



**STATEMENT  
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OF  
THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA  
DURING  
THE SECOND SOUTH SUMMIT  
IN  
DOHA, QATAR,  
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**YOUR HIGHNESS SHEIKH HAMAD BIN KHALIFAH AL-THANI THE EMIR OF THE  
STATE OF QATAR,  
YOUR MAJESTIES,  
YOUR EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HONOURABLE JAMES  
PATTERSON, PRIME MINISTER OF JAMAICA AND CHAIRMAN OF THE GROUP OF  
77 AND CHINA,  
YOUR EXCELLENCIES HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT,  
DISTINGUISHED LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,**

FIRST AND FOREMOST I CONVEY GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES FOR A SUCCESSFUL  
SUMMIT FROM **HIS EXCELLENCY HON. MWAI KIBAKI, PRESIDENT OF THE  
REPUBLIC OF KENYA.**

WE SALUTE THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF QATAR FOR THE  
EXCELLENT ARRANGEMENTS AND HOSPITALITY ACCORDED TO MY DELEGATION SINCE  
OUR ARRIVAL IN THIS BEAUTIFUL CITY OF DOHA.

I ALSO WISH TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO CONGRATULATE THE CHAIRPERSON OF  
THE G-77 AND CHINA FOR THE EFFECTIVE FACILITATION OF THIS HISTORIC SUMMIT. IT  
IS OUR HOPE AND DESIRE THAT THIS SUMMIT ACHIEVES ITS EXPECTED OUTCOME.

THE FIRST SOUTH SUMMIT THAT TOOK PLACE IN HAVANA, CUBA, IN THE YEAR 2000  
CAME UP WITH THE "**HAVANA PROGRAMME OF ACTION**" WHICH PROVIDED A CLEAR  
ROAD-MAP ON A NUMBER OF ISSUES THAT NEEDED IMMEDIATE ACTION. SOME OF THE  
AREAS THAT WERE IDENTIFIED INCLUDED THE CHALLENGES OF GLOBALIZATION,  
TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY, SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION AND FOLLOW-UP  
MECHANISMS. AS WE UNDERTAKE A REVIEW OF THE STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF  
THE HAVANA PROGRAMME OF ACTION, NEW APPROACHES OF ENHANCING THE CAPACITY  
OF THE COUNTRIES OF THE SOUTH TO TAKE COLLECTIVE AND COORDINATED ACTION  
ON THE IDENTIFIED AREAS SHOULD BE GENERATED. IT IS CLEAR THAT NOTABLE  
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE HAVANA PROGRAMME OF ACTION HAS NOT BEEN ACHIEVED.  
IT IS THEREFORE EXTREMELY IMPORTANT THAT THIS SUMMIT REAFFIRMS ITS  
COMMITMENT TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREED AREAS.

**HONOURABLE CHAIRMAN,**

THE COUNTRIES OF THE SOUTH FACE A NUMBER OF CHALLENGES THAT NO UNILATERAL EFFORTS CAN OVERCOME. HIGH INCIDENCES OF POVERTY; INDEBTEDNESS; HIV/AIDS, MALARIA, TUBERCULOSIS AND OTHER COMMUNICABLE DISEASES; LIMITED RESOURCES AND THREATS OF MARGINALIZATION ARE COMMON TO THE COUNTRIES REPRESENTED HERE TODAY. IT IS ON THIS BASIS THAT THE COUNTRIES OF THE SOUTH, PARTICULARLY UNDER THE UMBRELLA OF GROUP OF 77 AND CHINA NEED TO CONSOLIDATE THEIR EFFORTS SYSTEMATICALLY IN ORDER TO TACKLE THESE CHALLENGES EFFECTIVELY. KENYA STRONGLY BELIEVES THAT THE COALITION OF THE COUNTRIES OF THE SOUTH UNDER THE G-77 AND CHINA FRAMEWORK PROVIDES THE MUCH NEEDED ARRANGEMENT FOR COLLECTIVE AND COORDINATED APPROACH TO ARTICULATING THEIR DEVELOPMENT.

