REMARKS BY THE VICE CHANCELLOR PROF. GEORGE A.O. MAGOHA, ON FUNDRAISING FOR THE 23<sup>rd</sup> AFRICAN HUMAN RIGHTS MOOT COURT COMPETITION AND INTERNATIONAL LAW CONFERENCE ON HUMAN RIGHTS AT THE LILIAN TOWERS ON FEBRUARY 6, 2014 AT 7.00 P.M.
Mr. Norman Taku, Assistant Director, Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria
Representatives of International Organizations & Foreign Missions
The Judiciary
Corporate Organizations – Public & Private
The Legal Fraternity
Alumni of the University of Pretoria & University of Nairobi
Staff and Students, UoN
Distinguished guests
Ladies and Gentlemen
It is my pleasure to join you this evening to launch the funds-drive that will improve the quality of teaching law at the University of Nairobi. I am also happy to be part of this large concentration of legal minds, convened to facilitate sharing of knowledge, skills and other resources appertaining to human rights.

Ladies and Gentlemen, I am pleased to inform you that the University through the School of Law is scheduled to host the 23rd African Human Rights Moot Court Competition and an International Law
Conference on Human Rights. The event will be held in Nairobi from 1\textsuperscript{st} to 7\textsuperscript{th} September, 2014 in collaboration with the Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria. I am indeed proud and honored to collaborate with the Centre for Human Rights to host this event in Kenya for the very first time.

The Moot Court Competition aims to prepare young lawyers to argue cases relating to human rights violations before local and international tribunals. Indeed, it is an excellent opportunity for Law
Students to sharpen their oral, research, writing and analytical skills as well as the ability to work as a team.

The Moot and the International Law Conference both constitute a truly exceptional event, which reaches thousands of young human rights lawyers every year. It is remembered as a life-altering experience. Approximately 70 universities across Africa represented by 140 students and 70 Law Professors will participate in the event.
In addition to the Moot Court Competition, there will be a one day International Law Conference on Human Rights. The theme of this Conference is the Right to Development. Participants from across Africa will present insightful papers on the Right to Development in Africa under various sub-themes.

In order to host this event successfully, the University of Nairobi and the Centre for Human Rights are raising funds. On its part, the University is required to raise Kenya Shillings Thirty-Five Million (KShs. 35, 000,000/-) (USD 407,000).
It is in this respect that the University has committed one-fifth of the total amount [which amounts to KShs.7 Million] to support this initiative and give impetus to this fundraising drive.

I appeal to you to join us in raising funds to meet the difference and to provide us with support in cash or in kind to enable us to host this auspicious event.

Finally, I urge you to invest in this event in order to help shape the future of young Lawyers in Africa and
to further legal education throughout the continent.

Thank you!