SPEECH BY THE INSPECTOR GENERAL NATIONAL POLICE SERVICE MR. JOSEPH K. BOINNET, MGH, nsc (AU) DURING THE OPENING CEREMONY OF STRENGTHENING POLICE AND COMMUNITY TREATMENT OF DEFILEMENT AT LUKENYA GATEWAY ATHI RIVER ON 17TH AUGUST 2016
• Director, Ms Anne Ireri, The Equality Effect Country
• The Kenya National Commission on Human Rights Representative
• Facilitators
• Course Participants
• Ladies and Gentlemen

It gives me great pleasure to be here today and be part of this very important function which is aimed at enhancing the capacity of Police Investigators to deal with defilement cases. I am impressed by the
deliberate decision to train the level of officers assembled here because they are the key pillar in the management of affairs at the police stations, and are expected to properly guide and mentor the officers under them.

Defilement of young girls and boys is a gross violation of the victims' human rights because the perpetrators take advantage of their vulnerability. The Constitution is very clear in article 244(c) as it obligates the police to comply with constitutional Standards of human rights and fundamental freedoms. It is therefore imperative that in the
event that a reported matter of whatever nature is being handled by the police, every effort must be made to gather concrete evidence to allow prosecutions carried out so that justice can be dispensed. Whereas no amount of restitution can fully heal a victim of defilement and any sort of sexual abuse, successful prosecution will go a long dealing with the psychological trauma.

I must thank the Equality Effect for the 160 Girls project which has to this far seen over 700 officers from the pilot counties trained on the requisite skills to professionally investigate defilement cases. It therefore
behoves the officers being trained at this session to appreciate the passion of Equality Effect and partners which is geared towards ensuring that we do the right thing when dealing with these matters. I want to believe that the findings of the evaluation done in the Nairobi and Meru Counties on the impact of the previous trainings will form part of the discussions during your four day stay here.

I would like to assure Equality Effect that the National Police Service will always be very receptive of any training offers because policing is a partnership between the public and security agencies.
In conclusion, I wish you a nice stay and a fruitful engagement. It is now my pleasure to declare this workshop officially opened.

Thank you and may God bless you.

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