KEY NOTE ADDRESS BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR, PROF. GEORGE A.O. MAGOHA AT THE NATIONAL DEFENCE COLLEGE, ON JULY 3, 2014 AT 8.30 A.M.
• The Commandant of the National Defence College, Lieutenant General Waweru
• the Deputy Commandant (Civil) Ambassador Peter Ogego
• Deputy Commandant (Military) Major General El al Hajji
• the Director of the Institute of Diplomacy and International Studies, Prof. Maria Nzomo
• Participants of Course 17
• Ladies and Gentlemen
I am truly delighted to be giving the Key note address at the National Defence College today. I would like to especially take this opportunity to welcome the participants of Course 17 to the University of Nairobi, a leading centre of excellence in the Africa region.

The University of Nairobi has been ranked first in the Eastern African region and as one of the leading institutions of higher learning in the entire Africa region. We acknowledge and appreciate our links
with similarly ranked institutions, like the National Defence College.

I also wish to take this early opportunity to welcome students from sister African countries who are participating in Course 17.

Ladies and gentlemen, as you are aware, the National Defence College and the University of Nairobi have been in collaboration since 2002. The idea of establishing the collaboration between both Institutions was and continues to be one of preparing
and transforming participants to assume increased responsibility in a dynamic security environment through programmes run by the University.

The programmes initially begun as a certificate programme and rapidly expanded to include Diploma and Degree programmes.

Our collaboration continues to be strengthened through the following programmes:

A Doctorate degree in International Studies,
A Master of Arts in International Studies, and Diploma and Certificate in international Studies.

The expansion of these programmes is indeed a testament to the close cooperation and engagement between the University and the National Defence College.

Since its establishment in 1991, the Institute of Diplomacy and International Studies like the rest of the UON, has been and remains a leading centre of excellence, distinguishing itself as the only institute
of its kind in Anglophone Africa, offering a mix of degrees and diplomas in Diplomacy and International Studies. With only 15 students in 1992, the Institute has experienced growth and has now enrolled about 1,200 students.

PhD programme, three Masters Programs as follows:

- Master of Arts in International Studies
- Master of Arts in Diplomacy and
- Master of Arts in International Conflict Management
• Post graduate diploma programmes in:
  ➢ International relations and
  ➢ Strategic Studies

• Diploma programmes in:
  ➢ International Studies
  ➢ Strategic Studies

Bachelor of Arts Degree programme in:
  ➢ International Studies and,
• Certificate programmes, including a Certificate in International Studies

The diversity and uniqueness of the programmes offered by the Institute of Diplomacy and International Studies, demonstrates our capacity to provide not just academic knowledge but also action oriented information on international peace and security and other issues, through training and research in Diplomacy and International studies.
In this respect, the programmes put emphasis on subject areas of practical use and importance in the conduct of international affairs and are aimed at providing an overall framework of the study of International studies.

In addition, the programmes are aimed at providing both academic and practical knowledge to participants by acquainting them with theoretical and practical issues and approaches in International Studies.
Ladies and gentlemen, a key objective of the National Defence College is to engage in the formulation of national and regional security strategy. It is our conviction that the collaboration with the Institute adds value to the general objective of the College. In this regard, the current national, regional and international dynamics of security require in depth understanding of security matters. The paradigm shift from traditional aspects of security towards human security has been the centre of contemporary security discourse. We are happy to note that the Institute and the College have engaged in this
discourse through workshops and publications. We are conscious that security matters require concerted responses which we as a University are proud to be associated with through our cooperation.

Commandant, Ladies and gentlemen, the University of Nairobi is proud to be associated with the National Defence College, the regional centre of excellence in national security strategy.

Let me assure you, that the University considers our collaboration to be of utmost importance. We take
pride in having an increasing number of alumni who continue to contribute towards promoting continental security.

We are indeed, proud to note that we have outstanding alumni from Kenya and allied African nations which include, Burundi, Botswana, Egypt, Malawi, Namibia, Nigeria, South Sudan, Zambia and Zimbabwe including Germany and India and that they have applied the values and skills learnt while in the College. Some have even gained promotion in their respective professions.
Commandant, Deputy Commandant Civil and Military, since our collaboration begun we have tirelessly ensured that the key objective of training participants is accomplished. I would like to commend the Director of the Institute of Diplomacy and International Studies for ensuring that our key objectives are met. I assure you, that the University continues to value our excellent working relationship and collaboration.

We look forward to even further collaboration. It is our conviction that the collaboration with the
Institute adds value to the general objective of the College.

Thank you.