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17<sup>th</sup> February, 2011.

Cllr. Richard Barnes, AM, FRSA,  
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Dear Mr. Barnes,

**RE: KHAT IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND KENYA**

I am writing in reference to your letter dated 21<sup>st</sup> December 2010 and my reply Ref. No. COM.54/02/050/3 dated 6<sup>th</sup> January 2011 on the subject Khat in the United Kingdom and Kenya.

Khat contributes KShs. 1,520,378,300 (slightly over shillings one billion, five hundred million) or GBP 12,669,819.16 (British Pounds Twelve million, six hundred sixty nine thousand). The importance of such an amount of money in Kenya cannot be over-emphasized.

The Khat sector directly employs 411,950 farmers and another 120,000 indirectly as traders. In total, it is a source of livelihood to over 500,000 people.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Michael Mandu'.

**Michael Mandu**  
**For: HIGH COMMISSIONER**