



Press Statement

13th February 2017

Update on the Court Ruling on the Medical Practitioners Strike Impasse

Following the court order of 3rd February 2017, Kenya National Commission on Human Rights and Central Organization on Trade Unions were appointed as mediators to the on going doctors strike.

We have been engaged in mediation with the Kenya Medical Practitioners and Dentists Union and Ministry of Health for the past seven days in a bid to find amicable and lasting solutions to end the on going doctors strike.

We have consulted widely and had all relevant actors such as Council Of Governors, Salaries and Remuneration Commission, Kenya Medical Research Institute, Kenyatta National Hospital, Federation of Kenya Employers, Public Service Commission, Treasury, Ministry Of Health contributing to the mediation process and had progressed well.

By virtue of confidentiality agreements signed by all parties at the beginning of the mediation process, we are bound not to reveal or divulge pertinent information unless with the consent of all parties.

As of yesterday, we had acceptable draft Recognition Agreements accepted by the parties with County Governments and other employer institutions. Further, efforts at re working the entire CBA were progressing well and about 90% of the issues were settled and agreed between the parties.

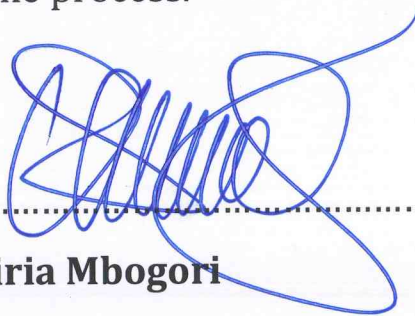
Thus, COTU and KNCHR remains engaged and committed to the process in line with agreements so far reached by all parties involved.

We understand that the Court have to jealously guard their orders and mandate for its authority and independence to be respected in society. We have taken note of Justice Wasiliwa's ruling today and particularly her direction that mediation should continue. We the mediators are committed to working with the respective parties to find an amicable solution.

We recognize that frustrations during mediation processes can occur especially in processes that have limited time

resolution periods. Thus the effect in such cases is an opportunity to voice the same for greater understanding. We are thereby clarifying that the mediation table remains active and the overnight meetings remain until there is white smoke.

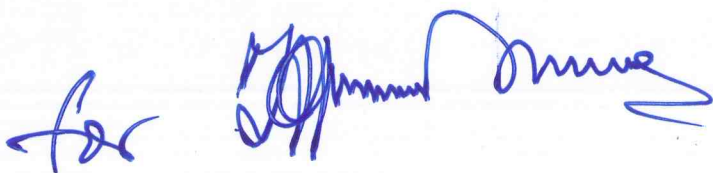
Finally, we wish to thank all parties who took part in the process, many going over and above the call of duty to facilitate the process.



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