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**HOTUBA YA MHESHIMIWA UHURU KENYA TA,
C.G.H, RAIS NA AMIRI JESHI MKUU WA VIKOSI VYA
ULINZI VYA JAMHURI YA KENYA WAKATI WA
UFUNGUZI RASMI WA BUNGE LA KUMI NA MOJA,
JUMANNE, 16 APRILI, 2013**

**MASPIKA WA SENETI NA BUNGE LA TAIFA,
WAHESHIMIWA WABUNGE;**

Ni heshima kuu kuhutubia kikao cha ufunguzi cha Mabunge haya mawili. Nawapongeza Waheshimiwa Wabunge kwa kuchaguliwa na kutuliwa katika Bunge la Seneti na Bunge la Kitaiifa.

Vile vile, nawapongeza Spika wa Bunge la Kitaiifa na Spika wa Bunge la Seneti pamoja na manaibu wao kufuatia kuchaguliwa kwao. Pia, nampongeza kiongozi wa serikali bungeni na kiongozi wa chama cha upinzani na manaibu wao kwa kuchaguliwa katika nyadhifa hizo. Hasa ninawapongeza wanawake wengi waliochaguliwa katika mabunge yote, hili likiwa ni dhiritisho la kujitolea kwa Kenya kuafikia usawa wa kijinsia. Nalipongeza bunge lililopita kwa kupitisha miswada mingi na kutimiza muda uliowekwa kikatiba. Nawatakiwa Waheshimiwa Wabunge wote kila la kheri mapoongoza ajenda ya kutunga sheria na maongozi ya bunge hili katika kipindi cha miaka mitano ijayo.

Sote tulishiriki katika utaratibu wa uchaguzi ambapo tulifanya kampaeni katika kaunti na maeneo bunge mbali mbali; tukiwania viti mbali mbali na kukampeinia vyama na miungano tofauti tofauti. Leo hii, tuko hapa kwa kusudi moja la kuimarisha maslahi ya Wakenya, kulinda haki za Wakenya na kutoa sauti kwa maslahi ya Wakenya. Tuko hapa sio tu kwa ajili yetu bali kama waakilishi wa wananchi.

Leo hii, lazima tutambue kwamba tuko chini ya Katiba mpya. Katiba ambayo ilibuniwa na bunge na kuidhinishwa na Wakenya kama sheria kuu ya nchi. Tukiwa watungaji sheria,

jukumu letu la kwanza ni kutii sheria kulingana na Katiba. Nawahimiza sisi sote kukumbuka kwamba kila mmoja wetu anatakiwa kama raia, na kutokana na imani wananchi walio nayo kwetu, kuheshimu, kuzingatia na kutetea Katiba; kutokana na kiapo tulichokula, kila mmoja wetu anastahili kushuhudia imani halisi na utifu kwa watu na Jamhuri ya Kenya na kutimiza majukumu yetu kwa uaminifu na uadilifu. Haya ni majukumu tuliyokabidhiwa kikatiba. Hiki ni kiapo cha ofisi tulichoapa mbele ya Mungu na raia wenzetu.

Waheshimiwa Wabunge,

Serikali yangu inatazamia kushirikiana na mabunge yote mawili kutekeleza ajenda yetu. Natazamia kuungwa mkono na mabunge yote mawili.

Hata ingawa huenda tukatofautiana mara kwa mara, tunaweza fanya hivyo katika mazingira ya kuheshimiana na kuafikiana. Twapaswa kuwa na maoni yanayotofautiana pasipo kuwa maadui. Kwa moyo huo, naahidi kwamba Serikali yangu itashirikiana na mabunge yote na pande zote za wabunge katika kazi ya kutekeleza ajenda ya kitaifa na kulibadilisha taifa hili. Jukumu la upinzani wenye msisimuko ni muhimu katika utekelezaji majukumu ya mabunge yote mawili. Nakubali na kuheshimu jukumu hilo na natazamia wabunge wote kuitaka Serikali kuwajibika.

Katiba yetu inadhamiria Serikali yenye maafisa wakuu wachache na waadilifu, sio tu katika kupunguza idadi ya Wizara bali kubuni mfumo mpya wa Serikali yote na kubadilisha jinsi iravyofanya kazi.

Tutalainisha mashirika ya Serikali kukomesha utatanishi na uharibifu kutokana na utekelezaji majukumu sawa na kubuni Serikali ambayo inastahili kwa karne ya 21.

Waheshimiwa Wabunge,

Ulimwengu bado unakabiliwa na matatizo magumu ya kiuchumi, huku yakizidishwa na mfumuko wa masoko katika

mataifa ya Ulaya Magharibi na ongezeko la gharama katika Mashariki. Hata hivyo, hapa barani Afrika uchumi wetu unaendelea kukua huku idadi ya vijana wetu walioelimika ikichipuka ulimwenguni. Kenya inaendelea kwa njia nzuri lakini bado haijafaulu.

Huku sekta zetu za kifedha na Teknolojia ya Habari na Mawasiliano zikijithibiti, sekta zetu za kilimo, utengenezaji bidhaa na uchukuzi ambazo zapaswa kuwa kichocheo katika biashara ya kuuza bidhaa katika mataifa ya nje hazitekelezi wajibu wao ipasavyo.

Kama taifa, bado tunakabiliwa na changamoto za ukuaji duni, viwango vikubwa vya ukosefu wa ajira na umaskini uliosambaa.

