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Gegenstand/Objet Kénya: Remise de la lettre de créance au
Président Moi

Le 31.3.1993 j'ai remis au Président Moi, lors de la cérémonie protocolaire prévue à cet effet, ma lettre de créance ainsi que la lettre de rappel de mon prédécesseur. A cette occasion j'ai tenu une brève allocution résumant les points saillants de nos relations bilatérales; vous trouverez à l'annexe 1 le texte de celle-ci. Comme vous le constaterez à sa lecture, j'ai mis l'accent sur quatre aspects qui me paraissent à l'heure actuelle caractériser les relations avec le Kénya, à savoir la phase transitoire vers le multipartisme, le besoin de libéralisation de l'économie, l'assistance accordée au Kénya par la Suisse dans le domaine de la coopération technique en mentionnant plus particulièrement l'Utalii College et le fait que celle-ci va se réduire dans les mois à venir (en utilisant l'euphémisme du "to hand over during the year projects which have come to fruition") et enfin, j'ai mentionné nos contributions - dans le cadre régional - à l'aide humanitaire.

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Le Président dans sa réponse releva plusieurs points qui ne manquent pas d'intérêt à être notés et ceci d'autant plus que des représentants des mass media étaient présents et que par conséquent l'allocution ne s'adressait pas seulement à moi, mais à tout le pays. Sur le plan politique le Président ne manqua pas de

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faire une allusion au système du multipartisme récemment introduit, en mettant toutefois en évidence que ce système "selon les circonstances particulières pouvait rendre la tâche de bon gouvernement plus difficile" en connaissant par là une certaine limitation. De frappant dans cette déclaration est non seulement son contenu, mais le fait que la veille, lors d'une visite de courtoisie auprès du Ministre des Affaires Etrangères, celui-ci fit tomber une remarque allant dans le même sens en ajoutant qu'on devrait pouvoir s'attendre d'une opposition digne de ce nom à ce qu'elle fasse des apports constructifs dans le Parlement et ne se borne pas à saboter les initiatives émanant du parti majoritaire.

Remarquable et remarqué par les représentants des mass media (voir annexe 2) fut la déclaration du Président selon laquelle le Kénya ne se trouverait pas en état de guerre avec le FMI et la BM, qu'au contraire le dialogue avec ces institutions devrait se poursuivre et que l'interruption de l'exécution du programme d'ajustement avait été nécessaire pour assurer le bien-être et même la survie des couches populaires les plus démunies affectées par l'absence de la dimension sociale des programmes en question.

Quant aux relations bilatérales, elles semblent être appréciées comme excellentes par le MAE et par le Président. Ceci d'autant plus que la Suisse n'aurait pas seulement contribué par des projets de coopération technique d'un rayonnement régional tel que l'école hôtelière Utalii à consolider l'indépendance économique du Kénya après la décolonisation, mais en plus il a été mentionné par le Président lui-même comme élément positif le fait que "la Suisse ne soit pas membre du FMI et de la BM" (sic!)

On constate donc, que la Suisse continue de bénéficier dans les hautes sphères sociales et politiques de l'image traditionnelle du pays du chocolat, du fromage, du tourisme et "last but not least" du secret bancaire... Si cette vision permet dans le cadre des

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relations avec le MAE et avec le State House d'entretenir des rapports plus ou moins cordiaux, force est de constater qu'elle n'a guère contribué à la solution des problèmes pendants avec le Ministère des Finances à savoir le cas Canvas, Kenya Chemical & Food Corp. et Swissair. Je pense soulever ces questions lors de mes visites de courtoisie auprès des autorités en cause et je vous tiendrai au courant du suivi.

L'AMBASSADEUR DE SUISSE

H.-P. Erismann

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Annex 1

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to present to Your Excellency the Letter of Recall of my Predecessor and my Credentials by which the Swiss Government has appointed me to be the next Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Swiss Confederation to the Republic of Kenya.

Allow me, Your Excellency, to present the compliments of my government and the people of Switzerland to you personally and through you to the people of Kenya.

The year 1993 promises to become an important year in the history of Kenya marking the beginning of multiparty democracy, a political system which has for a long time been practiced in Switzerland and which constitutes the most important underlying factor for its stability and prosperity.

Within the framework of our excellent bilateral relations I wish to emphasize the extent and variety of the Swiss business community in Kenya, especially in the fields of services such as transportation, insurance and tourism, in the industrial sector such as food processing, energy, chemical industry, machinery and trade.

Hopefully these traditionally good business relations will continue to prosper on the basis of a further liberalization and reform of the economic environment.

