



**KENYA STATEMENT DELIVERED BY AMBASSADOR MICHAEL A. O. OYUGI,
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA, DURING THE
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON NUCLEAR SECURITY: ENHANCING GLOBAL
EFFORTS, HELD IN VIENNA, 1-5 JULY 2013**

Mr. President,

Excellencies,

Distinguished guests,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the Kenya delegation, I congratulate you Mr. President on your appointment to preside over this Conference. I acknowledge the good progress so far made under your able leadership and assure you of the full support of my delegation.

I also congratulate the Director-General of the International Atomic Energy Agency Mr. Yukiya Amano for convening this important Conference that has brought together many high level participants and stakeholders in the field of nuclear security.

Mr. President,

Indeed, nuclear security continues to be a challenge for the global community, taking cognizance of the fact that the legal framework is built on several binding and non-binding international legal instruments. This forum will provide an opportunity for the countries to provide some concrete recommendations that will assist in taking the agenda of nuclear security to the next level.



Kenya recognizes that the responsibility of nuclear security lies with the State. We acknowledge the efforts undertaken by the Agency to assist States' efforts to establish effective and sustainable national nuclear security plans to help establish the necessary framework that has improved nuclear security at the global level. We appreciate the effective coordination mechanism, expertise and support in this respect.

Mr. President,

At the national level, Kenya is actively working with the IAEA and the US Government through the Megaports Initiative (MI) to combat illicit trafficking of Nuclear and Radioactive Material. Security and border post personnel have benefited from training and equipment from the two partners. The most recent is the set up of portal monitors at the port of Mombasa, which serves the Eastern Africa region. Other ports of entry are being considered for enhanced surveillance.

The Kenya Government has a Memorandum of Understanding with the United States Global Threat Reduction Initiative to enhance security on categories 1 and 2 sources. Work on four facilities with high activity sources is almost complete. Other sources have been earmarked for security upgrade. In order to address the challenges related to nuclear waste, Kenya is currently constructing a central radioactive waste processing facility that will process and store in the interim, all radioactive waste in the country. This will include orphan sources and those apprehended from illicit trafficking activities.

As you all know, the increase in waste stockpiles, especially in this era of nuclear terrorism, raises safety and security concerns. Global security concerns with regard to unsecured radiation sources have also emerged. To this end, the Government has established the National Nuclear Security Support Centre whose objective is to coordinate local, regional and international initiatives related to nuclear security. The Centre will bring together all security organizations and offer support to other organizations such as the United Nations



International Criminal and Justice Research Institute; and the Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Centre of Excellence for the Eastern and Central Africa Region, to be based in Nairobi.

Kenya hosted an IAEA's INSServ Mission last year (2012), which will be followed with an IPPS Mission in October 2013. The outcomes of these two missions will continue to inform the Nuclear Security Support Centre.

Since the country embarked on developing and using nuclear power, several activities have been undertaken. These include pre-feasibility studies and development of national legal frameworks with clear regulatory direction and guidance, including issues related to radioactive waste management and decommissioning of nuclear facilities.

Mr. President,

I conclude this statement by re-affirming the central role of the IAEA in strengthening the nuclear security framework globally as well as coordination of international activities in the field of nuclear security. Kenya supports initiatives to promote international exchange of experiences compatible with States' nuclear security regimes. We encourage Member States and other development partners to avail more resources through further voluntary contributions. We welcome the *Ministerial Declaration on the International Conference on Nuclear Security: Enhancing Global Efforts*.

Thank you Mr. President.