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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Kenya to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Permanent Missions and Permanent Observer Missions to the United Nations and has the honour to inform that Kenya has learnt through the Journal of the United Nations of Friday October 10, 2014, of a Press Conference at **the United Nations, New York** by a Non-governmental entity, The Coalition for the International Criminal Court (ICC) on 'the Kenya Situation and Amendments to the Rome Statute'. This briefing held today Friday 10 October 2014 was sponsored by the Permanent Mission of Liechtenstein to the United Nations.

The Permanent Mission of Kenya to the United Nations expresses its dismay that a Member State would seek to contravene all practice and protocol and convene and sponsor a briefing and consultation on matters touching on another Member State that is in good standing at the United Nations, without the involvement and or consultation of the concerned Member State. It is even more disturbing that the matters that were discussed at this press conference relate to ongoing active cases at the ICC. It is also telling that the sponsoring country would choose to convene such a consultation so soon after two status conferences, both with deep political and social implications for the Republic of Kenya, have taken place at The Hague on 7th and 8th October 2014.

As if to add insult to injury, representatives from the Permanent Mission of Kenya were denied access to the room where the press briefing was held and informed that despite the fact that briefings were at the United Nations premises, representatives from the Permanent Mission of Kenya could only attend and participate in the press briefing at the behest of or with the permission of the sponsor of the press briefing, in the case, the Permanent Mission of Liechtenstein to the United Nations.

The Permanent Mission of Kenya to the United Nations considers this regrettable act to be an affront to the Republic of Kenya especially coming from a Member State that proffers itself to be a co-supporter and co-defender of the International Criminal Court and an adherent and ardent supporter of the Rule of Law at the international level. The Permanent Mission of Kenya is of the opinion that these acts of the Permanent Mission of Liechtenstein are counterproductive and antagonistic to the Rule of Law, the ideals of the Rome Statute and the orderly conduct of diplomatic relations between States as espoused in the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations and related international instruments.

The Permanent Mission of Kenya to the United Nations protests, in the strongest terms possible, to the United Nations specifically as the notice of the press briefing was contained in the United Nations Journal and precisely because a Member State in good standing with the United Nations was denied access and participation within the United Nations premises.

Furthermore, the Permanent Mission of Kenya to the United Nations protests in the strongest terms possible, to the Government of the Principality of Liechtenstein and its Permanent Representation in New York on the intemperance of its actions and wish to inform that the Government of the Republic of Kenya shall take up this matter directly through appropriate bilateral diplomatic channels.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Kenya to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Missions and Permanent Observer Missions to the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.

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