**EXCELLENCIES,**

FIVE YEARS AFTER THE HAVANA PROGRAMME OF ACTION WAS ADOPTED, GLOBALIZATION REMAINS A CHALLENGE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, ESPECIALLY THOSE IN AFRICA. DEVELOPING COUNTRIES NEED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE OPPORTUNITIES OF GLOBALIZATION BY BUILDING CAPACITIES AND SYNERGIES BETWEEN AND AMONG THEMSELVES IN AREAS CRITICAL TO MODERN DEVELOPMENT SUCH AS INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, RESEARCH, TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER, TRADE, AND RESOURCE MOBILIZATION. IT IS OBVIOUS THAT INDIVIDUALLY, WE CANNOT OVERCOME THE CHALLENGES OF GLOBALIZATION. KENYA HAS TAKEN NOTE OF THE **REPORT ON THE SOCIAL DIMENSIONS OF GLOBALIZATION** AND CALLS UPON THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO IMPLEMENT ITS RECOMMENDATIONS.

**EXCELLENCIES,**

IT IS OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE THAT OUR COUNTRIES COMPLEMENT THE EFFORTS OF THE G-77 AND CHINA BY STRENGTHENING REGIONAL COOPERATION AND INTEGRATION IN OUR VARIOUS REGIONS. IN ORDER TO PROMOTE AND ENHANCE BENEFITS OF REGIONAL COOPERATION AND INTEGRATION AMONGST DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, IT IS NECESSARY TO ESTABLISH EFFECTIVE MODALITIES FOR OPERATIONALIZATION OF NETWORKS OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL ENTITIES. WE ALSO NEED TO FORMALIZE AND STRENGTHEN COOPERATION ARRANGEMENTS THROUGH SIGNING OF PROTOCOLS AND ENACTING OF ENABLING MODALITIES. THIS WILL FAST-

TRACK SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION. IN THIS REGARD, IT IS OUR PROPOSAL THAT THE G-77 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY BE URGENTLY REVITALIZED TO CARRY FORWARD ITS INTENDED MANDATES WITHIN THE G-77 FRAMEWORK.

#### **EXCELLENCIES,**

AT THE HISTORIC MILLENNIUM SUMMIT IN THE YEAR 2000, THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY COMMITTED ITSELF TO THE ACHIEVEMENT OF A NUMBER OF DEVELOPMENT GOALS LATER RENAMED, THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS (**MDGs**). THESE GOALS WERE REAFFIRMED AT THE WORLD SUMMIT ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA IN 2002.

FIVE YEARS AFTER THE MILLENNIUM SUMMIT, THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THESE GOALS IS UNEVEN WITH MOST AFRICAN COUNTRIES LAGGING BEHIND. FOR US IN KENYA, NOTABLE PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE PARTICULARLY IN THE AREA OF PUTTING IN PLACE THE INSTITUTIONAL MECHANISMS FOR THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE **MDGs**. AS ONE OF THE PILOT COUNTRIES PARTICIPATING IN THE **UN** MILLENNIUM PROJECT, KENYA HAS ALSO UNDERTAKEN A NEEDS ASSESSMENT FOR THE **MDGs** AND EMBARKED ON A NUMBER OF REFORMS TO ENSURE THEIR ACHIEVEMENT. HOWEVER, FOR THESE EFFORTS TO BEAR FRUITS, KENYA, LIKE OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WILL REQUIRE THE SUPPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY.

THE UPCOMING HIGH-LEVEL PLENARY EVENT OF THE **UN** GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO REVIEW THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MILLENNIUM DECLARATION AND THE OUTCOMES OF OTHER **UN** CONFERENCES AND SUMMITS SHOULD COME UP WITH A CONCRETE ACTION PLAN FOR THEIR ACHIEVEMENT. THIS SUMMIT SHOULD CONSOLIDATE OUR POSITION AND SENT A STRONG MESSAGE TO THE HIGH-LEVEL EVENT. THERE IS ALSO NEED TO LINK STRATEGIES TO ACHIEVE **MDGs** WITH NATIONAL AND REGIONAL INITIATIVES AND PRIORITIES SUCH AS THE NEW PARTNERSHIP FOR AFRICA'S DEVELOPMENT (NEPAD) THAT SETS THE AGENDA FOR AFRICA'S DEVELOPMENT.

