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The President of the Republic of Kenya,  
His Excellency Uhuru Kenyatta

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Excellency,

*I am appalled and still deeply saddened after being informed of the horrific incident that took place on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015, at the Garissa University, resulting in the deaths of 147 citizens of the Republic of Kenya.*

*I have no personal words to console you and the good people of your country; and as a result simply wish to invoke the wisdom of Psalm 121:*

*"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hill from whence comes my help!  
My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth"*

*I can feel your pain, for they were sons and daughters, brothers and sisters, friends and fellow citizens! They were students and dreamers, pursuing their God-given right and ambition for a better life.*

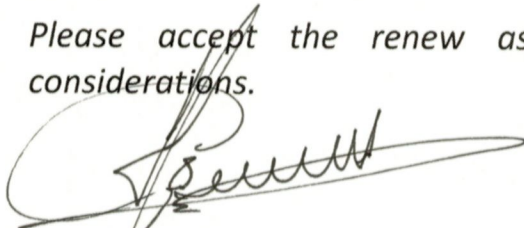
*As Head of State, I sympathize with you in these moments of anguish and sorrow, for it is our duty to protect and secure our citizens; and when the situation does arise we must show strength and determination to our society and to the International Community. In this, you have my full and undivided support.*

*My heartfelt condolence goes out to the families of those who lost their loved ones in this shocking attack! May the Almighty grant them the strength and compassion to overcome their great irreplaceable loss! Under your guidance and wise leadership, I am convinced that the good people of the Republic of Kenya will in time be able to move on after deep national mourning.*

*These days, it is incumbent upon us as leaders to address this new type of negative actions within our societies, seeking to find the correct manner and means to deal with it, preferably by dialogue, but if needed, to crush it at its roots.*

*Excellency once again my sincere condolence and those of the Government and people of the Republic of Suriname.*

*Please accept the renew assurances of my highest esteem and considerations.*



*Desire Delano Bouterse  
The President of the Republic of Suriname*

*Paramaribo, April 07, 2015*

