**Warning to UK tourism timely**

The British Government deserves

praise for its ·recent efforts to maintain

a clean image abroad.

This- is particularly so considering

its timely action to crack down

on tourists soiling Britain's name "my misbehaviour while overseas.

It has been become common

these days, for some of these tourists

who are a real nuisance, to flock

abroad, especially in the so-called

Third World countries not to view

the scenery and the wild animals or

to enjoy. the hot climates. They

leave Britain with their minds made

up about seeking sexual escapades .

'with young children in the. host

countries.

The British Government's clear

warning that the tourists who go to

the Third World and engage in

these kinds of acts will be prosecuted

once the return home is welcome

. indeed.

It is' a good example which other

countries whose national engaged

in similar uncouth tourism should

emulate.

It is high time countries such as

the United States, Japan, South Korea

and others introduced similar

measures against their nationals

travelling abroad.

Should these countries, which

are a major source of the tourism

traffic to the developing world, initiate similar, measures, they will go

among way in helping to curb the

spread of Aids and the traditional

sexually-transmitted diseases.

Though HIV-Aids has been

spread in the West mainly through

homosexuality, the evidence· ·in

Africa and elsewhere shows that it

can also be passed on through hetero-sexual contact.

These tourists exploit young innocent

boys and girls by exposing

them to money and drugs. These

.end up dropping out of school.

Many take to the streets where they

keep pursuing the tourists.

In Nairobi and Mombasa, there

are many such girls who can be

seen openly haggling with their

tourist clients. The British decision

is a step in the right direction. Bravo

Britain!

Concerned Kenyan.

Kitale.

**Aids Motion inadequate**

Though we appreciate the concern

of the Members of Parliament

about the need to curb the

spread of HIV/Aids, their voting

for a life sentence for HIV rapists

and deliberate infectors, still

leaves a loophole that must be examined

and sealed.

The implication of the Motion,

which was debated recently and

passed in Parliament, is that

people will be avoiding HIV tests

(which is voluntary) lest they rape

or infect others in future.

Though this is a technical way

of avoiding the life sentence, it is

deliberate ignorance of one's HIV

status.

.. .Another possibility may be silent but accelerated' spread of the

virus .that causes this deadly

disease.

The Motion has also an in-built

discrimination of those who have

tested positive and which is a violation

of their human rights.

I fully support Mr Allan Ragis

of Aids Consortium, who questioned

whether a life sentence was

the only viable weapon for fighting

the spread of Aids ..

What Kenyans need is behavioral

change and some sort of

moral cleansing.

And Kenyans should always

remember is that everyone is positive

until proved otherwise.

Though the Motion was well intended

and geared towards the

right direction in the effort to fight

Aids, I still. feel that it was lopsided and not as all-embracing as

should have been the case.

It required public consultation

for all the issues involved to be

thrashed out before the MPs could

take it to Parliament for their discussions.

'This way, the people would

have contributed to this vital debate

by their representatives

. Gibson M. Gitachu.

Nairobi.