Furthermore, Switzerland is present in Kenya through its development assistance. I take pleasure in informing His Excellency that I will be able to hand over during this year projects which have come to fruition after many years of cooperation. Our support to the well known Utalii College, the road sector under the road maintenance initiative and other development programs will continue.

Swiss humanitarian assistance in Kenya for refugees from Sudan, Ethiopia and in particular from Somalia through the UNHCR and NGO's will continue to be substantial. In this context I would like to express the appreciation by the Swiss Government to His Excellency making available the facilities and infrastructure necessary for supporting international humanitarian operations in the region. I also know that these sentiments are shared by the International Committee of the Red Cross.

With the benevolent help and assistance of His Excellency and the Kenyan Government, I trust that I will be able to continue and strenghten the already excellent bilateral relations.

Nairobi, 31st March 1993

Moi: Kenya not at war with IMF, World Bank

PRESIDENT Daniel arap Moi yesterday made it clear that Kenya was not at war with either the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank or any other donor.

He said Kenya had only stopped the implementation of Structural Adjustments programmes to avoid a possible crisis.

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from the new ambassadors of Switzerland, and Nepal.

Receiving credentials from the Swiss Ambassador, Mr Hans Peter Erismann, President Moi thanked the Swiss Government for continued assistance through various development projects.

President Moi cited the Kenya Utalii College as among the projects assisted by the Swiss Government.

He said the college had since its inception played a major role in the promotion of the tourism industry in the country.

Refugees

Mr Erismann assured President Moi that the Swiss government would continue to fund development projects.

He also assured the President that Switzerland would continue to offer humanitar-

ian assistance for refugees in Kenya through the United Nations High Commission for Refugees.

Receiving credentials from the Nepal Ambassador, Mr Jitendra Raj Sharma, President Moi hailed relations between Kenya and Nepal.

He said there was a need for developing countries to co-operate for the betterment of their people. Mr Sharma noted that Nepal and Kenya had close ties.

Present were the Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Co-operation, Mr Kalonzo Musyoka, and two Assistant Ministers, Mr Sheldon Muchilwa and Dr Hezron Manduku.

Others were the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry, Dr Sally Kosgei, and the Chief of Protocol, Mr Mutuma Kathurima.



President Moi yesterday receiving credentials from the Nepalese Ambassador to Kenya Mr Jitendra Raj Sharma.

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He pointed out that implementation of certain proposals needed financial back-up so that the real purchasing power of the common people is not eroded.

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in the promotion of tourism.

Mr Erismann assured the President that the Swiss Government will continue funding development programmes in the country.

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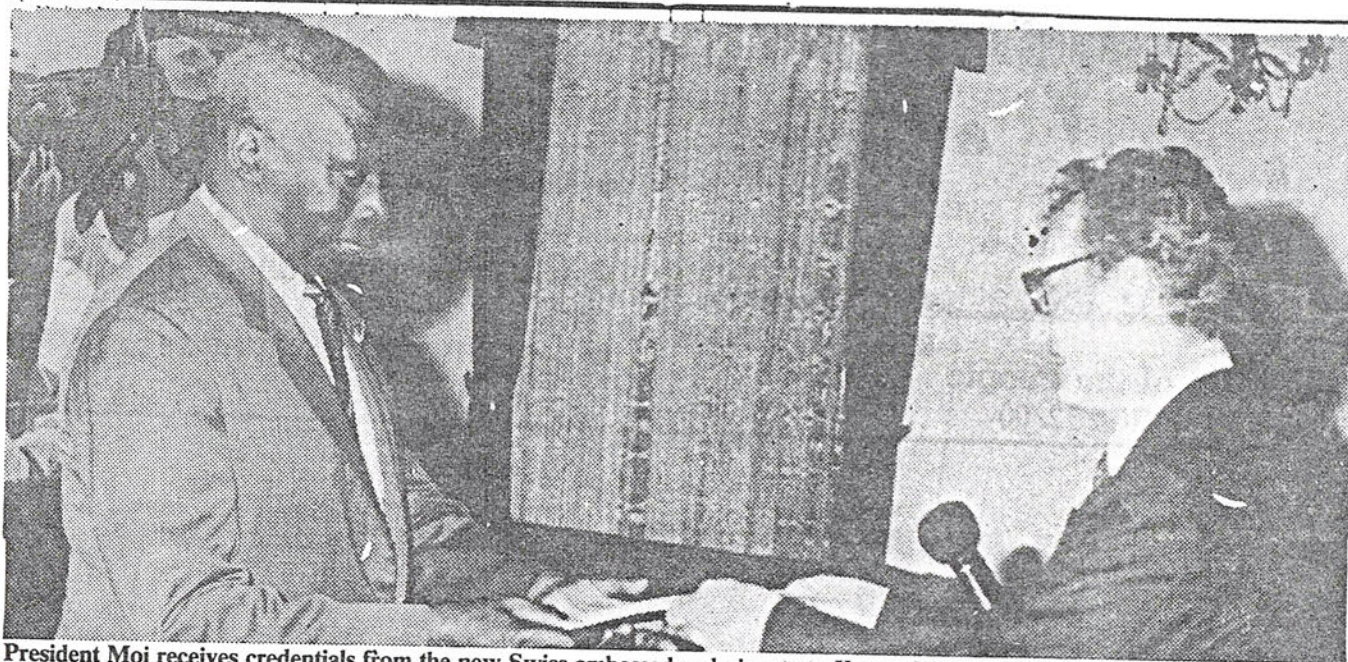
dara Raj Sharma, President Moi hailed relations between the two countries.

