

STATEMENT BY H.E DR. MONICA K.JUMA ON THE OCCASION OF THE PRESENTATION OF LETTERS OF CREDENCE

TO

HIS EXCELLENCY JEAN PING, CHAIRPERSON OF THE AFRICAN UNION COMMISSION

2nd JULY 2010

KENYA EMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

Your Excellency, Jean Ping:

It is an honour and privilege to convey the very best compliments of my Head of State, His Excellency President Mwai Kibaki, the Government and the People of the Republic of Kenya to Your Excellency, for your personal well being, and through you to the African Commission in Addis Ababa.

The Government of Kenya is committed to promoting multilateral relations, and recognizes the irreplaceable value of Africa's premier multilateral organisation, the African Union, as well as the Regional Economic Communities, as the fundamental drivers of Africa's aspirations for peace, prosperity and integration. Today, on this solemn occasion, I would like to reiterate this commitment.

Your Excellency,

Kenya remains steadfast in support of vision and mission of the African Union and I have been tasked to contribute to efforts that aimed at promoting Africa and the interests of its peoples, globally and within other multilateral for such as the UN, among others.

Your Excellency,

I now have the honour, to present to you, the Letter of Recall of my Predecessor, Ambassador Franklin Esipila, and My Letter of Credence by which His Excellency President Mwai Kibaki has appointment me to serve as Ambassador Extra-Ordinary and Plenipotentiary, and Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kenya to the Commission of the African Union. I want to assure you of my commitment to do my best to strengthen the existing good relations between the Republic of Kenya and the Commission of the African Union. Finally, I request Your Excellency, to accord me all assistance bestowed on my predecessor.

Thank You, Your Excellency.