

**Kura Yangu
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Francis Ole Kaparo
Chairperson
National Cohesion and Integration Commission
Nairobi, Kenya.

Dear Sir,

RE: REQUEST FOR ACTION OVER INFLAMMATORY REMARKS MADE BY HON. MOSES KURIA

Kura Yangu ,Sauti Yangu is a citizen movement spearheaded by a number of like-minded civil society organizations (Kenya Human Rights Commission, Independent Medico-Legal Unit, Constitution and Reforms Education Consortium, Inform Action, the Africa Centre for Open Governance, the Civil Society Organization Reference Group, Inuka Trust, Katiba Institute, and the Kenyan Section for International Commission of Jurists) who have come together to proactively support Kenya's preparations for the 2017 elections with a view to ensuring that the country minimizes the risks related to dysfunctional electoral systems and practices which the country has experienced in the recent past.

Kura Yangu, Sauti Yangu brings to your attention the recent inflammatory remarks made by the Member of Parliament for Gatundu South, Hon. Moses Kuria, during a function at the Safaricom Kasarani Stadium on 12th June, 2016. In his remarks, Hon. Kuria was reported to have suggested the possible assassination of Raila Odinga. As the country gears up for the upcoming general elections, it ill behooves those charged with the responsibility of representing the interests of the people to make such reckless and negligent remarks that run the high risk of fanning ethnic animosity and violence. The goal of having a peaceful

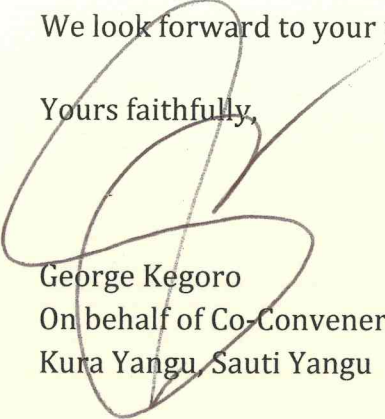
electoral process will not be achieved if those making such divisive utterances are not held accountable.

The Constitution and the National Cohesion and Integration Act provides sufficient guidance with respect to speech that may be construed as hate speech or inciting the public to violence. To this end and in recognition of your mandate, we request that your office initiates immediate investigations into the matter leading to a swift judicial process that indeed holds Hon. Kuria to account. We further expect a proactive approach towards others who presume to propagate criminally irresponsible speech so as to stave off the perception that such conduct is permissible under any circumstances.

Your institution bears the important responsibility of preventing the current polarized environment from turning into one of violence instigated by reckless statements as we prepare for the 2017 general elections. It is our sincere hope that the Commission will rise to the occasion and work alongside other mandate holders to treat this worrying trend with the seriousness it deserves.

We look forward to your prompt action on the matter.

Yours faithfully,



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On behalf of Co-Conveners,
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