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2nd June, 2010

Mr. Thuita Mwangi, CBS
Permanent Secretary
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RE: OFFICIAL REPORT OF THE FIRE OUTBREAK IN AMBASSADOR'S
RESIDENCE IN TOKYO ON 13TH FEBRUARY, 2010

This is to inform that upon request from the Mission to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan on 20th May, 2010 for official report from the Tokyo Metropolitan Fire Department and from the translation which was done by a local staff at the Embassy, the following observations have been made:-

1. The cause of fire was the Gas cooking stove which was left unattended and in full blast with 500ml of oil being heated.
2. According to the report, there does not seem to be an explanation as to why the cooking oil was heated again after the official cook had cleaned the kitchen.

Under the circumstances therefore, and based on the interest and anxiety which the fire outbreak has caused the Kenyan public, I strongly recommend that further investigations be carried out and possibly involve the Kenyan Police.

I attach hereto copies of both Japanese and English translated versions of the Fire Investigation Report submitted through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for information and further action.


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NOTE VERBALE

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs presents its compliments to the Embassy of the Republic of Kenya, and with the reference to the latter's Note No. KET/ADM/1/11A dated 19 May 2010, has the honor to attach the copy of the Fire Investigation Report issued by Meguro Fire Department on the cause of fire of the Ambassador's Residence on 13th Feb 2010.

Tokyo, May 31, 2010.

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28th May, 2010

Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Principal Deputy Chief of Protocol

RE: Request for publishing Fire Investigation Report (Response)

As you requested in your letter dated on 20th May, 2010, Reference No. 5691, we would like to enclose the Fire Investigation Report on the fire at around 17:40 on 13th February, 2010 at Ambassador's residence of the Republic of Kenya which is located in 3-24-3, Yakumo, Meguro-ku, Tokyo.

Yours sincerely,

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31st March, 2010

To Director, Prevention Div.

From: Commissioner
Meguro Fire Department

Report on Fire Disaster

Fire Reference No.: 007232-4
Date of Fire Outbreak: Around 17:40 on 13th February, 2010
Date of Perception: Around 17:50 on 13th February, 2010
Damage of the Fire: Partially destroyed

Method of Perception: Emergency Telephone Call
Type of Fire: Building

Address of Fire Origin

24-3, Yakumo 3-chome, Meguro-ku Ambassador's Residence of the Republic of Kenya

Title: Chargée d'affaires ad interim

Name: Allan W. Mburu (49 years old)

Classification of Fire Origin: Administration

Stories: two stories high

Purpose of use: Residence

Acreage: Building: 244 m²

Floor: 411 m²

Structure: Firesafe

Fire Damage

Partially destroyed 220 m²

Total surface acreage of damaged building: 70 m²

Damaged Item

Two stories fire safe residence. 60 m² of 1st floor, 160 m² of 2nd floor and 70 m² of roof is damaged out of total estimated 411 m² total space.

Source of Ignition

Gas cooking stove

Exact Part

Stove

Process

Leave stove on

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Source of Fire

Cooking oil

Place of fire outbreak

Kitchen

Outline of the fire

This fire is happened at Ambassador's Residence of the Republic of Kenya. Place of fire outbreak is the kitchen and the fire destroyed 60 m² of 1st floor, 160 m² of 2nd floor and 70 m² of roof is damaged out of total estimated 411 m² total space.

The reason of the fire is over heat of cooking oil. A cook prepared food using 500ml cooking oil. After the cooking, he clean up the kitchen that a cook put fire on the gas stove with frying pan of 500ml cooking oil. After cooking food he cleaned kitchen. However, he heated the cooking oil again but the reason is not clear, the oil is over heated and outbreak the fire.

Fire finding

A person who lives in neighboring area (Yakumo 3-chome) was walking west side of the Embassy. He noticed the smell and found the fire and smoke at the embassy

Emergency phone call

The person who find the fire made an emergency call to fire department with his cell phone.

Use of Area

First low level residential area

Fire Protection

Semi- Fire Protection Area

Weather

Snowy rain

Temperature

2.3°C

Speed of Wind

3.0m/h

Direction of Wind

North East

Humidity

Relative 99%

Actual: 60%