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### STATE OF COAST REGION: REPORT FROM HAKI AFRICA'S NERVE CENTRE AS AT 6:00PM - THURSDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2017

HAKI Africa has been following the counting, tallying and announcement of results since the end of polling on 8<sup>th</sup> August 2017. Through its 28 observers spread across the region and in partnership with other local, national and international observers, we wish to note the following:

#### **Counting of Results**

Counting of results went on smoothly in most parts of the region. Although the pace was slow in most centres and with delays occasioned by late closure of polling stations, no major incidences were reported during the counting of votes. Following the counting, the necessary Form 34As were filled and signed.

#### **Transportation of Ballot Materials to Tallying Centres**

This process had some hitches in various areas. These include material being intercepted and interfered with on the way to tallying centres and ballot boxes arriving at tallying centres when they were open (note sealed). As a result, there were complaints in various areas of rigging.

#### **Tallying of Votes**

This process was painstakingly slow. Compared to previous elections, the tallying of votes took much longer. It was assumed that with the digital system in place, the tallying will be much easier and much faster. However, this was not the case and in various centres, the slow pace caused unnecessary tension amongst supporters who were anxious to get results. In one of the counties, it is reported that the tallying centre was attacked by armed persons who descended on officials with pangas and machetes.

#### **Announcement of Results**

Due to the delays in tallying, announcement of results were delayed. In some stations, candidates showed up several times only to be told to return later. Some IEBC officials were also not clear on the procedure which included ensuring agents sign final results before announcing. Following announcement of results, there were also reported cases of supporters clashing although in most cases security personnel moved in swiftly to ensure calm prevails.

#### **Arrest of ELOG Election Observers**

HAKI Africa has taken note with much concern a statement by the Election Observation Group (ELOG) and National Coalition of Human Rights Defenders - Kenya (NCHRD-K) regarding the arrest

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of two ELOG Observers in Kitale. We demand that human rights defenders and election observers be respected and allowed to do their work. The Kitale matter should be investigated thoroughly and justice be done.

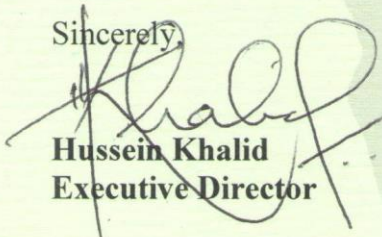
### **National Issues on Presidential Results**

The issues associated with the national tallying of presidential results were felt across the region. Even though many were receiving the local results, they remained concerned about the national presidential results.

### **Verdict So Far**

There are obvious concerns that need to be addressed at the local level in order to satisfy all parties – these include claims of rigging in certain areas. However, these are expected and there exists clear procedures to address them. Importantly, the most crucial concern at the moment is that of the national presidential results. IEBC must move swiftly to arrest the situation and restore confidence of Kenyans on the presidential results.

Sincerely,



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**Executive Director**

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