Lengo la Serikali yangu ni kuifanya Kenya kuwa nchi ya mapato ya kiwango cha kadri katika kizazi hiki. Hii inamaanisha kuafikia na kudumisha ukuaji wa zaidi ya aslimia kumi. Viwango vya ukuaji ambavyo, tukiwa viongozi bora, vitaboresha maisha ya Wakenya; Wakenya wenye ujuzi kupata kazi zinazostahili na kukomesha umaskini.

Ukuaji huu utatimizwa iwapo tutazingatia ujumuishaji maongozi sawa na kuwa imara na kwa kujikakamua.

Lazima tutoe kipau mbele kwa usimamizi bora wa fedha za umma, hasa kupunguza ujira. Leo hii, matumizi ya mara kwa mara serikalini yameafikia kiwango ambacho itakuwa vigumu kudumisha huku ikitumia rasimali zilizokusudiwa kwa maendeleo. Lazima tuwajibikie ujira wa umma. Kwa mfano, katika kipindi cha wakati huu cha matumizi ya pesa za Serikali ujira wa umma umekadiriwa kuwa shilingi bilioni 458. Ujira huu ambao ni wa takribani zaidi ya aslimia 12 ya pato letu lote la jumla, ni wa juu zaidi kuliko viwango vinavyokubalika kimataifa vya aslimia saba na unatumia karibu nusu ya mapato yanayokusanywa na Serikali. Hali hii haitawezekana

Lazima tupunguze gharama ya bidhaa zinazotumiwa na wananchi wa kawaida, ikiwemo chakula, nyumba, kawi na uchukuzi.

Lazima tuimarishe zaidi uhusiano wetu na washirika wetu wa kandaa hii ili kuimarisha ukuaji wa uchumi, nafasi za kazi na masoko.

Lazima tuekeze katika rasimali ya mtaji wetu muhimu, watu wetu na kutoa kile Katiba yetu inataka—ulinzi wa kijamii kwa kila Mkenya.

Lengo letu muhimu ni kugeuza uchumi wetu ili bidhaa tunazouza katika masoko ya ulimwengu ziweze kujimudu katika mataifa ya ulimwengu na kuimarisha ukuaji unaohitajika-kubuni ajira kwa vijana wetu na kuwakwama ndugu na dada zetu milioni kumi kutoka kwa umaskini ifikapo mwaka wa 2017.

Waheshimiwa Wabunge,

Tunatazamia kuwa na Kenya ambapo kila raia ako huru kujimarisha awezavyo. Kenya ambapo kila mmoja anaweza kutimiza uwezo wake bila kujali anakotoka, mazingira aliyojaliwa au jamii anakotoka.

Hii ndiyo sababu Serikali yangu itafanya kazi kwa kuzingatia Nguzo tisa Muhimu.

Nguzo ya kwanza ni uwazi. Tutabuni Serikali ya uaminifu na uwazi, huku kukiwa na huduma za umma ambazo ni wazi na za uwajibikaji kwa watu wanaozitumia huku tukishirikiana na kaunti kutimiza ahadi ya ugatuji. Tutashirikiana na idara ya mahakama kuharakisha na kuthibiti marekebisho ambayo yanaendelea kuhakikisha kupatikana kwa haki kwa Wakenya wote na kuimarisha jamii ambapo kila mtu anafurahia ulinzi sawa wa sheria. Tutaimarisha utaratibu wa kukabiliana na uhalifu ili kuimarisha utawala wa sheria.

Nitachukua hatua yaya haraka kukomesha ufasidi. Ufasidi unaifanya nchi yetu kutovutia kama kituo cha uekezaji. Unazuia



kudumishwa na ni hatari kubwa katika ufadhili wa miradi muhimu ya maendeleo na inaweza kuathiri mno mafarajio ya kiuchumi ya nchi hii.

Nguzo zote za Serikali lazima ziwe kielelezo na kuongoza katika kupunguza ujira wa umma. Lengo letu kama Serikali na bunge lapaswa kuwa upunguzaji wa gharama ya maisha na kuiwezesha Kenya kujimudu kwa ushindani zaidi na hivyo kuongeza nafasi huku pia tukiimarisha viwango vya maisha. Bila shaka hatua hii ndiyo itakayozingatwa na Serikali yangu.

Tunahitaji kuanzisha mabadiliko ya ustawi wa kiviwanda nchini mwetu. Katika kipindi cha miaka michache ijayo, lazima tuongeze thamani ya mazao yetu na kutengeneza bidhaa zilizokamilika hapa nchini Kenya ambazo tunazitumia kwa wingi katika nyumba na katika biashara zetu.

Lazima tuanzishe kituo cha huduma bora za utaratibu wa ugavi na usafirishaji watu na bidhaa, ukishughulikia uchukuzi, barabara, reli, uchukuzi wa majini, mabomba ya mafuta na maji, bandari, uhifadhi na kawi.

Lazima tuekeze na kuendesha kilimo cha kisasa kwa kuzindua takribani ekari milioni moja mpya za ardhi ili kuendesha kilimo cha unyunyizaji maji mashamba kwa lengo la kukomesha uhaba wa chakula.

Lazima tuimarishe ukuaji wetu kwa kuuza katika masoko ya nje bidhaa za aina mbali mbali, kuongeza thamani na kutengeneza bidhaa mpya na kufungua masoko mapya.

