

REMARKS BY THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL NATIONAL POLICE SERVICE AND PRESIDENT OF THE AFRIPOL GENERAL ASSEMBLY, MR HILARY N. MUTYAMBAI, MGH, (nsc) AU, DURING THE OCCASION OF THE 10TH MEETING OF AFRIPOL STEERING COMMITTEE - NAIROBI 30-31ST MARCH, 2022

Dr. Fred Matiangi' EGH, Cabinet Secretary Ministry of Interior and Coordination of National Government

H.E Ahmed Nasser Al-Raisi, President of INTERPOL General Assembly

Excellencies, Chiefs of the RPCO's

DR. Tarek A. Sharif, Executive Director AFRIPOL

Distinguished Delegates

Ladies and Gentlemen.

Good Morning.

I am deeply humbled to host the 10th Meeting of the AFRIPOL Steering Committee being held here in Nairobi.

Firstly, allow me to warmly welcome you, Your Excellencies, and your esteemed delegations to our beautiful city, Nairobi. I further wish you a great stay during your tour.

Secondly, let me take this opportunity to thank the Cabinet Secretary for Interior and Coordination of National Government, who is in charge of police matters, for having found time from his busy schedule to officiate over the opening of this Meeting.

Excellencies, distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen,

We gather here today as the AFRIPOL Steering Committee to deliberate on key strategic and policy matters that shall drive the mandate of the Organization forward. As such, I am deeply honored and privileged to preside over this Meeting as the sitting President of AFRIPOL General Assembly. On this note, kindly allow me to thank you all and the entire General Assembly for having shown confidence in Kenya's capacity to preside over this important function, and by extension, my ability to lead the Organization. I therefore offer my highest assurances to avail myself at the service of AFRIPOL in order to facilitate it achieve its mandate and objectives as stipulated under Article 3 of the Statute of the African Union Mechanism for Police Cooperation.

The main function of AFRIPOL is to foster law enforcement partnerships and cooperation across our Member States law enforcement agencies, which may contribute towards the peace, stability and security of our continent and beyond. Therefore, as we meet here today, and as we shall continue to meet in future, let us strive to build lasting partnerships and cooperative engagements that we could build on to move continental policing forward. This is because we are currently faced with unprecedented security and crime threats and attendant challenges, including transnational organized crime, high-level corruption networks, money laundering and terrorism, amongst others. It is therefore

only by standing firmly together, shoulder-to-shoulder, as law enforcement partners that we shall be able to tackle such threats of impunity threatening our collective continental peace and security, and contributing towards conflicts and underdevelopment in the same measure.

It is with this in mind that I dedicate Kenya's Presidency of AFRIPOL to enhanced partnerships, more joint operational activities, and targeted capacity building of our human capital, amongst others.

Before us today is a rich agenda to guide our deliberations. It is my sincere hope that we shall be able to cover much ground and arrive at a binding position to guide us going forward.

And in a special way, Your Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen, allow me to recognize the distinguished presence of His Excellency Dr. Ahmed Nasser Al-Raisi, President of INTERPOL General Assembly, who has graciously found time to honor our invitation. As AFRIPOL, we cannot go at it alone, but must work with our partners towards achieving of a common objective of peace and security. INTERPOL therefore gives us such a comparative advantage that we could benchmark in order to be more effective and efficient in our quest to achieve our mandate.

Finally, I urge you all, as our distinguished visitors, to find some time out of this busy schedule to sample some of the best hospitality that Nairobi – famed as the Green City Under the Sun – can offer from its rich menu. Within our vicinity, we take pride as the only capital city in the world with a National Park within its vicinity hosting most of the natural wildlife.

With these few remarks, it is my singular duty and honor to welcome our Chief Guest, Dr. Fred Matiangi, EGH, Cabinet Secretary of Ministry of interior and Coordination of Government to make his remarks and officially open the Meeting.

Thank You.

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