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“I am delighted and privileged as an Honorary Consul of the Republic of Kenya in Bulgaria to have the chance to express my deepest support and sincere beliefs that Kenya is certainly a suitable candidate to become one of the 10 non-permanent members of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) for the period 2021/2022.

In my view the country has outstanding potential first of all because of its historic experience. Kenya has already served twice as a member of the Council - in 1973-74 and in 1997-98 “, said Mr. Dermendjiev.

He also stated that this time around Kenya can contribute with its undeniable experience in supporting unstable governments and helping refugees in the region. He stressed that Kenya is the undisputed leader in East Africa and benefits from the support and endorsement of the African Union, which puts it at a more favorable position than any other candidate for that particular seat. Moreover, Mr Dermendjiev highlighted that except on the African stage Kenya has been perceived as the absolute favorite from a European point of view.

It is crucial to emphasize that the ten-step plan that Kenya presents is a sure guarantee of its successful candidacy. Kenya outlined this ten-point agenda for Peace and Security for Sustainable Development, including: Building bridges by promoting a culture of of peace, tolerance and respect for human dignity and aspirations; Regional peace and security; Justice, human rights and democracy; Peace keeping operations; Gender equality; Humanitarian action; Climate change; Youth empowerment; Sustainable development; Counter-terrorism.

“Let me once again reiterate my honor and privilege to represent the magnificent country that Kenya is, my second home country but first choice of heart. In my opinion, this solid, well-structured and innovative commitment is becoming Kenya's strongest argument in the race to become a non-permanent member of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) for the next two years. By means of its straight to the point agenda Kenya declares to the UNSC’s permanent members but also to the entire world its intention to seek and fight for peace and security throughout the region, but also globally. I strongly believe in its future success and I am sure that this is the most appropriate candidate for such position.”, stated Mr. Dermendjiev in conclusion.