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**Statement by H.E. Kirimi Peter Kaberia,  
Ambassador of Kenya to Brazil on the  
4<sup>th</sup> World Coffee Conference to the  
111<sup>th</sup> Session of the International Coffee  
Council on 9 September 2013**

Kenya wishes to express its gratitude to the Government of Brazil and the State of Minas Gerais as well as to the ICO for organizing and hosting the 111<sup>th</sup> ICO Council Session and the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations here in the State of Minas Gerais.

As you may know, African potential for coffee production has dropped to around 15% from a high of 30% about 20 years ago. It is in this spirit that Kenya reiterates its bid to host the 4<sup>th</sup> World Coffee Conference meeting in Nairobi made during the 110<sup>th</sup> ICO Session in London in March 2013. It is noted that hosting the World Coffee Conference in Africa would indeed give confidence to the producers in the continent and spur production.

As we all know there is huge potential for production of high quality coffee in Africa which is yet to be exploited.

Kenya further takes the opportunity to express its appreciation for the support given by Cote d'Ivoire and further reemphasizes the offer to host the World Coffee Conference made in London during the 110<sup>th</sup> Council Session. Kenya has the capacity and will to host the World Coffee Conference in 2015 in Nairobi.