Lazima tuzibe mapengo katika utaratibu wa ukusanyaji wa ushuru na kuimarisha ukusanyaji wa ushuru.

Lazima tupate thamani ya pesa zetu kutokana na utaratibu wa uuzaji na ununuzi wa bidhaa na huduma za Serikali ili tupate thamani kile tunachogharamia kutokana na fedha za umma.

Lazima tubuni mazingira yanayochochea uvumbuzi, uekezaji na ukuaji.

utoaji wa huduma muhimu zinazohitajika, kuvuruga uadilifu na maadili ya umma.

Naamini mamlaka yanatumika kwa njia nzuri zaidi yakiwa karibu na wananchi. Kwa muda mrefu sasa, maamuzi mengi yameshindiliwa mikononi mwa wachache jijini Nairobi. Utekelezaji ugatuzi ni muhimu kwa maono ya Serikali yangu kwa Kenya—si chaguo, ni jukumu la kikatiba, tunaloshiriki sote. Utaratibu umewekwa wa kutatua matatizo madogo madogo ya usimamizi kwani Serikali yangu imejitolea kutekeleza kikamilifu ugatuzi.

Ili kuthibiti manufaa ya haki na uhuru wa kibinafsi na kuimarisha uwazi na uwajibikaji, pia tutaimarisha kuwepo kwa mashirika ya kijamii ya kusisimua na kuyawezesha kupata rasimali za umma huku pia tukichukua hatua za kisheria kuhakikisha uwazi na uwajibikaji katika kazi zao.

Tutatetea haki za Wakenya wote, kuhifadhi na kuzitetea sio tu kupitia uongozi bora na kuheshimu utawala wa sheria bali pia kwa kutoa haki ya kujithibiti kijamii. Tutapanua utaratibu wa mashirika ya malipo ya uzeeni ili raia wetu wote waweze kuwa na maisha ya heshima katika uzee.

Serikali yetu imejitolea kuhakikisha raia wetu wanaishi, kufanya kazi na kuabudu katika amani. Mwaka jana, tulipeleka vikosi vyetu vya ulinzi nchini Somalia ili kukabiliana na kundi la kigaidi ambalo halikujali thamani ya maisha ya watu wala kuheshimu sheria.

Kwa kufanya hivyo, tuliidhihirishia raia wetu na ulimwengu kwamba tutakabiliana vilivyo na vitisho vya nje kwa raia wetu. Hata hivyo, vitisho vya usalama wa ndani bado vipo. Lazima tutakabiliana vilivyo na wale watakaotishia amani nchini kwa azima na moyo huo huo wa kujitolea kulinda raia wetu. Serikali yangu itaimarisha usalama katika mipaka yetu na kuimarisha uwiano wa polisi kwa raia kote nchini kwa kufikia kiwango cha Umoja wa Mataifa cha polisi mmoja kwa raia 450.

Bunge hili lazima lichukue hatua kwa hatua kuimarisha huduma yetu ya polisi. Lazima tuwajibikie hadhi ya kila mwanamume na mwanamke anayehatarisha maisha yake kuhudumia wananchi na taifa wakilinda maisha yetu na mali yetu. Kutokana na hali hii, tutatoa vifaa kwa kila kitengo cha polisi ili kuimarisha uadilifu na kuhakikisha vinashughulikia kwa dharura visa vyovyote vya uhalifu, hatua hii itajumuisha kufanya kazi kuhakikisha maslahi yao yanalindwa.

Nguzo nyingine tutakayozingatia ni ubunifu wa ajira. Aslimia 40 ya idadi yetu kwa wakati huu haina kazi. Miongoni mwa vijana wetu ukosefu wa kazi ni wa juu sana kufikia aslimia 70. Kwa muda mrefu, rasimali hii ya kitaifa haijapewa umuhimu unaohitajika na muda na uwezo wa vijana wetu umepotezwa. Kupitia unywaji pombe na utumizi wa dawa za kulevya. Lazima tushirikiane kuchukua hatua za kutumia muda na vipawa vya vijana wetu kukuza' uchumi wetu. Serikali yangu itathibiti na kushirikisha hazina za kibishara kwa vijana na wanawake ili kuhakikisha hazina hizi zinapatikana kwa urahisi kwa raia wetu katika maeneo ya uwakilishi bunge kupitia utaratibu sawa na ule wa hazina za ustawi wa maeneo bunge.

Kulingana na maongozi yetu ya kulainisha Serikali, tutaunganisha mashirika yanayoitangaza Kenya katika nyanja zote za uchumi na kubuni shirika moja lenye uwezo, ujuzi na uthabiti wa kuwakilisha na kuitangaza nchi yetu katika mataifa ya ng'ambo ili kuvutia biashara, uekezaji na utalii kutoka kote ulimwenguni. Baloi zetu pia lazima zitumike kutangaza Kenya katika mataifa zinazotuwakilisha na hivyo kuziunganisha moja kwa moja na huduma hii ya kuitangaza nchi yetu.

Huku tukiwa na labda mojawapo wa vituo bora vya kitalii ulimwenguni, lazima tuongeze mchango wa sekta hiyo kwa pato letu la jumla, kuongeza uekezaji katika muundo msingi wake, uwezo na utangazaji. Lengo letu ni kuongeza maradufu viwango vya utalii katika nchi yetu na kufikia watalii milioni tatu ifikapo mwaka wa 2017.

