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**News Editor,**

**The International Center for Policy and Conflict (ICPC) is** urging the International Criminal Court (ICC) to keep pressure on the Kenya government and not to accept a watered down judicial process. While the principle of complimentary jurisdiction still applies to the Kenya Situation, it is now the responsibility of the ICC to act swiftly and ensure that impunity in Kenya is demolished by either forcing government to establish a credible, impartial and independent tribunal locally or if it does not do so intervene directly. The opportunity to confront impunity in Kenya must not be lost. We are expecting full cooperation from the Kenya Government with ICC.

Kenyan political leaders across the board must rise above partisan and vested political interests to ensure that respect for human rights and accountability for past human rights violations is a central part of all government policy and strategy. If Kenya fails to fight impunity for human rights abuses, it will be storing serious problems for the future. This Coalition Government has a chance if it is willing to take it to prove that power-sharing is not just a matter of politics but a real opportunity to bring about change for the benefit of the Kenyan people.

The struggle against impunity is firstly about accountability, about ensuring that persons –particularly those who occupy positions of leadership – and who commit crimes against their own people are not able to walk away without any judicial accountability because of their power or influence – or because of the weakness of national systems.

We are asking the Two Principals to act immediately and destroy the pillars of impunity at the core of their administration. . It is impossible for the Two Principals to successfully deliver the promise government made to International Criminal Court (ICC) if the prime suspects remain high up and influential in the government and Parliament. ICPC is not convinced that the Grand Coalition Government has the will and ability to promote accountability considering its past record while the prime suspects wield enormous political influence inside Parliament and government.

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