



STATEMENT BY THE SPOKESPERSON OF THE GERMAN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ON 6TH OCTOBER 2017

Kenya is an important partner for us with respect to stability in the region and is a model for Africa with its democratic system. We are therefore monitoring current developments in the region with all the more concern:

Following the annulment of the presidential elections by the Supreme Court, the political confrontation between the Government and the opposition is worsening. This dispute is putting the democratic electoral process at risk.

The Kenyan economy is already suffering as a consequence of the uncertainty in the country. There is a danger of escalation.

Now is not the time to make excessive demands of the independent electoral commission or to change electoral laws at short notice. Failure to hold elections before the 60-day deadline elapses could plunge the country into a major political crisis.

An outbreak of violence of the kind seen after the 2007/8 elections must be avoided at all costs.

Together with our political partners, we therefore call on both political camps to demonstrate a willingness to compromise and to refrain from violence.