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**SAVE KENYANS FROM CORRUPT LEADERS BY STRICTLY ENFORCING  
CHAPTER 6 OF THE CONSTITUTION**

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**Introduction**

Civil Society Organisations under the banner of the National Integrity Alliance (NIA) have been closely monitoring key developments in regard to the enforcement of Chapter 6 of the Constitution on leadership and integrity, and make the following observations and recommendations below:

**Decision to delay corruption cases**

Our attention has been drawn to [reports circulating in the media](#), indicating that the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP) intends not to prosecute any politician, at least until after the 9<sup>th</sup> August, 2022 general election.

We hold that shelving prosecution processes undermines the rule of law, and will set the country on a path towards a leadership crisis. This will deny Kenyans the opportunity to get justice and restitution from corruption and economic crimes committed against them, and those who have acted in breach of the leadership and integrity tenets as enshrined in chapter 6 of the Constitution of Kenya 2010. Besides this, delaying prosecution or adjudication of corruption cases has damaging consequences ahead, as it may lead to the election of corrupt individuals who will not provide the electorate with the leadership they deserve due to time spent dealing with the corruption cases.

We remind the ODPP that even if prosecutions of accused politicians do not lead to an automatic ban from contesting, it has a great impact in influencing the quality of leaders that Kenyans will elect on 9<sup>th</sup> August 2022. Kenyans need to be well informed on individuals

suspected of corruption and other crimes, to make informed decisions in the elections. We call upon the ODPP not to slam brakes on the prosecution process against any individual from either side of the political divide, but rather act boldly and objectively, on the graft investigation files, some of which have dragged on for years and implicate individuals of different political associations.

We have also noted with deep concern, reports of a decision to adjourn a graft case against the Malindi MP Aisha Jumwa, ostensibly to allow her time to pursue her gubernatorial ambitions. This is a blatant unacceptable affront to the principles of justice. We call upon the courts to continue the hearing and determination of the corruption case and other such cases, as justice delayed is justice denied and bearing in mind the backlog of corruption cases in court.

We therefore call upon all institutions involved in the in the investigation, prosecution, adjudication and recovery of stolen public resources, to continue with these processes without fear or favour and save the country from individuals that are unsuitable to hold public office. We ask Kenyans to reject individuals implicated in corruption and other crimes and rebuff attempts by these politicians to seek public sympathy under the guise of being victimised or targeted for their political affiliations.

### **Rejection of individuals accused of corruption in the party nomination processes**

Reports of former Nairobi Governor, Mike Mbuvi Sonko ostensibly being given the green light by the Wiper Party to vie for the Mombasa gubernatorial seat, and former Kiambu Governor, Ferdinand Waititu eyeing the Kiambu gubernatorial ticket through the UDA party is a worrying trend that will set a bad precedent since they were both impeached on among other offences - corruption. Kenyans should remember the lost opportunities for leadership, development and service delivery as the 2017 "[Red Carded leaders](#)" such as Mike Mbuvi Sonko and Ferdinand Waititu who were subsequently elected were investigated, taken to court, directed by the courts to stay away from their offices and then impeached. This should not be repeated.

We therefore call upon political parties, which act as the first gatekeepers in the electoral process, to ensure rigorous nomination processes to filter out tainted individuals from the elections and public office. True commitment towards fighting corruption in Kenya will

start with the rejection of individuals implicated in corruption and other crimes, and not in the grandiose promises contained in their party manifestos or stated in political rallies.

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