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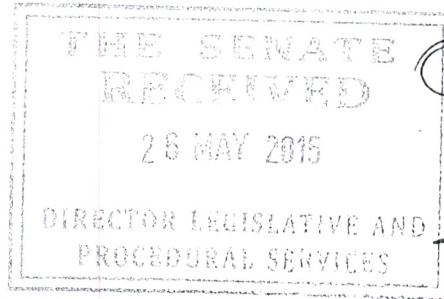
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RE: STATEMENT

Please refer to your letter from the Senate Majority Leader Sen.(Prof) Kithure Kindiki dated 12th May requesting for a statement regarding the incoming visit to Kenya by the US President, H.E. Barack Obama in July 2015.

Enclosed herewith is the statement for your kind attention.

Amb. E. M. Barine
Director, Liaison (Parliamentary and County Affairs)
For: PRINCIPAL SECRETARY



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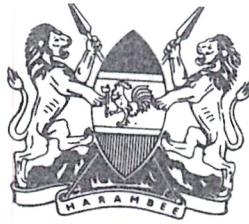
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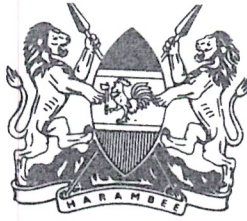
**MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE -
STATEMENT ON THE FORTHCOMING VISIT TO KENYA BY H.E.
BARACK OBAMA, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA**

Mr. Speaker Sir, Senator Hon. Boni Khalwale, pursuant to Standing Order No. 45 (2) (C) of the Senate Standing Committee requested a statement from the Majority Leader of the House on 7th May, 2015 regarding the forthcoming visit to Kenya of H.E. Barack Obama, President of the United States of America. The Majority Leader, Deputy Majority Leader, or the Chairperson of the Committee on National Security and Foreign Relations was requested to state:

1) What official functions President Obama intends to perform during the visit

Mr. Speaker Sir, President Obama will be attending the Global Entrepreneurship Summit (GES). GES was launched by President Obama in the US in 2009. The first GES was held in Washington D.C. in 2010 and has since been held in Istanbul in 2011, Dubai in 2010, Kuala Lumpur in 2013 and Marrakech in 2014. The 2015 GES will be held in Nairobi, Kenya.

Mr. Speaker Sir, as is ordinarily the practice with other Presidential visits, it is expected that President Obama will hold bilateral meetings with H.E. the



President of the Republic of Kenya on various areas of interest including trade and investment, security, energy, among others.

2) How the government intends to use the visit to:

a) Improve trade between USA and Kenya

Mr. Speaker Sir, the Global Entrepreneurship Summit (GES) is a pre-eminent annual gathering that provides emerging entrepreneurs with exceptional networking, insight, and investment opportunities. It is one of the most powerful global platforms for connecting emerging entrepreneurs with leaders from businesses, international organizations, and government. It is expected that through meetings with high-level officials, networking sessions, along with strategic workshops, Kenyan upcoming entrepreneurs will accelerate and expand their engagements with the world's most promising entrepreneurs.

Ultimately, Kenyan entrepreneurs will bring about social and economic change especially through innovative initiatives, forge new collaborations across countries, and significantly increased economic opportunities, including trade.

Mr. Speaker Sir, in the short run, the government of Kenya will undertake pre-Summit activities that will include branding and communication campaigns, among others, aimed at promoting, positioning and branding the

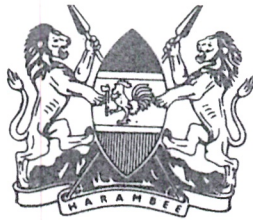


country as an investment destination and an economic hub in this sub-region. These campaigns will be anchored on such key pillars like Entrepreneurship, Innovation, and Tourism. During the Summit, the government intends leverage on these opportunities by organize tours/excursions to key areas of interest like the National Parks, export processing zones, investment corridors, Museums, theaters, among others for the delegates to experience Kenyan hospitality and indeed, story first hand.

b) Address the escalating threat of terrorism in Kenya

Mr. Speaker Sir, this is an important global agenda that creates great interest to both the Kenyan and the United States of America government. The two governments shares identical views on the threats posed by terrorism and work closely to combat the scourge. This is manifested through the longstanding engagement that including capacity building, sharing of intelligence and advancing the agenda at the global foras.

Mr. Speaker Sir, Kenya is keen to advance these engagements in combating the threat with the US government, and the international community at large. Indeed, the community of nations accepts that terrorism is, but global a phenomenon that requires collective and concerted response. During the visit therefore, Kenya will continue with the discussion on the issue, among other bilateral matters of mutual interest.



3) If President Obama will address Parliament

Mr. Speaker Sir, allow me to state that the programme is at the very initial stages. The terrain will get clearer as we progress with the engagements. So

far, there is no request from the US Government for President Obama to address Parliament. However, if Parliament expresses interest, the matter could be followed up through the usual channels.

4) If President Obama will visit Kogelo in Siaya County

Mr. Speaker Sir, the US government has not informed the Ministry on whether President Obama plans a visit to Kogelo.

I thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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