mention. **provisions**

Judiciary and

No specific mention.

courts

Prisons and detention

No specific mention.

Traditional Laws

No specific mention.

Socio-economic reconstruction

Development or

No specific mention.

socio-economic reconstruction

National economic No specific mention.

plan

Natural resources No specific mention.

International funds Page 2, Guiding Principles:

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Financial support: The Parties encourage strong financial support to the Commission. It is expected that the Government of Kenya will provide a significant portion of the Commission's budget. Other funding may be obtained by the Commission from donors,

foundations, or other independent sources.

Business No specific mention.

Taxation No specific mention.

Banks No specific mention.

Land, property and environment

Land reform/rights Land, property and environment→Land reform/rights→Property return and restitution

Page 1, General Parameters:

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Pastoralist/

No specific mention.

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Cultural heritage

No specific mention.

Environment

No specific mention.

Water or riparian

rights or access

No specific mention.

Security sector

Security Guarantees

No specific mention.

Ceasefire

No specific mention.

Police

No specific mention.

Armed forces No specific mention.

DDR No specific mention.

Intelligence

services

No specific mention.

Parastatal/rebel and opposition group forces

No specific mention.

Withdrawal of foreign forces

No specific mention.

Corruption

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Crime/organised

crime

No specific mention.

Drugs No specific mention.

Terrorism No specific mention.

Transitional justice

Transitional justice No specific mention.

general

Amnesty/pardon Transitional justice→Amnesty/pardon→Amnesty/pardon proper

Page 1, General Parameters:

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No blanket amnesty will be provided for past crimes. Individual amnesty may be recommended by the Commission in exchange for the full truth, provided that serious international crimes (crimes against humanity, war crimes, or genocide) are not amnestied, nor persons who bear the greatest responsibility for crimes covered by the

Commission.

Courts No specific mention.

Mechanism [Summary: This agreement provides for the implementation of a Truth and

Reconciliation Commission. It defines its general parameters.]

Prisoner release No specific mention.

Vetting No specific mention.

Victims Page 1, General Parameters:

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The Commission shall receive statements from victims, witnesses, communities, interest groups, persons directly or indirectly involved in events, or any other group or individual; undertake investigations and research; hold hearings; and engage in activities as it determines to advance national or community reconciliation. The Commission may offer confidentiality to persons upon request, in order to protect individual privacy or security, or for other reasons. The Commission shall solely determine whether its hearings shall be held in public or in camera.

Missing persons No specific mention.

Reparations No specific mention.

Reconciliation Page 1, Background: Recalling the 14 February 2008 agreement by the Parties for a Truth,

Justice and Reconciliation Commission, and in a spirit of reconciliation and national

healing;

The Parties to the Kenyan National Dialogue and Reconciliation agree to the following

general parameters and principles for the establishment of such a commission.

Page 2, Guiding Principles:

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held to account for past acts.

Implementation

UN signatory No specific mention.

Other international - Witnessed by:

signatory For the Panel of Eminent African Personalities, H.E. Oluyemi Adeniji, Session Chair

Referendum for No specific mention.

agreement

International

mission/force/

similar

No specific mention.

Enforcement mechanism

No specific mention.

Related cases

No specific mention.

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