



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

OFFICE OF THE PRIME CABINET SECRETARY  
AND MINISTRY OF FOREIGN  
& DIASPORA AFFAIRS

## **CONDEMNATION OF ATTACKS AND LOOTING OF OUR EMBASSY IN KINSHASA, DRC, AND CALL FOR RESPECT OF INTERNATIONAL LAW**

**Nairobi, Kenya – 28<sup>TH</sup> January, 2025**

1. Kenya is deeply concerned by the attacks on our Embassy offices and personnel in Kinshasa, the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) by a riotous mob protesting the violent conflict in Eastern DRC. These unwarranted attacks, looting, and destruction of property have also been directed at the Uganda embassy. There were plans by demonstrators to storm, and attack the South African, USA, and Belgian Embassies.
2. In a quick response, the Prime Cabinet Secretary and Cabinet Secretary for Foreign and Diaspora Affairs has reached out to his counterpart in DRC, Minister Thérèse Kayikwamba Wagner, who has confirmed the unfortunate incident and assured that urgent measures were being taken to address the situation and reestablish order.
3. We pointed out to the Foreign Minister of DRC that two of Kenya's staff members had to escape and seek refuge elsewhere, despite the expectation that their safety and that of their families should be guaranteed by the DRC authorities as obligated by international law and provided for by Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations.
4. The violent attacks, looting, and destruction of property are a grave violation of international law and the long-held principles and provisions of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations, in particular, Article 22 (2) and Article 29 which respectively affirm that the premises of the mission and the person of a diplomatic agent are inviolable. These unfortunate attacks happened in the

full glare of DRC security officers who took no action to mitigate the situation.

5. The DRC Foreign Minister has committed to assess and compensate Kenyan government for the damages on embassy.
6. Accordingly, the Convention identifies host states as being under a special duty to take all appropriate steps to protect the premises of the mission against any intrusion or damage and to prevent any disturbance of the peace of the mission or impairment of its dignity. Additionally, it obligates host states to take all appropriate steps to prevent any attack on the diplomatic staff, their freedom, or dignity.
7. We acknowledge the assurances of the Foreign Minister of DRC, Hon. Thérèse Kayikwamba Wagner, that as our friendly partner country due to their commitment to international law, and including the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations, the DRC government has taken an emergency response to address the situation and to ensure the security and safety of Kenyan staff and their families.
8. The Republic of Kenya wishes to affirm its continued partnership and commitment to working with the region and international actors in finding peaceful solutions to the conflict. We beseech our citizens to exercise extreme caution as the Kenya government reassures you of the emergency response to cater for the safety and welfare of Kenyans in conflict areas.

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