

## **PRESS RELEASE ON TRAVEL ADVISORIES TO KENYA**

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Trade has noted with disappointment that the governments of United States, United Kingdom, Australia and France, have this week issued travel advisories to their citizens warning against visiting Kenya in view of alleged "continuing and recently heightened threats from terrorism and the high rate of violent crime in some areas."

The Government of Kenya wishes to reiterate its cordial relations with these countries and longstanding friendship and cooperation with them in various areas including the fight against terrorism. The advisories therefore are obviously unfriendly acts coming from our partners who have equally borne the brunt of global terrorism and no doubt understand the repercussions of terror menace.

The challenges arising from acts of terrorism require concerted efforts to fight it and not behaving in a manner that accelerates it by causing fear and panic. Issuance of such travel advisories only plays to the whims of bad elements in society whose aim is to spread fear and panic among otherwise peace loving people.

The Government of Kenya would like to assure all Kenyans and friends of Kenya that our security forces remain vigilant and will continue to thwart any attempts to disrupt peace. Visitors are assured to utmost security and safety while in Kenya.

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