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APPENDIX C

The Controversial MOU between NAMLEF and ODM
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
HON. RAILA AMOLO ODINGA REPRESENTING THE ORANGE DEMOCRATIC
MOVEMENT (ODM)
AND
NATIONAL MUSLIM LEADERS FORUM (NAMLEF)

PURPOSE: To establish a lasting relationship between Hon. Raila Amolo Odinga, hereinafter referred to as The Candidate, and the National Muslim Leaders, hereinafter referred to as The Leaders.

This MOU states as follows:

WHEREAS The Candidate — who recognizes Islam as the only true religion — is seeking to become the next President of the Republic of Kenya;

WHEREAS The Leaders recognize The Candidate as the only presidential candidate who has the interests of the Kenyan Muslim community at heart;

WHEREAS The Candidate has pledged to fully reinstate and protect the rights of the Kenyan Muslims when, InshaAllah, he becomes the 4th President of the Republic of Kenya;

WHEREAS The Leaders represent a peaceful and God-fearing Kenyan community that has been oppressed and discriminated against by the current and previous governments, and

WHEREAS The Candidate freely acknowledges that, indeed, the current and previous governments have failed to recognize and protect the rights of the Kenyan Muslim community;

The Parties agree as follows:

(i) That The Leaders forthwith endorse The Candidate as the official 2007 Presidential candidate of the Kenyan Muslim community.

(ii) That The Leaders will campaign vigorously for The Candidate to ensure his resounding victory in the 2007 presidential election.

(iii) That The Leaders will work hard to ensure that all (or at least the majority) of Kenyan Muslim faithful vote overwhelmingly for The Candidate at the 2007 General
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Election.

(iv) That the Leaders will deploy all resources at their disposal to support the Candidate’s campaigns throughout the country.

(v) That the Candidate, when, InshaAllah, he becomes President of Kenya will:

a) Ensure that the Coast Province shall henceforth be known as JIMBO LA PWANI and shall have full autonomy in Governance in all matters apart from National Defence and International Accreditation. In addition, while freedom of worship will be upheld at the JIMBO LA PWANI, the Council of Islamic leaders shall be permitted to have an oversight role to monitor activities of all other religions and any applications for religious activities and institutions will require their approval. They shall have the right to deny approval to cults and other evil practices.

b) Within 6 months re-write the Constitution of Kenya to recognize Shariah as the only true law sanctioned by the Holy Quran for Muslim declared regions.

c) With immediate effect dismiss the Commissioner of Police who has allowed himself to be used by heathens and Zionists to oppress the Kenyan Muslim community.

d) Dissolve the imperialist Anti-Terror Police Unit (ATPU) that was set up for the sole purpose of terrorizing, harassing, intimidating and deporting innocent Kenyan Muslims to Guantanamo Bay.

e) Ensure that ALL MUSLIMS residing within the Republic of Kenya, and especially those who reside in the North Eastern Province shall be granted full National Identity Cards, and thereafter, North Eastern Province shall also be granted majimbo status no less favourable and on similar terms with JIMBO LA PWANI, within SIX MONTHS of Raila Amolo Odinga being sworn in as President.

f) No Muslim residing in Kenya whether a citizen, visitor or relative of any of the above shall be subjected to any process involving the laws of a foreign country and in particular any Muslim arrested for or suspected of Terrorism or any other international crime shall only be tried within the borders of Kenya and shall be granted a competent lawyer of his/her choice at the expense of the Government.

 g) Within 1 year facilitate the establishment of a Shariah court in every Kenyan divisional headquarters.

b) Popularize Islam, the only true religion, in the Coast and North Eastern Regions by ordering every primary school in Kenya in the regions to conduct daily Madrasah classes.

i) Impose a total ban on open-air gospel crusades by worshippers of the cross in the Coast and North Eastern regions.

j) Outlaw gospel programs (preaching, purported faith healing, etc) on KBC, the National Broadcaster.

k) Impose a total ban on the public consumption of alcoholic beverages in the Coast and North Eastern Regions and their towns of Mombasa, Malindi, Lamu, Garissa, Wajir, Mandera, Kwale, Vanga, Lunga Lunga, and all other Muslim populated urban centres of Kenya whose population is at least 40% (forty percent) Muslim.

l) Quash the recent legalization of mazi, busua, muratina, kahwa, and all other haram beverages.

m) Close down Farmer’s Choice in Jimbo La Pwani and Jimbo la Kaskazini Mashariki and other factories that process and package swine and other haram products in regions populated by Muslims including the Coast and North Eastern regions.

a) Impose an immediate ban on women’s public dressing styles that are considered immoral and offensive to the Muslim faith in the Muslim regions of the Coastal and North Eastern
Regions. This ban will apply to Muslims and non-Muslims alike, in these regions and will include all visitors whether domestic or foreign tourists.

vi) In consideration for the above and to enable and assist ODM and The Candidate win the National Elections and the Presidency of the Republic of Kenya, NAMLEF and its affiliate organizations hereby undertake to fully support the ODM as a party and Raila Amollo Odinga as a presidential candidate in all ways, and to mobilize all Muslims for this cause.

vii) In furtherance of the above, and within a maximum of Seven (7) days hereof, NAMLEF and its affiliate organizations shall issue a joint statement declaring that all Muslims should support and vote for Raila Amollo Odinga and ODM.

viii) In addition, NAMLEF have impressed upon Najib Balala who is present herein that he should step down in favour of Raila Odinga in the Presidential nomination exercise within ODM, due to the fact that Raila Amolo Odinga has confirmed his support for all the aspirations of the JIMBO LA PWANI and the Kenyan Muslim community.

ix) THAT subsequently, NAMLEF and its affiliate organizations shall engage in active campaigns for Raila Amollo Odinga and ODM throughout the Republic and impress upon Muslims, publicly and emphatically, the requirement to vote for ODM and Raila Amollo Odinga.

Dated this ____ day of August 2007, Mombasa, Kenya.

SIGNED

ON BEHALF OF THE NATIONAL MUSLIM LEADERS FORUM (NAMLEF)

ABDULRAHMAN ARDI (CHAIRMAN)

ON BEHALF OF THE ORANGE DEMOCRATIC MOVEMENT (ODM)

HON. ENG. RAILA AMOLLO ODINGA

HON. NAJIB BALALA

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