



MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

PRESS STATEMENT ON THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS

On behalf of the Government of the Republic of Kenya, I once again convey deepest gratitude to the Member States of the United Nations Organization for electing the Republic of Kenya to a non-permanent seat on the United Nations Security Council for the period 2021-2022.

I also wish to record my warmest appreciation to the **people of Kenya** for their unwavering support. Kenya's deep gratitude is enhanced because its robust endorsement by Africa- (the African Union), ensured its election success.

Kenya's emphatic endorsement in 2019 by the **East African Community**, began the journey with the brotherly nations of the **Republics of Uganda, Tanzania, Burundi, Rwanda, South Sudan**. Kenya secured its support from **ALL** corners of the continent, from **Eastern Africa, North Africa, from West Africa, from Central Africa and from Southern Africa**

Indeed, during the **Virtual Reception** marking the end of the campaign, on 16th June 2020, graced by **His Excellency the President**, he personally commended the Ambassadors from these countries and requested them to convey his personal thanks to his Brother Colleagues, Their Excellencies, in the region and beyond for believing in and entrusting Kenya with this solemn responsibility.

The support from Africa has been clear, consistent, resolute and unwavering. Kenya again formally expresses its deepest gratitude to Africa. Kenya shall partner with members of the Security Council, as one of the three African members of the United Nations Security Council.

Kenya's election required support from ALL of the United Nations: from the **Pacific**, from the **Caribbean**, from **Asia**, from all the **Americas**, from **Europe** and from the **Middle East**. We take this early opportunity to convey to all of them our warm appreciation and deep gratitude.

Kenya remains a safe pair of hands. I reaffirm Kenya's firm commitment to a rules-based ethos, buttressed by robust multilateralism, secured by the United Nations Charter and International Law. Kenya anticipates continued support to ensure global peace and security for sustainable development and shared prosperity.

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