

REMARKS BY THE VICE-CHAIRMAN, UNIVERSITY COUNCIL DURING THE MICROSOFT ETA - MKU MOU SIGNING CEREMONY

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MKU Team,

Students' leaders,

Ladies and gentlemen,

Information and Communications Technology is important fuel that leads to economic development, increase workforce competitiveness, transition to a knowledge-based economy and help drive job creation. The University council and Board of Directors are committed to ensuring that Mount Kenya University achieves digital transformation. I hope our visitors have toured the University and that you have seen the investments made by the Board of Directors towards ICT infrastructure. Partnering with Microsoft, therefore, resonates very well with our goals. I thank the team from Microsoft, Tabarin and MKU who made this possible. The University Council will support the spirit and the letter of the agreement through ensuring that the policy framework is implemented. Already, we have made important strides in this area. The Board of Directors is committed to providing necessary resources that will be required. I also appeal to Microsoft

that you consider supporting the University through resources so that we can be able to achieve the goals stipulated in the agreement.

Thank you and God bless you.