SPEECH BY PROF. PETER M.F. MBITHI, VICE CHANCELLOR, UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI DURING THE JOINT LAUNCH OF THE REPORT ON THE AUDIT OF THE STATUS OF POLICE REFORMS IN KENYA (KNCHR AND UoN) HELD IN 8.4.4. MULTI-PURPOSE HALL ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 2016 AT 2.30 P.M.
• The Organizers,
• Distinguished guests
• Ladies and Gentlemen
The Centre for Human Rights and Peace is one of our newest and vibrant centres of research and the University strongly supports its research and teaching program. As a demonstration of support, the University allocated the Centre enough space to undertake its activities.

The University of Nairobi is honoured to be part of this Book Launch today. The book – “Audit of the status of police reforms in Kenya” is a product of Research between the Centre of Human Rights in the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies in conjunction with the Kenya National Commission on Human Rights. This book strongly contributes to the core mandate of the University- to generate and disseminate knowledge.
As a University, we are proud that this event will greatly contribute to the positive image of the University and also highlight the partnership between research and practice, something that has been elusive to establish and nurture in many academic institutions in Kenya.

The topical nature of police reforms, which is the subject of the Book, is of interest to everybody, including the University as all of us are in one way or another affected by the nature of policing.
The quality of policing has a direct relationship to the conduct of quality research as researchers require a secure environment to generate and disseminate knowledge.

I wish to assure our esteemed guests here and in particular KNCHR that the University Management is appreciative of the above partnership and fully supports this initiative and is committed to this course.

God bless you all.

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