Tukiwa viongozi tulijitolea kubadilisha uchumi wa Kenya, lazima tuimarisha uekezaji katika viwanda vinavyochipuka. Serikali yangu itaimarisha sekta ya michezo na ya burundani, ikibuni Mpango wa Kitaifa wa Bahati Nasibu ambao utaimarisha sekta hizo. Vile vile, tutatafuta kwa kushauriana na serikali za kaunti, kujenga viwanja vya michezo katika miji mitano mikubwa nchini.

Wakenya ambao wametambulika kimataifa na kuteuliwa kupokea tuzo za kimataifa wamedhihirisha kwamba kwa kueleza katika sekta za usanii na burudani sio tu tutakuwa tukibuni ajira bali pia tutaimarisha utalii na utamaduni wetu kote ulimwenguni. Hivyo basi, tutatunga sheria kuongeza hadi aslimia sitini ya vipindi vinavyotayarishiwa nchini kutoka kiwango cha wakati huu cha aslimia arubaini ya vipindi vinavyopeperushwa hewani kupitia runinga za humu nchini.

Lazima tutimize Ruwaza ya Maendeleo ifikapo mwaka wa 2030 na kuendelea kuthibiti muundo msingi wetu wa kitaifa, barabara, reli, ujenzi wa nyumba, bandari, shule na hospitali.

Kupitia miradi kama vile Mradi wa Ujenzi wa Ushoroba wa Uchukuzi wa kutoka Bandari ya Lamu hadi nchini Sudan Kusini na Ethiopia—LAPPSET, tutaendesha ustawi wa kiuchumi, kubuni ajira na kuimarisha uhusiano na washirika wetu wa kandaa hii.

Hasa taifa letu linahitaji kwa dharura nyumba mpya, tunahitaji kujenga nyumba alfu 250 kila mwaka lakini kwa wakati huu tunajenga nyumba alfu 50 kwa mwaka. Kuhusu uchukuzi, tunahitaji muundo msingi wa ushirikishi wa uchukuzi wa idadi ya watu wengi katika miji yetu na katika mwendo mrefu wa kutunganisha na jirani zetu mbali na kuimarisha barabara za humu nchini ili wananchi wetu waweze kusafiri nchini kwa njia huru. Hata hivyo, ili kuafikia haya tunahitaji kuchukua hatua ya kuongeza mtaji ulioko nchini kwa uekezaji

wa muundo msingi na kuvutia uekezaji wa moja kwa moja wa kigeni.

Lengo kuu la Serikali lapaswa kuwa utoaji wa huduma kwa wananchi na wala sio tu umiliki na usimamizi wa mali. Hivyo basi, lengo langu ni kuafikia uadilifu na ustadi wa Serikali yangu katika utoaji huduma.

Serikali hii itahakikisha kuwepo kwa chakula cha kutosha kwa kuwekeza na kuifanya sekta yetu ya kilimo kuwa ya kisasa. Kupita kuimarishwa kwa ufadhili, unyunyizaji maji mashamba, utafiti na ustawi na kurejeshwa kwa huduma za nyanjani tutawawezesha wakulima kuacha kilimo cha kawaida na kuingilia kilimo cha kibiashara.

Tutaunga mkono Tume ya Kitaifa ya Ardhi na kufadhili ugawaji wa ardhi na utoaji wa hati za umiliki wa ardhi, kuwasaidia katika juhudi zao za kumiliki ardhi kama njia moja ya uzalishaji na kuimarisha kujitosheleza kwa chakula.

Serikali hii imejitolea kuhakikisha hali ya juu zaidi ya afya. Sera yetu inanuia kuhakikisha Wakenya wote wameafikia vituo vya afya vyenye vifaa na wahudumu wa afya wenye ujuzi na motisha mbali na kuimarisha utaratibu wa kuunga mkono na kupanua huduma ya afya na usafi bora. Kwa kufanya kazi na serikali za kaunti, tutatimiza kujitolea kwetu kutoa huduma bila malipo ya afya ya msingi kwa Wakenya wote kufikia mwaka wa 2020, tukianza na watoto, walemavu, wanawake wajawazito na wanaonyonyesha.

Waheshimiwa Wabunge,

Serikali yangu itaangazia elimu. Sote tunafahamu kwamba elimu na ajira zinahusiana. Tuko katika ulimwengu wa kiuchumi unaozingatia ufahamu na teknolojia. Serikali yangu inanuia kupendekeza maongozi ambayo yatatoa nafasi ya kuongoza idadi ya taasisi za teknolojia katika kila kaunti na kukomesha mtindo wa wakati huu wa kubadilisha vyo vya kadri na kuwa vyo vya vikuu.



Serikali yangu imejitolea kutimiza ahadi ya patakilishi bila malipo kwa watoto wa darasa la kwanza kuanzia mwaka ujao. Wengine wamesema kwamba mpango huo ni kujitakia makuu — nami nasema kwamba hatuwezi kuacha mmoja wa watoto wetu bila vifaa vinavyowawezesha kushindana katika nyakati hizi za kidijitali. Ndiyo, lengo letu ni kuu, lakini kiwango cha lengo letu ndicho tu kinachotosha kukabiliana na inayokabili changamoto taifa letu. Hivyo basi, natoa wito kwa mabunge yote mawili kushirikiana nami kuhakikisha kwamba patakilishi tutakazotoa siku za usoni zitaundwa hapa nchini.

