UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI

REMARKS BY THE CHANCELLOR, DR VIJOO RATTANSI, DURING THE OFFICIAL CEREMONY TO LAY THE FOUNDATION STONE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI TOWERS BY HIS EXCELLENCY HON UHURU KENYATTA, CGH. THE PRESIDENT AND COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE DEFENCE FORCES OF KENYA ON AUGUST 26, 2014 AT THE MAIN CAMPUS AT 8.00 AM
Your Excellency Hon Uhuru Kenyatta, President and Commander in Chief of the Defence Forces of the Republic of Kenya

Deputy President, Hon. William Ruto

Cabinet Secretary for Education, Science and Technology, Prof. Jacob Kaimenyi

Chairman of Council, Dr. Idle Farah

Vice-Chancellor, Prof. George Magoha

University managers

Staff

Students
Distinguished guests

Ladies and Gentlemen

It is my pleasure to welcome you all to the University and to the official ceremony of laying the foundation stone for the University of Nairobi towers.

Your Excellency, I would like to thank you for appointing me to serve as the Chancellor of this prestigious institution. It is indeed an honour from your office and I wish to assure you that I will serve to the best of my ability.

Your Excellency, from your young days at St. Mary’s, I remember you for your humility, your respect for your
elders, and your forthrightness. I remember that as a young rugby player (I hear they call it rudge these days), you ran faster and leapt higher than most others. As you lead our nation from your office on the hill, I wish thee well. Under your guidance, may our nation and our children ascend to greater heights.

I am an old, very well padded lady now. I need two strong young men by me to hold my hands, one on each side, in service to our country. I am of the opinion - and I know you will agree - that my President and my Deputy President are up to the challenge.

Over the last few decades, my family has been closely associated with the University. This is the first time we
are witnessing a project of this magnitude. This is testament to a new chapter in the management of University affairs. For us to benchmark with the best in the world and benefit the country more, we require a broader financial resource base. This will uplift our infrastructure and boost our academic performance.

In my assignment, I will be working closely with the University council and management to ensure that we deliver on our objectives.

With those few remarks, it is my pleasure to invite the Vice-Chancellor, to give you more insight on the project.
Thank you. God bless you, God bless Kenya and God bless our University.