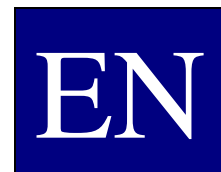




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**Declaration by High Representative Catherine Ashton on
behalf of the European Union on the approval of a new
Constitution in Kenya**

The EU congratulates the Kenyan people for the approval in referendum on 4 August of a new Constitution. This is a historic event for the country, and a landmark in the reform agenda, which demonstrates the commitment of the government to fundamental legal and political change. The EU trusts that the new Constitution will help to unlock further necessary reforms, such as to its electoral system, police and judiciary that will enhance Kenya's future stability and prosperity.

The EU would like to commend all stakeholders in the Constitutional review process, who showed leadership, ability to compromise and determination to bring a difficult process to a successful end. Above all, we applaud the active participation of the citizens of Kenya in the process and the great level of public engagement displayed. We will support the Government, civil society and the people of Kenya to work together to promote tolerance and cohesion.

The EU stands ready to continue supporting Kenya in the implementation of the new Constitution and the overall reform agenda, building on the progress already made.

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