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Letter dated 18 October 2021 from the Permanent Representative of Kenya to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

The Permanent Mission of Kenya has the honour to transmit herewith a letter dated 13 October 2021 from the Bureau of the Chairperson of the African Union Commission to the Permanent Mission of Kenya to the African Union (see annex), forwarding a letter addressed to Uhuru Kenyatta, President of the Republic of Kenya, from Moussa Faki Mahamat, Chairperson of the African Union Commission, regarding the appointment of Olusegun Obasanjo, former President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, as the Chairperson's High Representative for the Horn of Africa region.

We should be grateful if the present letter and its annex could be distributed as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Martin **Kimani**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative



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The Commission of the African Union, Bureau of the Chairperson, presents its compliments to the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Kenya to the African Union in Addis Ababa, and has the honour to forward herewith, for onward transmission for its high attention, a congratulation letter addressed by the Chairperson of the Commission, Moussa Faki Mahamat, to Uhuru Kenyatta, President of the Republic of Kenya and President of the United Nations Security Council for the month of October 2021.

The Commission would appreciate it if the esteemed Mission could urgently send this letter to its highest addressee.

Enclosure

Allow me, first, with distinct honour, to convey my warmest congratulations to Your Excellency, and to the Republic of Kenya on the assumption of the presidency of the United Nations Security Council for the month of October 2021. Indeed, I am hopeful that your presidency will result in great milestones in support of sustaining peace for the mutual benefit of the African Union and the United Nations.

Relatedly, I am pleased to inform Your Excellency that I recently appointed Olusegun Obasanjo, former President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, as my High Representative for the Horn of Africa region. This decision is in furtherance of the African Union's drive to promote peace, security and stability in the region.

It is my expectation that the High Representative will intensify engagements with all relevant political leaders and stakeholders in the region, towards entrenching durable peace. Certainly, President Obasanjo commands very rich experience and impeccable credentials with his keen commitment to uplifting the ideals of pan-Africanism.

To this effect, the African Union Commission would be grateful for the kind transmission of this information to the Security Council members. In particular, we look forward to the necessary support of the three elected African members of the Council for the High Representative.

(Signed) Moussa **Faki Mahamat**
