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Prof. David Mellor, OBE
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Dear Sir,

STATEMENT OF APPRECIATION

Eng. J.N. Kariuki, Student

LLM in Information Technology and Telecommunications Law 2004-2006

In my engineering career, I have often brushed with the law. First, as an employee – the law of contract. Second, as a chief of project planning and engineering while dealing with suppliers in procurement matters -the law of contract but most challenging as an ICT policy advisor- the Telecommunications and IT law.

In order to face the legal challenge as an ICT policy advisor and convinced that an engineer, in principle, should be able to tackle most disciplines of study, I embarked on seeking a programme to study ICT law. Initially, I applied to a university in the East African region, who despite paying a heavy application fee did not even bother to acknowledge my application!

Not deterred, I started a search on the Internet and came across UKTA where I made my application. It was easy and straightforward and all I required were two recommendations which for me were quite easy to obtain from my professional colleagues in the industry. Therefore, not only did I get an opportunity to study, but also got more than I bargained for, that is, free tuition which is otherwise quite substantial in the UK, as I learned later from invoices which were inadvertently sent to me by the University

The study at Strathclyde University was a wonderful experience with excellent tutors and on line learning material and research resources. The major draw back was slow internet connectivity and network failures which adversely affected the learning process of what were otherwise excellent reference materials available to the students including external libraries.

This June 2007, I obtained my LLM, which I consider a great achievement. However, of more importance is the empowerment the course has offered me as I join efforts with my colleagues to face the challenge of moving the ICT sector in Kenya to the next level of policy, legal and regulatory reform for the benefit of all users of the services as the world moves into information age in a converging technological environment.

Clearly, it is comforting to observe that the international community, in particular the UKTA has in some very positive way contributed to some of the work we are doing in Kenya now and in the years to come. For this, a big thank you and trust that you will continue the good work for the benefit of mankind - many of whose beneficiaries you will never know let alone see.

Once again thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Eng. J.N. Kariuki

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