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The Kenya Anti-Corruption Commission is inviting for media coverage on the launch of an examination assignment in the Department of Immigrations. The launch of this assignment will be held at Norfolk Hotel on Monday, 8th August 2005 at 10am. Senior government officials from the Ministry of Immigrations and Kenya Anti-Corruption Commission will preside over the function.

The Commission's Department of Partnership, Coalition and Intervention will carry out the examination into the systems, policies, procedures and practices applied in the process of issuance of passports, work permits, visas and registration of migrants by the Department of Immigration in the Ministry of Immigration and Registration of Persons.

The examination comes due to persistent complaints by members of the public either through the media or through reports to the Commission. The Ministry for Immigration and Registration of Persons has also requested the Commission to offer appropriate advice on ways of eliminating corruption in the Department. Some of the areas that corruption has perpetuated in the Department are: a) Soliciting for Bribes and Extortion, b) Illegal issuance of Passports c) Illegal issuance and renewal of work permits, d) Other related corruption malpractices like, Fake immigration documents, deliberate "loss" of Immigration documents, Maintenance of parallel receipt books by cashiers, Sale of application forms especially for citizenship and Leakage of information.

These complaints suggest existence of weaknesses and loopholes, which allows corruption to manifest itself posing great danger and threat to the security of the Nation. The examination assignment will lead to the identification of avenues and opportunity that may be used for corrupt practices. The examination will also offer appropriate advice and methods towards sealing these loopholes and to enhance governance and integrity of the Department of Immigration.

Thank You and we look forward to seeing you on 8th August 2005.

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