



منظمة الموفقين والوسطاء والرقابيين الأفارقة

African Ombudsman and Mediators Association
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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL
NAIROBI – KENYA

COMMUNIQUE OF THE AFRICAN OMBUDSMAN AND MEDIATORS ASSOCIATION (AOMA)

We, the secretariat of AOMA based in Nairobi, Kenya;

Representing the 44 members of the AOMA, of which 40 are national Ombudsman institutions established by the Constitution of their countries or an enactment of Parliament;

Noting that the Government of the Republic of Chad is organizing a forum on reform of State institutions and has established the Technical Commission for Reform of State Institutions to spearhead the process;

Noting further the need for the reforms, which has been precipitated by economic reasons;

Considering that the Technical Commission for Reform of State Institutions has recommended the abolition of the standalone Office of the Ombudsman in Chad;

Express our concern on the recommendation at a time when the concept of the Ombudsman has gained worldwide traction in recognition of the pivotal role played by Ombudsman institutions as key democratic pillars for public sector accountability;

Urge the authorities of the Government of Chad to reconsider the recommendation and instead strengthen the Office of the Ombudsman to deliver on crucial tasks of enforcing accountability in public service, redressing grievances, and improving governance in general – functions which are best performed by specialized Ombudsman offices in comparison to departments within Nation Human Rights Institutions.

Signed in Nairobi, Kenya on this 19th day of February 2018

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