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To: **ALL** Executive Secretaries,

Dear Colleagues,

TEACHERS NATIONAL STRIKE (WITHDRAWAL OF TEACHING SERVICES) - TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 6, 2011::

During the special National Executive Council (NEC) of the Kenya National Union of Teachers (KNUT) meeting held today, **Tuesday September 6, 2011**, it was resolved that after serious consideration regarding various meetings between the union and the government without any positive results to our problems, the teachers of the Republic of Kenya should go ahead and down their tools and withdraw their teaching services forthwith.

Please, note that the national strike shall remain in force until the government meets the demands of the union. You should therefore go round your respective schools and ask the teachers to stay away from schools. All students and pupils should be sent home for security purposes and remain out of school together with their teachers until they hear a **message from us advising them on whether to resume learning or to continue with the strike.**

We also urge you to organize for meetings at the KNUT branch offices on **Mondays** and for prayers on **Fridays** during the strike period. Kindly avoid any ugly demonstrations.

You should also call press conferences to encourage members not to give up, condemn violence against the striking members and give directions the strike should take.

You should visit schools and inform the national office of the developments and seek advice on emerging issues. You should also inform the national office if there are any signs of members succumbing to pressure so that action can be taken.

Please, send your Branch Executive Committee (BEC) members and school representatives to various schools to tell the members to avoid any form of violent confrontations with security forces, education officials and even heads of schools or school committees. The teachers should be told to avoid getting in contact with education officers during the strike to avoid being influenced to divide teachers.

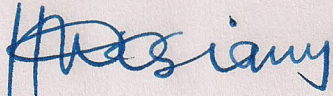
Please, also note that any information arising from the Headquarters will be communicated to you through the mass media. You should also inform the national office about any arrests of our members for us to be ready to give legal assistance.

Meanwhile, we wish you all the best as you continue to mobilize our members and educating them on the **DISPUTE** that has made us to call the strike and that is:

1. **EMPLOYMENT OF TRAINED, QUALIFIED PROFESSIONAL TEACHERS UNDER DISCRIMINATORY AND ILLEGAL CONTRACTUAL TERMS SINCE 2009;**
2. **MONEY FOR PROMOTION OF TEACHERS;**
3. **MONEY FOR EMPLOYMENT OF ECD TEACHERS.**

We wish also to thank you for the way you have mobilized our members to take part in the strike.

Service and Justice,



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SECRETARY GENERAL
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All NEC Members,
All National Trustees,
All Branch Chairmen,
All Branch Treasurers,