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The Ministry would appreciate if the letter could be conveyed to its highest destination.

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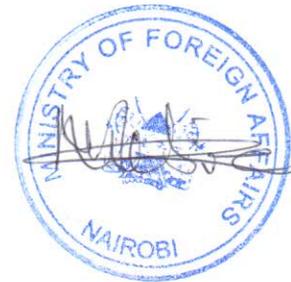
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Excellency,

Allow me to extend my sincere greetings and best wishes for your personal wellbeing.

I have the honour to inform you that Kenya attaches great importance to the development and sustainable exploitation of the blue economy and is investing heavily in this sector. The Government of Kenya recognizes that the shared blue economy resources cannot be harnessed optimally when threats of piracy, illegal, unregulated and unreported fishing among other maritime crimes exist.

In this regard, Kenya joined the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC) in 2004 to exchange fishing vessels information and joint monitoring, control and surveillance of operations at the sea which is done in collaboration with the State Department for Fisheries and Blue Economy. Kenya is also a founding and active member of the Contact Group on Piracy off the Coast of Somalia (CGPCS) and is the designate Chair. As a member of the CGPCS, Kenya has been working closely with Indian Ocean Commission (IOC) to coordinate and steer the fight against piracy off the coast of Somalia.

Excellency, I wish to note that all IOC current members are also members of the CGPCS except Kenya. Kenya esteems the principle mission of IOC which is to strengthen the ties of friendship as a platform of solidarity for the entire population of the Western Indian Ocean as well as cooperation on development particularly through sustainable exploitation of maritime and other natural resources.



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In view of the above and given our quest to deepen cooperation in the areas of maritime security, human development and economic growth, the Government of Kenya wishes to express its interest to join IOC as a permanent member.

In this regard, I would like to request Your Excellency to convey Kenya's expression of interest to other IOC members for consideration. Further, I would like to request for information necessary for membership including financial obligations to enable us to firm up our interest and commence our internal approval processes towards IOC membership.

While looking forward to your response on this matter, I seize this opportunity to renew to your Excellency the assurance of my highest considerations.



AMB. MONICA JUMA, DPHIL, CBS
CABINET SECRETARY

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