



## Statement on Kenya Agreement

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I congratulate the people of Kenya for the agreement reached today. In the true spirit of democracy, the Kenyan people delivered clear messages to their leaders on the need for a political solution to the crisis their country faced. President Kibaki and the Honorable Raila Odinga demonstrated courageous leadership to craft an agreement that put the interests of the nation first.

This is a Kenyan solution. I commend former UNSYG Kofi Annan and the eminent persons for their tireless efforts to mediate negotiations between the two sides. The United States provided intensive support for those efforts and will continue to do so as the two sides finish work on the remaining agenda item dealing with needed reforms.

The United States is a strong friend and partner of Kenya. The Kenyan coalition government and people can count on our support as they move forward to implement the agreement and reform agenda.

The agreement reached today is an important step to sustain Kenya on its democratic path and demonstrates to the world that even the most profound crises can be resolved if there is the political will to do so. I urge all Kenyans to seize this historic opportunity to bolster unity, democratic governance, and prosperity.

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