The Council of Governors notes that there is need for the country to be well prepared for the upcoming 2017 general elections. National and County Governments, independent offices, civil society, religious sector, private sector, and media have a role to play in ensuring that Kenya holds a peaceful and transparent election.

The Council of Governors has thus organized a consultative meeting to:

1. provide County Governments with a platform to engage stakeholders in the electoral process on their preparedness;
2. clarify the Council’s role in the electoral process through engagement with experts and other stakeholders in elections;
3. offer a non-partisan approach alongside religious sector and other actors to the elections discourse - a bridge for a sober discussion;
4. offer a platform where the elections agenda is discussed in a professional and impartial manner; and
5. promote inclusivity in the elections discourse.

The consultative meeting therefore considered and recommended that-

1. That the Council of Governors will support initiatives that promote inclusive and bipartisan dialogue on the electoral process.
   Action: Council of Governors

2. That minimum institutional and legal reforms will be undertaken to guarantee a free, fair and peaceful elections.
   Action: Parliament, Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission, Registrar of Political Parties, Judiciary

3. That the youth will be engaged constructively and their capacities utilized positively to promote peaceful elections.
   Action: National Government, County Governments

4. That the two-thirds constitutional principle is operationalized; measures to control gender-based violence are entrenched; and that competent and well deserving youth, women and persons with disabilities are elected or nominated into County Assemblies and Parliament.
   Action: Political Parties, Parliament, County Assemblies

5. That Provincial Administration will play no role in the 2017 general elections.
   Action: Ministry of Interior and Coordination of National Government
6. That the pending and other necessary regulations be enacted to facilitate operationalization of the current elections legal framework.
   Action: Parliament

7. That the Supreme Court crisis is resolved with urgency so that there is a properly constituted court to handle a presidential election petition.
   Action: Judiciary, Law Society of Kenya, Judicial Service Commission

8. That public participation and civic education are prioritized and that County Governments will partner with IEBC in delivery of voter education on elections.
   Action: IEBC, County Governments

9. That the media, civil society and academia will remain independent and contribute meaningfully in the elections agenda.
   Action: Media, Civil Society, Academic Institutions

10. That all stakeholders will take necessary action in their respective capacities to ensure that peace is maintained in the 2017 general elections.
    Action: National Government, County Governments, Civil Society, Media, Academic Institutions

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