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Your Excellency, President of the 67th Session of the United Nations General Assembly,

**Your Excellency, Secretary General of the United Nations,
Excellencies,**

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Mr. President, I congratulate you on your well deserved election to the Presidency of the Sixty Seventh Session of the United Nations General Assembly. I am confident that your vast diplomatic experience will be instrumental in steering our deliberations.

Excellencies,

Kenya supports an international order that is grounded on the rule of law, as envisaged in the Charter of the United Nations. We are convinced that the rule of law is the foundation stone for democratic governance, is vital in confronting the global challenges of our time, and is necessary for promoting sustainable development.

Mr. President,

Since independence, Kenya has progressively promoted the rule of law and respect for democratic constitutionality. Our democratic enterprise over the last 49 years has been to strengthen the rule of law, promote human rights and advance our economic and social development.

Promoting the rule of law, remains as important today as it was at our independence. Over time however, we are proud to say that rule of law has not only further secured our democracy, but it has also allowed my country to promote entrepreneurship, free trade, and the fight against poverty.

Mr. President,

In the past two years, my government has worked strenuously to implement our new Constitution that Kenyans adopted in the year 2010. We have implemented far reaching legal, institutional and administrative reforms which have further strengthened the rule of law in Kenya. Furthermore, these reforms have spurred increased activity across all sectors of the economy. This has increased investment and encouraged greater involvement of the Kenyan people in the development and governance of our country.

Mr. President,

Kenya's national commitment to the promotion of the rule of law and democratic governance transcends our national boundaries. We are committed, as a member of the international community, to play our part in promoting the rule of law throughout the world and especially in our region.

In this regard, **Mr. President,** it is my sincere hope that the international community will work with us especially in countries that have suffered a breakdown of law and order.

In conclusion, **Mr. President,** I believe that effective international relations must be based on the equal and just application of the rule of law among nations, both large and small. It is also important that the rule of law is pursued towards the attainment of greater prosperity, the promotion of equality and greater justice for all.

I thank you for your kind attention.