

**REMARKS BY H.E. THE PRESIDENT ON RECEIVING THE AFRICAN LEADERS MALARIA ALLIANCE (ALMA) ON THE SIDELINES OF THE 18<sup>TH</sup> ORDINARY SESSION OF THE AFRICAN UNION ASSEMBLY ON JANUARY 30, 2012, ADDIS ABABA-ETHIOPIA**

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**Your Excellency Jokaya Kikwete, President of the United Republic of Tanzania and Chair of the African Leaders Malaria Alliance  
Excellencies, Heads of State and Government  
Ladies and Gentlemen,**

On behalf of the government and people of Kenya, I wish to express our gratitude for honouring us with this Award. Our achievements as a country in the fight against malaria are a culmination of years of hard work by the government and other health sector stakeholders.

I take this opportunity to thank all our partners for their support which enabled us to fill the gap of 11 million bed nets towards the target of universal coverage. This has gone a long way in strengthening our national policy against malaria which aims at making Kenya a malaria-free country by the year 2017.

I am grateful that ALMA has continued to provide the necessary political will and advocacy towards attainment of the Abuja Declarations on Malaria. I also wish to commend Your Excellencies for your commitment to enhance the continental efforts to reduce Malaria in accordance with the Abuja Targets.

Once again, thank you for this special recognition.