



**PRESS RELEASE –**

**PRWG-K WELCOMES THE APPOINTMENT OF INCOMING INSPECTOR GENERAL OF THE NATIONAL POLICE SERVICE.**

**5<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2019**

1. We, the undersigned members of The Police Reforms Working Group-Kenya (PRWG-K) congratulate **Mr. Hillary Mutyambai** on his appointment as the 3<sup>rd</sup> Inspector General of the National Police Service.
2. In particular, the PRWG-K wishes the incoming Inspector General of Police (I.G.P.) success as he takes on the reigns of leadership of the National Police Service (N.P.S.) - which is a vital cog in national security and ensuring that all Kenyans enjoy their human rights to the fullest extent.
3. We extend a hand of partnership to the incoming IGP as he embarks on his duty to transform the N.P.S. into an accountable, professional and human rights compliant institution - in line with our Constitutional aspirations, National legislation and a comprehensive Police Reforms Agenda.
4. In the spirit of mutual respect, public participation and community policing - we commit to work and cooperate with the incoming I.G.P. when called upon; and, to enter constructive dialogue and exchange for the betterment of all Kenyans security and wellbeing.
5. It is in this spirit that we will submit to the incoming I.G.P. a report titled **“The First One Hundred Days: Civil Society Expectations of the Third Inspector General of the National Police Service”**, which focusses on six issues of public interest; namely: **1. Crime Prevention and Response, 2. Human Rights Compliance, 3. Integrity and Police Corruption, 4. Independence of the Office of the Inspector General, 5. Management of Police Welfare, and 6. Community Policing and Public Partnerships.**

The Police Reforms Working Group offers this report to assist the incoming I.G.P. and other duty bearers to further enhance the reforms needed to ensure that Police officers discharge their duties within the confines of the law and with utmost respect for the rule of law, democracy, human rights and fundamental freedoms.

We extend our hand to the incoming I.G.P., Mr. Hillary Mutyambai, to address the six public interest issues contained in this report. We also extend our hand to the relevant duty bearers such as the Ministry of Interior and Coordination of National Government, The Attorney General, Kenya Law Reforms Commission and the National Police Service Commission.

6. We reiterate our congratulatory message, well wishes and commitment to cooperation to the incoming I.G.P. **Mr. Hillary Mutyambai** and look forward to a good and meaningful working relationship with his office.

Yours Faithfully,

**For: Police Reforms Working Group – Kenya**

**Signed:**

- Kenya Human Rights Commission (KHRC)
- International Centre for Transitional Justice (ICTJ-K)
- International Commission of Jurists –Kenya (ICJ-K)
- Legal Resources Foundation (LRF)
- International Justice Mission (IJM)
- Independent Medico-Legal Unit (IMLU)
- Kenya National Commission on Human Rights (KNCHR)
- Rights Promotion and Protection Centre (RPP)
- Federation of Women Lawyers in Kenya (FIDA-K)
- Coalition on Violence against Women (COVAW)
- National Coalition of Human Rights Defenders (NCHRD – Kenya)
- Kenyans For Peace, Truth and Justice (KPTJ)
- Usalama Reforms
- Amnesty International Kenya
- Transparency International Kenya
- KATIBA Institute
- Peace Brigades International (PBI)
- Usalama Reforms Forum
- The Institute for Social Accountability (TISA).