#### **EXCELLENCIES,**

THERE IS GENERAL RECOGNITION OF THE NEED TO UNDERTAKE A COMPREHENSIVE REFORM OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM. A VIBRANT, RESPONSIVE, TRANSPARENT AND REPRESENTATIVE UNITED NATIONS ORGANIZATION IS THE DESIRE OF ALL MEMBER STATES. KENYA IS OF THE VIEW THAT THE UNITED NATIONS REFORMS NEED TO BE

CARRIED OUT IN A WAY THAT IS COMPREHENSIVE WHILE ENSURING FAIRNESS, SOVEREIGN EQUALITY AND DUE CONSIDERATION TO THE CHANGES THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN THE WORLD SINCE 1945. THIS IS THE ONLY WAY THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM WILL REMAIN RELEVANT AND DYNAMIC AND IN LINE WITH THE CURRENT GLOBAL REALITIES.

FOREMOST, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AS THE HIGHEST LEGISLATIVE ORGAN OF THE UNITED NATIONS SHOULD BE STRENGTHENED TO PLAY ITS CRITICAL ROLE AS ENVISAGED IN THE CHARTER. SIMILARLY, THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL SHOULD BE STRENGTHENED TO PLAY A GREATER ROLE IN GLOBAL ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL ISSUES.

KENYA LOOKS FORWARD TO A REFORMED, REPRESENTATIVE AND TRANSPARENT UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL. WE ARE READY TO WORK WITH LIKE-MINDED MEMBER STATES TO SEE THAT THE NECESSARY DECISION IS TAKEN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WE CALL FOR GREATER ATTENTION BY THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO THE ISSUE OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS AND THE CHALLENGE OF URBAN SLUMS. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE GROUP OF 77 AND CHINA AND THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY WORK TOWARDS THE STRENGTHENING OF THE **UN** OFFICE AT NAIROBI AND THE TWO **UN** PROGRAMMES HEADQUARTERED IN NAIROBI. WE CALL FOR CESSATION OF CREATION OF SIMILAR BODIES IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD, WHICH MAY DUPLICATE AND UNDERMINE THE FUNCTIONS OF THE NAIROBI BASED **UN** PROGRAMMES.

#### **EXCELLENCIES,**

I NOW REFER TO ONE OF THE VERY IMPORTANT PROJECTS OF THE G-77 AND CHINA THAT HAS BEEN OUTSTANDING FOR A VERY LONG TIME. THIS IS THE PROPOSED G-77 TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BANK. THE FIRST SOUTH SUMMIT ACKNOWLEDGED THE IMPERATIVE OF ESTABLISHING THE "SOUTH BANK" THAT IS, **THE G-77 – TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BANK**. THE SUMMIT OUTCOME NOTED THE INITIATIVE THAT HAD BEEN UNDERTAKEN BY THE GROUP OF 77 IN 1983 AS AN INNOVATIVE FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT TO BUILD UP CAPITAL MARKETS AND FACILITATE SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION. IN THE INTEREST OF FURTHERING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GROUP'S DECISIONS, KENYA OFFERED TO FINANCE AND FACILITATE A FEASIBILITY STUDY ON THE VIABILITY OF THE SOUTH BANK

THIS PROJECT HAS SINCE NOT BEEN CONCLUDED AND I CALL UPON THE SUMMIT TO RECOMMIT ITSELF TO ITS IMPLEMENTATION AND PROVIDE DIRECTION ON THE WAY FORWARD. WHILE WE AGREE AND SUPPORT THE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT THIS SUMMIT IS GOING TO ADOPT REGARDING THE SOUTH BANK, I WISH TO URGE THE SUMMIT TO PROVIDE GUIDANCE ON THE TIME FRAME WITHIN WHICH THE RECOMMENDATIONS SHOULD BE IMPLEMENTED.

**EXCELLENCIES**

**LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,**

IN CONCLUDING, I WISH TO CONGRATULATE THE EMIR OF THE STATE OF QATAR FOR HIS GENEROUS OFFER OF US\$ 20 MILLION TOWARDS THE **SOUTH FUND FOR DEVELOPMENT AND HUMANITARIAN CIRCUMSTANCES**. IN THE SAME BREATH, I WISH TO RECOGNISE THE OFFER OF US\$ 2 MILLION FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA TOWARDS THE SAME FUND.

FINALLY, I WISH TO THANK THE GROUP OF 77 AND CHINA FOR ITS WORK AS RELATES TO COORDINATING AND CRYSTALLIZING THE POSITIONS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WITHIN THE SOUTH-SOUTH FRAMEWORK.

**I THANK YOU.**