Nguzo yetu ya nane ni kueneza huduma za kimsingi kama vile maji na stima kwa kila mkenya. Tutaongeza, mwaka baada ya mwaka, tutaongeza huduma ya maji safi kwa idadi ya wananchi zaidi na kudumisha utoaji wa nguvu za umeme hadi tufikie lengo letu la kutoa maji na stima kwa wakenya wote.

Kuimarisha utoaji wa maji safi ni muhimu kwa malengo ya maongozi yetu, kutasaidia kuzindua ardhi zaidi kwa ukulima, kutaimarisha afya ya raia wetu, kutasaidia kutoa usalama hasa katika eneo la Kenya Kaskazini kwa kukomesha chanzo cha mizozo ya mara kwa mara na kuhifadhi na kuimarisha viumbemazingira.

Kenya imekuwa ikikumbwa na ukame na mafuriko ya mara kwa mara, kila mwaka tunakabiliwa na janga la ukame au mafuriko. Msururu huu unaathiri sana sio tu uzalishaji wa chakula bali pia muundo misingi wetu na uchumi kwa jumla. Tumeziagiza wizara husika kuratibu mfumo wa kujenga mabwawa na mabenesi ya kuhifadhi maji kwa wingi. Mashirika mbali mbali ya serikali yatawaajiri maelfu ya vijana kuanza ujenzi huo mara moja. Tuna vifaa, ujuzi, watu na tutatimiza jukumu hili.

Argentina, ambalo ni taifa lenye mapato ya kadri na lenye idadi sawa ya watu kama Kenya linatoa kiasi cha nguvu za umeme gigawati 24, huku Kenya ikitoa kiasi cha nguvu za

umeme gigawati 1.5. Kawi huendesha uchumi na hivyo basi tutaimarisha uekezaji katika nyanja mpya za utoaji nguvu za umeme kama vile utoaji nguvu za umeme kwa kutumia miali ya jua, upepo na mvuke wa ardhini mbali na kutumia mafuta, gesi na makaa ya moto.

Sekta ya kawi sharti iwekwe huru na kufunguliwa kwa vianzo vingine vya uekezaji ili tuweze kuimarisha utoaji wa nguvu za umeme, kusambaza mfumo wetu wa usambazaji, kuimarisha utoaji wa mara kwa mara na wa kiwango cha juu na kwa gharama ya chini cha nguvu za umeme kwa raia wa Kenya.

Serikali yangu itazingatia jukumu la Kenya itakalotekeleza katika ulimwengu wenye mabadiliko. Hali ya uhusiano wetu tayari inaendelea kubadilika. Tunaimarisha ushirikiano wetu na majirani wetu katika kandaa hii. Tunafungamana na ndugu na dada wa Afrika katika kuleta amani na uthabiti kote katika bara hili. Tunatumia fursa inayochipuka nyakati hizi kuendesha ulimwengu na kuiweka Kenya na Afrika katika kimi cha uchumi wa ulimwengu. Serikali yangu itaendelea na utaratibu huu kwa kuhakikisha tunaacha utaratibu wa diplomasia ya kawaida na kuanza mawasiliano ya kidiplomasia yanayozingatia maslahi yetu ya kiuchumi.

Waheshimiwa Wabunge,

Masaa ya bunge hili yameanza rasmi. Chini ya miaka mitano kuanzia sasa tutakuwa tunatathminiwa kulingana na jinsi tulivyoshughulikia masuala yanayokabili nchi hii.

Leo hii, nafanua ajenda kuu ya utungaji sheria kwa kikao hiki cha bunge. Ajenda hii ina Miswaada na Maongozi ambayo ningependa yashughulikiwe. Masuala haya ni pamoja na ahadi tulizotoa na marekebisho ambayo Wakenya walipigia kura.

Kwanza kabisa, Serikali yangu imejitolea kuharakisha ukamilishaji wa shughuli za utekelezaji Katiba. Sehemu ya tano ya Katiba inahitaji kwamba sheria zilizosalia zitungwe kabla ya

tarehe 27 mwezi Agosti mwaka huu. Hivyo basi, nitawasilisha bungeni Mswaada ya:

Kuthibiti haki za raia na kulinda uhuru wa vyombo vya habari;

Kuunga mkono serikali za kaunti;

Kuwawezesha wananchi kushiriki vilivyo katika maamuzi ya kaunti na ya kitaifa;

Kurekebisha ufadhili wa kampeni; na

Kuhakikisha usawa wa kijinsia na wa mchangamano wetu katika mabunge ya kaunti.

Vile vile, nitapendekeza Mswaada wa Ugawaji wa Mapato na Mswaada wa Utengaji wa Mapato ya Kaunti ambayo kulingana na Katiba lazima iidhinishwe ifikapo tarehe 30, Mwezi wa Aprili. Nalihimiza Bunge kuchukua hatua ya dharura katika kushughulikia masuala haya ili tuweze kutimiza majukumu yetu kikatiba.

Mwishowe, kama kujitolea kwangu kutekeleza Katiba, tutaendelea kukadiriya utungaji sheria kuhakikisha uzingativu wa Katiba. Tutachukua hatua za haraka kushauriana na mashirika husika yaliyobuniwa kikatiba, wizara husika na idara za Serikali husika kutayarisha mapendekezo ya kuleta uwiano wa maandishi na moyo wa Katiba.

