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WILLIAM SAMOEI RUTO, PhD, C.G.H., PRESIDENT OF
THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA AND COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
OF THE DEFENCE FORCES, UPON CONFERMENT OF THE
ORDER OF DOSTYK, FIRST DEGREE**

MAY 20, 2026

ASTANA, KAZAKHSTAN

**Your Excellency, Kassym-Jomart Tokayev, President of
the Republic of Kazakhstan,
Distinguished guests,
Ladies and gentlemen,**

1. I am deeply humbled and profoundly honoured to receive the Order of Dostyk, First Degree, one of the highest distinctions of your great nation.
2. This award is not only a personal recognition but a luminous symbol of the enduring friendship between Kenya and Kazakhstan. It reflects our shared commitment to peace, cooperation, and the enrichment of cultures across continents.
3. As I wear this star and sash, I do so with reverence for the values they embody: unity, respect, and solidarity. I accept this honour on behalf of the people of Kenya, who stand with the people of Kazakhstan in the pursuit of harmony and prosperity.
4. May this moment mark the strengthening of our partnership, and may the bonds of Dostyk and friendship continue to flourish between our nations for generations to come.

I thank you all.

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