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Dr. Bitange Ndemo, C.B.S.  
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Ministry of Information and Communication  
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Republic of Kenya

Dear Dr. Ndemo:

I writing to inform you and the Minister of the prominent position of the Republic of Kenya in the recent publication of 10,062 public safety standards that are legally mandated by governments around the world. These documents were published on a noncommercial basis in order to promote public education and public safety, equal justice for all, a better informed citizenry, the rule of law, world trade and world peace, as it is the right of all humans to know and speak the laws that govern them.

You may find information about this release and the public safety standards from the Republic of Kenya as well as the East African Community at the following Internet addresses:

<https://law.resource.org/pub/ke/manifest.ke.html>  
<https://law.resource.org/pub/eac/manifest.eac.html>  
<https://law.resource.org/pub/12tables.html>

The standards from the Republic of Kenya include the **Building Code (2009 Edition)**, which has been transformed into valid HTML. We were unable to purchase other Kenyan standards directly from the Kenya Bureau of Standards, but a number of documents were filed with the World Trade Organization. In the case of the East African Community standards, for which Kenya has played a vital leadership role, we are very pleased to inform you that many of these important public safety standards are available as HTML documents. These standards regulate the safety of food products as well as the safety of water, chemicals, gasolines, baby napkins, textiles, and timber.

I am writing today for your assistance. If we can procure additional legally-mandated public safety standards for Kenya, it would be our pleasure to transform these documents into HTML and post them on the World Wide Web for the citizens of Kenya and the East African Community. Wider awareness of public safety standards can only

help but promote the public safety and trade, and is a fundamental requirement of the rule of law.

The other item that I am hoping you might have some suggestions about is how to promote a dialogue about ways that public safety standards could be made more broadly available in the future. The work of the Kenya Bureau of Standards and the East African Standards Committee is of very high quality and helps to ensure the safety of your citizens. That work must continue and flourish, but it is also important that their vital work be available to citizens.

I look forward to your response and thank you in advance for your consideration of this important issue.

Best regards,

/signed/  
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