

## Kenya's President opens peace meeting



Kenya's President Mwai Kibaki (left) is received by the Global Peace Convention Chairman Hyun Jin Moon during the opening of the conference at the Kenyatta International Conference Centre in Nairobi November 18, 2010. The conference ends November 21, 2010.

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Kenya's President Mwai Kibaki Thursday opened the Global Peace Convention in Nairobi with a call to the international community to support the region's efforts of restoring security in the lawless Somalia.

In addition, the President said the upcoming referendum in Southern Sudan presented challenges that required immense support for the full implementation of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement.

“Kenya continues to play a key role in search for lasting peace in the Sudan and Somalia,” the President stated.

“I take this opportunity to call upon the international community to support the efforts of Igad (Intergovernmental Authority on Development) towards addressing the security situation in Somalia,” President Kibaki added.

### **Amisom soldiers**

Igad passed measures that were subsequently endorsed by the African Union at its Summit in Kampala in July for restoring peace and security in Somalia.

The measures include appointing of an eminent High Level Personality for Somalia and deployment of additional 2,000 troops to join the 6,000 Amisom soldiers already stationed in Mogadishu.

The AU has since appointed former Ghana President Jerry Rawlings as its new envoy for Somalia.

Other measures that were passed by Igad and endorsed by AU include call for reviewing of the current mandate of Amisom to enhance its peace enforcement capacity and extending support to the Transitional Federal Government to bolster its effectiveness countrywide.