- **6.** I encourage you to continue reaching out to fellow Kenyans to join in this initiative and do what they can to further their own development as individuals and in turn contribute to development of our beautiful country.
- **7.** I wish to note that Diaspora diplomacy is one of the most important pillars in Kenya's foreign policy. The importance of integrating the Kenyan Diaspora in national development can never be overemphasized.
- 8. The Diaspora is not only crucial for remittances back home but more importantly for transfer of skills, knowledge and technology. Some of our objectives are to stir hope and inspire our citizens abroad to support the development of our country; Encourage Kenyans that in spite of the social and economic challenges which we face, we are a blessed country with both natural and human resources which must be utilized for our benefit; To promote access by Kenyans to the international labour market; To acknowledge and celebrate our achievements which are numerous, such as sports, academia among others; And above all, to market our country, its products and invest in it.
- **9.** Thank you for standing in the gap, reminding all of us of who we are as a nation, and as individuals. I wish to commend you for outstanding work that you continue to do on behalf of Kenya as great Ambassadors of our country.
- **10.** I salute your efforts, and wish you the best in your endeavours.

I wish you merry Christmas, happy holidays and a bright new year.

Thank you.