President Moi said there was need for developing nations to co-operate to improve the lives of their peoples.

Mr Sharma said Nepal and Kenya are bound by numerous ties of friendship and mutual interests.

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President Moi receives credentials from the new Swiss ambassador-designate to Kenya, Mr Hans Petr Erishmann, at State House, Nairobi, yesterday.

Moi: No war with donors

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greetings and best wishes from the King of Nepal, His Majesty Bikram Shah Der to President Moi.

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Others were Permanent Secretary in the Ministry Dr Sally Kosgey and the Chief of Protocol, Mr Mutuma Kathurima.

Meanwhile, President Moi yesterday afternoon attended the crusade at Uhuru Park in Nairobi. The main preacher was the head of the Yoido Full Gospel Church of Korea, Dr David Cho.

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NATIONAL NEWS

Moi: There's no war with donors

By KNA and Paul Redfern,
NATION Correspondent, London
President Moi said yesterday that Kenya was not at war with either the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the World Bank or any other donor.

He said Kenya had only suspended the implementation of structural adjustment programmes to avert a possible crisis.

The President said the Government would undertake to discuss the issue with the World Bank with special emphasis on the social dimensions of the proposals by donor agencies.

He said the implementation of some of the proposals needed financial back-up.

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Mr Erismann assured President Moi that the Swiss Government will continue to offer humanitarian assistance for refugees in Kenya.

Receiving credentials from the Nepal Ambassador, Mr Jitendara Raj Sharma, he praised relations between Kenya and Nepal.

Mr Sharma conveyed greetings from the King of Nepal, His Majesty Bikram Shah Der, to Presi-

dent Moi.

Meanwhile, as the Kenyan Government's diplomatic campaign on the crisis over donor aid steps up in the UK, the acting High Commissioner yesterday thanked British businessmen for their support on the issue.

Speaking to a meeting of the East Africa Association at a luncheon in London, Mr Mwanengela Ngali said that, despite disagreements with the donor community, and in particular the IMF and World Bank, Kenya would "continue to welcome and protect foreign investment".

But despite Mr Ngali's reassurances, there is a great deal of anger in the business and banking community in the UK at what many see as the failure of the Government to pay more than lip-service to the necessary economic reforms and for failing to tackle the issue of corruption.

While Mr Ngali called on the business community in the UK to invest more in Kenya, most economic indicators in fact show that many firms are keen to pull out.

The East Africa Association meeting was thus crucial to try and reassure British business interests, but the Government may have to do much more before Kenya gets the much-needed investment it needs.

The East Africa Association chief executive, Mr Chris Buckmaster, wrote to Overseas Development Minister Lynda Chalker before the recent informal meeting of donors at the World Bank's offices in London

asking for a resumption of at least some of the balance of payments support which has been withheld since November 1991.

But the Government's moves to reverse its exchange rate reforms have sent the wrong signal to the business community.

However, Mr Ngali said Kenya had had no alternative: "We are committed to reforms to make the system more efficient and responsive to market forces but the pace of change has to be one that will not lead to the destruction of the economy and the country.

"We only took the unhappy step back when it was clear Kenya was in real danger and that the other side was not prepared to recognise the progress made and therefore make commensurate resumption of assistance.

"The Bank has not treated us like the long-standing and credible customer we have been. The treatment suits a beggar rather than a customer and we feel let-down.

"We know while we continue the dialogue with donors it will be difficult and we will not be able to develop as fast as we would have wanted but, yes, Kenya will survive. The patchwork we have done on the vessel should keep it afloat while we await a response to our SoS".

But critics say the Government's policy to defend their actions while at the same time attacking the multi-lateral institutions such as the IMF and World Bank may backfire.