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The Secretary Generals
Fully Registered Political Parties

Dear Sir/Madams,

RE: Adherence to the Political Parties Code of Conduct during the Party Nominations

The Office of the Registrar of Political Parties (ORPP) continues to regulate political parties to ensure that they comply with the Political Parties Act, 2011. The Office anticipates to promote political pluralism and tolerance by ensuring effective consultations among political parties as the country prepares for 2017 General Elections.

The electoral cycle is at a critical juncture as political parties gear towards party primaries in the month of April, 2017 in line with the electoral timelines. The Office acknowledges the important role political parties play in the promotion of good governance and democracy in our country. However, it is important to underscore that democracy can only thrive in a peaceful environment during party primaries. ORPP endeavors to work with political parties and other stakeholders to promote peaceful nominations and adherence to the rule of law.

It is noted that intra-party wrangles are on the increase and are turning violent. The office directs political parties to resolve the differences harmoniously using internal dispute resolution mechanisms as stipulated in party's constitutions. Further, the Office will monitor compliance to the Code of Conduct for political parties during the upcoming political parties' primaries. Kindly note that all Secretary Generals, as the Accounting Officers of political parties execute the Code of Conduct under schedule 2 of the Act.

The Code of conduct among others provides that: - a political party-

- a) "Shall not engage in or encourage violence by its members or supporters".
- g) "obstruct, disrupt, breakup or in any other way whatsoever interfere with a meeting, rally or demonstration of another political party or its leadership".
- h) "Establish or maintain a para-military force, militia or similar organization or having any links with such organizations".

This trend of violence, as was witnessed recently must be rebuked in the strongest terms possible. While ORPP has a role of ensuring that the political parties' Code of Conduct is not breached, political parties have the responsibility of ensuring that political party constitutions are adhered to and binds all the political parties members, candidates and their supporters.

This Office shall impose the appropriate sanctions as mandated by the Act including: A formal warning; Suspension of registration of a Political Party; withholding of Political Parties Funds and de-registration of a political party.

Kindly comply.

Yours faithfully,
Lucy K Ndungu (EBS)
Registrar of Political Parties