

**KEY NOTE ADDRESS BY THE GUEST OF HONOUR, HONOURABLE IDDI RAMADHANI MAPURI,
VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND GOOD GOVERNANCE, TO
THE LAUNCHING OF THE PAPER ON THE POLICE - EXECUTIVE RELATIONSHIP IN TANZANIA
ON 10TH OF OCTOBER, 2016 THROUGH THE FORUM OF HAKI NA USALAMA AT THE
COMMISSION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND GOOD GOVERNANCE, DAR ES SALAAM**

Participants to the Forum of Haki na Usalama

Ladies and Gentlemen.

Good morning.

First of all, praise be to Allah, who has given us opportunity to meet here today under Haki na Usalama Forum of this important training forum Levant. At the outset, let me express my sincere appreciation for the honour accorded to me to officiate this important event, launching of the paper titled. The Police - Executive Relationship in Tanzania: A frame work.

I have the honour to convey thanks to the Commonwealth Human Rights Initiatives in collaboration with Tanganyika Law Society for committing some resources, time and energy for organizing this important activity, in which its discussion and way forward will add value to the homegrown ongoing internal reforms within the Tanzania Police Force (TPF).

Distinguished participants, Tanzania, like in other Commonwealth Countries, can not be left behind in reforming its laws and policing models including creating a better relationship between Police and Executive to enable the Police Force to act responsibly. The government of Tanzania has been striving for better policing through exploring alternative models of policing including reviewing its laws.

This paper on the Police - Executive Relationship in Tanzania advocates for the promotion of responsible model of policing, in line with on going reforms within police force. This reform is founded on the principles of equity and equality, accountability, transparency, participation, respect for diversity, the accommodation of dissent,

protection of individual and group rights, and encouragement of human potential and protection of the Police Force from external interferences.

Being the first paper by “*Haki na Usalama*” Forum it highlights a relationship between the police and the Executive. It provides for a need for reforms within the Tanzania Police Force (TPF), which focuses on independent and democratic policing. The paper provides for best practices and legal framework within and outside African context, in relation to police - Executive relationship

Distinguished participants, this paper on the Police - Executive Relationship focuses on four major key elements to operational responsibility:

- (i) Legal framework that clearly delineate roles, responsibilities and relationships between police and the executive;
- (ii) Independent nature of police leadership with clear and fair procedure for the Head of Police appointment, security of tenure, and guarantees against political meddling enshrined in law;
- (iii) Independent, transparent and fair procedures of recruitment, appointment, promotion, transfer and disciplinary control within police; and
- (iv) Well defined and adequate sources of financing of the police.

The four elements intends to enhance the police to act independently both to issues related to *law enforcement* and *administration*. Regarding to the law enforcement, the police must be independent in their decision-making with respect to enforcing the law in individual cases. This includes important decisions about whom to investigate, search, question, detain, arrest and prosecute in a particular case.

Distinguished participants, The Commission for Human Rights and Good Governance (CHRAGG) believes that, the paper on the police - Executive Relationship in Tanzania will add value to the ongoing internal reforms within the Tanzania Police Force (TPF), in order to achieve independent and democratic policing Tanzania.

I understand that, launching of this paper goes in hand with introduction of the second stakeholder's workshop on government policy. It is my hope that all discussions will add values toward a better police reform in Tanzania.

Distinguished participants, having said so, it is now my pleasure to declare that, the paper on Police - Executive Relationship in Tanzania: A Framework, is officially launched and the second stakeholders workshop opened for discussion.

I wish you all a successful discussion.

Thank you for your attention

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