Marekebisho haya yatajumuisha utungaji sheria na marekebisho kuhusu:

Huduma ya Polisi kwa Taifa.

Ushirikishi wa Kitaifa wa Serikali.

Serikali za Kaunti na Ugatuzi.

Usimamizi wa Vifaa vya Matibabu.

Usimamizi wa Elimu.

Kuna mengi ya kufanya katika utekelezaji Katiba. Najivunia kuwahi kuwasilisha kwa wapigaji kura manifesto yenye ufafanuzi, ulinganifu na thabiti kuwahi kutolewa katika historia ya Kenya. Manifesto hiyo imeidhinishwa na Wakenya na nanua kutimiza ahadi hizo.

Hivyo basi, Serikali itachukua hatua kupendekeza ajenda yetu ya kutunga sheria kulingana na ahadi zilizotolewa katika manifesto ya Jubilee. Nitapendekeza hatua za kulinda familia na kuimarisha kiwango cha maisha bora ya Wakenya.

Vilevile Serikali yangu itatafuta kuthibiti haki na uhuru ambao ni nguzo ya jamii yenye demokrasia halisi kwa kupendekeza kupatikana kwa Mswaada wa Habari na Mswaada wa Kuhifadhi Takwimu.

Serikali hii ni ya wakenya wote iwapo unaishi hapa nyumbani au ng'ambo. Tunatambua mchango wa wale wanaoishi ng'ambo kwa uchumi wa nchi yetu lakini zaidi ya haya yote ni Wanakenya. Hivyo basi, tutachukua hatua za kuwashirikisha vilivyo katika maisha ya umma.

Nitachukua hatua madhubuti kuimarisha maendeleo na uwezo wetu kwa ukuaji hasa serikali yangu itachukua hatua zifuatazo:

Kuimarisha na kuthibiti sekta ya Utalii;

Kukadiriya na kurekebisha Kifungo cha Sheria ya Ununuzi na Uuzaji wa Bidhaa na Huduma za Umma ili kuanzisha utaratibu wa kisheria kwa Serikali kuwajibika kununua bidhaa na huduma kutoka Kenya na kubuni viwango kwa vijana na wanawake;

Kujumuisha hazina za biashara kwa vijana na wanawake na kubuni hazina mpya yenye uwezo mkubwa ambayo itatoa huduma zake katika sehemu za uwakilishi bunge,

Kuimarisha na kusimamia sekta ya madini na uchimbaji madini;



Kuimarisha, kupanua na kuifanya sekta ya kilimo kuwa ya kisasa na kujitosheleza kwa chakula.

Kukadiri sheria zinazohusu makampuni na mashirika mengine ili kuimarisha mazingira ya kibiashara, kupunguza urasimu na kutoa mfumo wa kuaminika wa usimamizi wa biashara; na

Kushirikisha Wakenya wanaoishi ng'ambo kwa masuala ya umma nchini.

Sisi ni wasimamizi wa mazingira yetu, tukiaminika kusimamia ulimwengu huu kwa vizazi vijavyo vya Wakenya. Tunawajibika kuhifadhi mbuga zetu za wanyama pori na mandhari yetu. Hii ndiyo sababu napendekeza sheria za kuimarisha uhifadhi wa mazingira yetu. Miswaada hii inajumuisha:

Mabadiliko katika usimamizi na uhifadhi wa mazingira yetu.

Kuimarisha na kupanua usimamizi na uhifadhi wa maji.

Kuimarisha upanuzi na usimamizi wa sekta za kawi na mafuta ya petroli.

Kurekebisha usimamizi wa uchimbaji madini na utumizi wa rasilmali ili kuwashirikisha Wakenya wengi zaidi katika sekta hiyo.

Kuchukua hatua za dharura kushughulikia hatari zinazotokana na mabadiliko ya hali ya hewa.

Kuhifadhi mbuga za wanyama pori na mazingira yetu.

Ijapokuwa, nchi yetu imeshuhudia maendeleo makubwa katika miaka kumi iliyopita katika muundo msingi wa kitaifa, ni Wakenya wachache ambao wamepata manufaa katika maisha yao ya kila siku. Sasa ni wakati wa Wakenya wote kushiriki katika manufaa yanayotokana na matunda ya ufanisi wetu. Hivyo basi, miswaada ifuatayo nitawasilisha ili:

Kuimarisha ubora na kupatikana kwa elimu.

Kupanua na kuimarisha huduma za afya za kimsingi kwa wanawake wajawazito na watoto.

Kukuza na kupanua sekta za michezo, usanii na burudani na kubuni mfumo wa bahati nasibu ya kitaifa.

Waheshimiwa Wabunge,

Serikali yangu imejitolea kutoa suluhisho kwa masuala ya ardhi ili ardhi iweze kubainika kuwa mojawapo wa vifaa vinavyochangia uzalishaji miongoni mwa vingi. Tutapendekeza Miswaada kushughulikia:

Kufurushwa na kupewa makaazi kwa wakimbizi wa ndani na maskwata.

Usimamizi na Ugawaji wa Ardhi ya Kijamii.

Kukodisha na Kusimamia Mali ya Umma.

Nyanja nyingine ambapo tutapendekeza Miswaada kujadiliwa ni pamoja na:

Msatakabali wa Mashirika ya Serikali.

Kuimarisha huduma za kushughulikia vifo vya ghafla

Kudhibiti sekta ya Huduma za Usalama wa Kibinafsi.

