



REMARKS BY **DR. ALFRED N. MUTUA**, EGH, CABINET SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AND DIASPORA AFFAIRS, DURING THE MEETING WITH THE VISITING DELEGATION FROM CHINA

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**Your Excellency Wang YI**

**Members of Your Excellency's delegation**

I am delighted to welcome you this morning at the Ministry of Foreign and Diaspora Affairs Offices at Upper Hill for this Bilateral meeting.

Your Excellency's visit to the Kenya is a true reflection of the political goodwill by both our leaders, Their Excellencies President Dr. William RUTO and President Xi JINPING to solidify the ties for the benefit of the peoples of Kenya and those of the People's Republic of China

Likewise, Your Excellency's visit to Kenya is of paramount significance, given that this year marks 60 years of the establishment of Kenya-China diplomatic relations where our relations have continued to grow from strength to strength.

**(CS Turning to H.E. Wang YI)**

The People's Republic of China was among the first countries to recognize independent Kenya in December of 1963, which is an accurate indicator of the deep and cordial historical relations that continue to exist between Nairobi and Beijing.

**Excellency**, China remains a pillar of friendship and consistency not just for Kenya, but also for our region. And in this regard, I look forward to deliberations on the strengthening of our strategic comprehensive partnership for mutual benefit, especially support towards achievement of **national development**

**priorities** on matters of Infrastructure development, Trade and Investment, Climate Change, ICT and on collaborations in health matters.

Similarly, I look forward to deliberations on issues of **regional peace and security**, given China's significant and indispensable voice on matters of strategic global security concern.

**Your Excellency,**

China's contribution to peaceful resolution of conflicts in Africa, including in the Horn and Great Lakes Regions, remains an important component for our region's peace and security architecture. This dovetails appropriately with Kenya's role as an anchor State and guarantor of regional peace and security. I, therefore, remain desirous to discussions on ways in which we can mutually leverage our respective capacities for a stable and predictable socio-economic environment.

On the **multilateral front**, I wish to echo the philosophy of His Excellency the President of having an **effective and fit for purpose** United Nations System that is Building Back Better, from the Bottom Up.

And in this respect, I look forward to continuing discussions with Your Excellency in seeking China's support for the upgrade of the UN Office in Nairobi (UNON) via the UN Secretary General budget proposal to upgrade UNON facilities to modern standards.

Once again, I welcome Your Excellency to Nairobi.

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**CS then turns to H.E. Wang YI for his remarks.**