

**RESOLUTION**  
**on**  
**KENIA**

The CDI condemns the murder of defenseless civilians from around the world in the Westgate shopping centre in Nairobi, Kenya, last September, at the hands of Salafi-Jihadi terrorists of the Somali militant Islamist organization “Al Shabaab”.

Aware that transnational terrorist groups are increasingly able to manifest locally and globally, internally at the domestic level and externally in other countries.

Considering the evolution, growth, internationalization and regional scope of this unmitigated threat.

Taking into account that Kenya is a political and economic pole in the African continent, thanks to its democratic, institutional and economic development and its leading role in African economic, integration.

Certain that democratic freedom and the inviolability of the legitimacy of the state and all of its institutions, including the religious ones, are not to be hijacked by retrograde and rejectionist dogma.

The CDI notes with concern:

That the Somali terrorist group Al Shabaab continues to increase its regional scope and is again able to project its threat in a key country of the Horn of Africa.

That a handful of youngsters with light weapons can challenge the security, image and reputation of one of the most developed countries in Africa, without there being a local decisive response in several days.

That the delayed local counter-terrorism response may have resulted in further loss of life.

The CDI furthermore calls to the Kenyan Government to:

- Stand with the victims of this terrorist act, now, tomorrow and in the future, to provide for their needs and show to the terrorists’ and those who support them that governments stand by their citizens, who suffer in their flesh the cowardice of terrorists incapable of anything other than killing unarmed families going about their daily lives.
- Investigate internally the capability gaps that allowed this terrorist act to be undetected, uncontested, and so prolonged, while investigating all aspects, both internal and external, of this crime, so that those responsible can be arrested, prosecuted and sentenced according to international rule of law and human rights standards.
- Cooperate with the International Community to enhance multilaterally and bilaterally counter-terrorism capacity in Africa, based on international good practices of prevention, detection, disruption and response of violent extremism.

Finally, the CDI asks that the EU considers a proper balance between short-term and long-term capacity building and security and development assistance instruments for the provision of sustainable programs that help address both the conditions that exacerbate security threats as well as their immediate symptoms.