Waheshimiwa Wabunge,

Kazi yetu inaanza saa hii, katika muda wa siku 100 zijazo, tutatimiza yafuatayo;

Tutatoa fedha ambazo tayari zimetengwa kununua madawa na vifaa kwa vituo vya afya na zahanati za umma;

Tutafutilia mbali malipo yanayotozwa kwa matibabu katika zahanati na vituo vya afya ya umma;

Tutafutilia mbali malipo yanayotozwa wanawake wanaojifungua katika hospitali za umma;

Tutawasilisha miswaada ya kupitishwa na bunge hili kuhakikisha hakuna mtoto anafukuzwa shule au chuo cha mafunzo hadi atakapotimiza umri wa miaka kumi na minane;

Tutabuni mfumo wa kuhakikisha kwamba kila mtoto anayejiunga na darasa la kwanza mwaka ujao anapewa patakilishi; na

Tutabuni mfumo kwa vijana na wanawake kupata mikopo bila masharti yoyote katika sehemu za mashinani.

Waheshimiwa Wabunge,

Iwapo tutatekeleza hatua nilizofafanua leo, nina imani kwamba tutawasaidia watoto wetu na familia zetu; kutukuza matumaini ya waanzilishi wetu na kuthibiti hatima ya Kenya.

Hivyo basi, nawahimiza wabunge wote kujiandaa kufanya kazi iliyo mbele yetu.

Nawakaribisha na kuwahimiza raia wote kuchukua nafasi yao katika utaratibu wa utungaji sheria kama mawakala wa uwajibikaji.

Sawa na Katiba yetu, mamlaka yote ni ya wananchi wa Kenya na hivyo basi nasema Wakenya wenzangu hii ni Serikali yenu. Tukishirikiana, kuwa wakamavu katika majadiliano na mashauriano yetu basi nina imani kwamba hakuna kinachoweza kutuzuia kuafikia chochote kile.

Hebu muwe thabiti katika matumaini, waaminifu kwa viapo vyenu, msivurugwe na maslahi ya kibinafsi; kutatizwa na changamoto, kutatanishwa na ufanisi na imara katika utoaji huduma.

Hebu muwe washirikishi wa amani mahala kuna uhasama, usalama kunako hofu, umoja kunako utengano na ufanisi kunako ukosefu, hadi maono ya taifa moja, lenye demokrasia na huru yatakapoafikiwa kulingana na Katiba yetu na ari ya taifa letu.

Mungu awabariki raia wa Jamhuri hii na Mungu abariki na kungoza bunge hili la kumi na moja mnapofuatilia malengo haya muhimu niliyofafanua.

**SPEECH BY HIS EXCELLENCY HON. UHURU
KENYATTA, C.G.H., PRESIDENT AND COMMANDER-
IN-CHIEF OF THE DEFENCE FORCES OF THE
REPUBLIC OF KENYA DURING THE STATE
OPENING OF THE 11TH PARLIAMENT,
TUESDAY, 16TH APRIL, 2013**

**HONOURABLE SPEAKER OF THE SENATE;
HONOURABLE SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY;
SENATORS;
HONOURABLE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT;**

It is a great honour to address this opening session of Parliament combining both Houses. I congratulate Honourable Members on your election and nomination to both the Senate and National Assembly.

My congratulations also go to the Speakers of the Senate and National Assembly together with their respective deputies on their elections, the leaders of the majority party and minority party as well as their respective deputies on being elected to their positions. I want to especially congratulate the record number of women in both Houses—an indication of Kenya's commitment to achieving gender parity and equity. I commend the last Parliament for the passage of numerous Bills and for meeting constitutional deadlines. I wish all Honourable Members the best as you steer the legislative and policy agenda of this august House over the next 5 years.

We all participated in an electoral process in which we campaigned in different counties and constituencies; contesting for different seats and campaigning as members of different parties and coalitions. Today, we come together with a single purpose—that of promoting the welfare of Kenyans, protecting the rights of Kenyans and giving voice to the many and varied interests of our people. We are here, not for ourselves, but as representatives of the people.

We, today, recognize that we sit under the banner of a new Constitution. A Constitution that the people of Kenya approved as the supreme law of the land. As law-makers, our first duty is to be law-keepers—subject to the Constitution. I urge all of us to remember that each of us is obliged by virtue of citizenship and the trust placed in us by the people, to respect, uphold and defend our Constitution; each of us is bound, by a solemn oath, to bear true faith and allegiance to the People and the Republic of Kenya and to faithfully and diligently discharge our duties. These duties are conferred to us by the Constitution. This is the oath of office we took before God and our fellow citizens.

Honourable Members,

My Government looks forward to working with both Houses, to implement our agenda. I look forward to your support.

Although we may not agree from time to time, this should be in an atmosphere of mutual respect and consideration. We should be able to hold different viewpoints without being enemies. In that spirit, I pledge that my Government will partner with both Houses and both sides of the divide in the work of implementing the national agenda and transforming this nation. The role of a vibrant Opposition is vital to the effective functioning of both Houses. I welcome and respect that role—and look forward to all the members here holding my Government to account.

Our Constitution envisages lean and effective Government. This involves not just reducing the number of ministries but restructuring the entire Government and changing how it works. We will streamline the agencies of Government to end the confusing and wasteful overlap of responsibilities and create a Government that is fit for the 21st Century.

