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PRESS RELEASE ON THE GARISSA UNIVERSITY TERROR-ATTACK

The Kenya National Commission on Human Rights takes this early opportunity to condole with the families who have lost loved ones in the latest terror attacks at Garissa University. It is unfortunate that the attacks are happening in an institution that is considered a safe haven for students. Reports reaching us as at the time of issuing this press release indicate that 15 people have lost their lives while the over 50 who are said to have sustained injuries are currently receiving treatment in various medical facilities. We wish those who have been injured as well as those who have been psychologically affected by this callous attack a quick recovery.

KNCHR is deeply concerned that despite the continued assurances from H.E. the President on various occasions (including his latest State of the Nation Address) as well as from top Security Officials, Kenya still remains vulnerable to these senseless acts of terror. We firmly believe that the war against terror cannot be won in isolation. Kenya must cooperate and collaborate with its allies and partners if it is to successfully detect and take preventive action against terror attacks. It is important to note that some of our partners and allies have in the recent past issued travel advisories against possible acts of terror in the country. We want to believe that the advisories are based on actionable intelligence which they must surely have shared with their Kenyan counterparts.

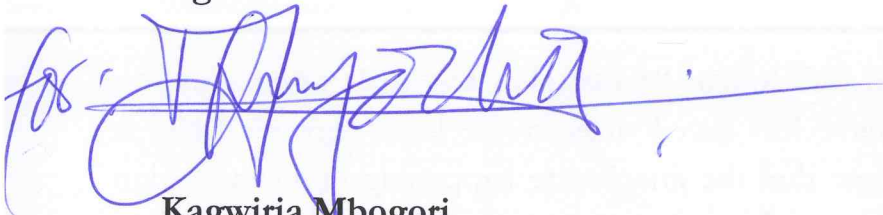
As a country, we remain alive to allegations that intelligence was shared ahead of some of the worst attacks—these include the Westgate Mall, Mpeketoni and Mandera attacks—we have experienced in the recent past. While we have no reason to believe that our intelligence is not doing its best to avert terror attacks in the country, we

strongly believe that their success rate could be even higher with better intelligence sharing with our allies and partners as well as pro-active counter-terror measures, which must always be carried out within the confines of the law and human rights standards.

We hope that the current siege at the Garissa University will be resolved soonest and with the minimum loss of life.

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Signed

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Kagwiria Mbogori

Chairperson, KNCHR