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His Excellency Daniel arap Moi
President of Kenya
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Dear President Moi:

Our Association and its more than 380,000 member lawyers have a deep commitment to the preservation of the rule of law in the international community. In particular, we seek to encourage the maintenance of judicial systems which are independent from government interference, and which respect the independence of the judges and lawyers in order to maintain internationally recognized standards of fairness and justice.

I am sure you are aware of, and concerned about, the firebombing of the Nairobi offices of Kituo Cha Sheria, a legal aid organization which provides legal services to the poor, including representation in court, in addition to educating Kenyans about the law.

According to press and other reports that we have received, on March 15, 1995, four armed men shot and wounded two security guards and then threw a firebomb into the reception area of Kituo Cha Sheria's Nairobi offices. Substantial damage resulted therefrom; luckily, there were no fatalities. We have also learned from reliable sources that on five occasions in 1995 prior to the March 15 incident, the legal aid organization has been harassed by armed men.

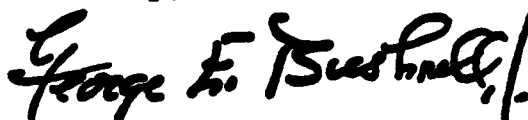
I am writing to express our support for efforts on your part to investigate this serious violation of the rule of law in Kenya and to bring those responsible to justice. The independence of judges and lawyers is fundamental in maintaining the international norms of equal justice and due process enumerated in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, and other international human rights instruments to which Kenya is a party. The attack on Kituo Cha Sheria will undoubtedly have a chilling effect on the representation of ordinary citizens in disputes with the government in Kenya.

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We support all necessary measures on your part to ensure the safety of Kituo Cha Sheria and to investigate the aforementioned incident and bring those responsible to justice.

Thank you for your consideration of these important matters.

Sincerely,



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