



KENYA'S STATEMENT ON INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION AND ASSISTANCE
DURING THE BIENNIAL MEETING OF STATES HELD IN NEWYORK ON 15TH JUNE
2010

H. E. The President,

Distinguished Delegates,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The Kenya Government has endeavored to control illicit small arms and light weapons within and across its borders. This is in recognition that the problem of SALW transcends the national and regional borders with implications on the state economy and stability.

In affirming its commitment to the international community, Kenya collaborates with partners in implementation of international regional and sub regional instruments through the coordinated agenda in the Nairobi protocol by way of domestication and harmonization of interventions at the sub regional and national level. the success of this has been witnesses in areas of institutional strengthening and capacity building, research, awareness raising among other alternative livelihood programmes and initiatives on peacebuiding founded on the comparative strengths of partners.

At the regional and international level, cooperation has further been exemplified through information exchange and partnership. Most

Owing to the expensive venture and financial implications, the Government of Kenya has continued working with UN Agencies and other multi-sectoral and Civil Society partners to implement the programs. These efforts, though giving positive indications, remain starved of much needed funding. While carrying out this mandate Kenya continues to face various bottlenecks that slow its process in programme implementation.

The government of Kenya recognizes that to effectively address the problems and threats of illicit proliferation of SALW there needs to be solid measures to address and mitigate the gun culture in Kenya. In order to effectively address the underlying demand and supply issues, Kenya appeals for international support particularly in developmental interventions that would reduce the gun culture among its populace.

We therefore appeal and urge like-minded countries and organizations to consider channeling the required support – technical or financial to the security agencies and the Kenya National Focal Point on SALW for the implementation of national SALW programmes.

Specific assistance herein shall be on the following areas;

- i. Funding to fasttrack the implementation of the Strategic Plan on Arms Management and Control as well as equip the KNFP with necessary skills and facilities to effectively and efficiently carry out its mandate under the international, regional and sub-regional instruments.
- ii. Financial and technical assistance on skill acquisition and training of personnel on select areas on Arms management, DDR, Piracy, terrorism and Development alternative studies.
- iii. Strengthening and improving the of border security systems with appropriate infrastructure, equipment and training. this will address

the problems posed by increased porosity of borders along Uganda, Sudan, Ethiopia and Somali regions.

- iv. Support to the law enforcement agencies by relevant equipment for improved border surveillance. This may entail purchase of equipment and vehicles/motorbikes for surveillance.
- v. Infrastructural development for mitigation of conflicts and intervention on the arms trade zones especially within the ASAL region, prevented cattle rustling and employment opportunities for the youth engaged in the trade.
- vi. Financial support national public education, awareness and sensitization.
- vii. Support to government with expertise and capacity for unified responses for piracy, terrorism, counterterrorism and civil military relations along the coastal regions.

Kenya is optimistic that, the international development partners and community will come forward in support of the abovementioned areas.

These will assist the country in finding sustainable solutions through better law enforcement, security sector reform and development assistance.

In conclusion, Kenya reaffirms its position under the international instruments and most specifically in the UNPOA to continuously address the problem of illicit proliferation of SALW in all its aspects.

**MR. F.T. KIMEMIA, CBS
PERMANENT SECRETARY
MINISTRY OF STATE FOR PROVINCIAL ADMINISTRATION
AND INTERNAL SECURITY.**