Honourable Members,

The world is still engulfed in deep economic crisis, made worse by recession in the West and rising costs in the East.

However, here in Africa our economies continue to grow as a young, educated and vibrant population makes its appearance on the economic stage. Kenya is doing well, but not well enough.

While our financial and ICT sectors are strong, our agriculture, manufacturing and transport sectors, that should be driving export-led growth, are underperforming.

As a nation, we still face the challenges of slow growth, unacceptably high levels of unemployment, and pervasive poverty.

My Government's goal is for Kenya to become a middle-income country within a generation. That means attaining and sustaining double-digit growth. The kind of growth rates that will, if we are prudent managers, lead to a better quality of life for Kenyans; as skilled Kenyans are able to find decent jobs and many are lifted out of poverty. This growth will be delivered if we pursue the right combination of policies with a steady hand and determination.

As a priority, we must exercise prudent management of the public finances, especially the overall wage bill. Today, recurrent expenditure is reaching unsustainable levels, squeezing out resources meant for development. We must keep the public wage bill in check. In the current financial year, for example, the total estimated wage bill is KSh. 458 billion. This wage bill at slightly over 12% of our GDP, is well above the internationally accepted standard of 7% and accounts for almost half of the revenue collected by Government. This is unsustainable and poses a serious threat to the funding of important development projects, and has the potential to severely affect the country's economic prospects.

All arms of Government must set the example and lead the way in bringing this wage bill down. Our focus, both as the Executive and the Legislature, must be on reducing the cost of living and making Kenya much more competitive thereby

increasing opportunities while improving the standard of living. Indeed, that shall be the centrepiece of our Government.

We need to spark an industrial revolution in our country. Within the next few years, we must add value to our produce, and manufacture here in Kenya the finished goods that we increasingly use in our homes and businesses.

We must establish a first class logistics hub, covering transport, roads, railways, waterways, pipelines, ports, storage and energy.

We must invest in and modernize our agriculture and open up at least one million acres of new land through irrigation in order to end food insecurity.

We must drive growth by diversifying our exports, adding value, creating new products and opening up new markets.

We must seal the leakages in our revenue collection system and extend the tax base.

We must drive up value for money from our public procurement so that we get what we pay for.

We must create a business climate that encourages innovation, investment and growth.

We must reduce the cost of the ordinary household's basket of goods, including food, housing, energy and transport.

We must deepen our relationships with our regional partners in order to expand our markets, create jobs and boost growth.

We must invest in our greatest capital resource—our people and provide what our Constitution demands—social protection for every Kenyan.

Our overarching goal is the transformation of our economy, so that our exports compete across the world and drive the growth necessary to create jobs for our youth and lift 10 million of our brothers and sisters out of poverty by 2017.

Honourable Members,

We envision a Kenya where every citizen is free to be the very best that they can. Where everyone can fulfill their potential regardless of where they come from, what circumstances they were born into or what community they belong to.

That is why my Government will build our work on nine Key Pillars:

The first is transparency. We will run an honest and transparent Government, with public services that are open and accountable to the people who use them while supporting the counties to deliver on the promise of devolution. We will work with the Judiciary in fast-tracking and deepening the reforms that are in progress—to secure access to justice for all Kenyans and promote a society where every person enjoys equal protection of the law. We will strengthen the criminal justice system and promote the rule of law.

I will act swiftly to end the scourge of corruption. Corruption makes our country less attractive as an investment destination. It limits access to much needed services, stifles efficiency and eats away at public values.

I believe that power is exercised more transparently when it is closest to the people. For too long, decision-making has been concentrated in the hands of a few in Nairobi. Devolution is central to my Government's vision for Kenya—it is not optional, it is a constitutional duty, one shared by all of us. Mechanisms for resolving the minor administrative challenges are already in place because my Government is committed to devolution in full.

In protecting the gains of individual rights and freedoms and enhancing transparency and accountability, we will also promote a vibrant civil society enabling them to gain access to public

resources while taking legislative measures to ensure transparency, accountability and openness in their work.

We will champion the rights of all Kenyans, preserving and defending them not only through good governance and respect for the rule of law but also by extending the right to social protection. We will expand the state pensions system so that all our citizens enjoy dignity in old age.

Our Government is committed to ensuring our citizens live, work and worship in peace. Last year, we deployed our Defence Forces to Somalia in order to deal with a terrorist organization that showed disregard for the sanctity of life, disrespect for human rights and contempt for the law. In doing so, we demonstrated to our citizens and to the world that we will deal decisively with any external threat to our citizens. Yet threats to internal security still remain. We will deal with those internal threats with the same single-minded resolve; the same commitment to protecting our citizens. My Government will improve security at our frontiers and progressively improve the ratio of police to citizens across Kenya by bringing it closer to the UN ratio of one police officer for every 450 citizens.

This Parliament must progressively put in place measures that will strengthen our police service. We must afford them the dignity that is due to any citizen who risks their life in service to the people and the nation—protecting our lives and our property. In view of this, we will properly equip each police unit in order to increase effectiveness and ensure their rapid response to incidents of crime, this will also include working to ensure that their welfare is protected.

The next pillar we will build on is job creation. 40% of our population is currently without work. Among our youth, unemployment is as high as 70%. For far too long, this our national resource has received insufficient attention and the energy and time of our youth, have been wasted through alcohol

and drug abuse. We must work together to put measures in place to harness the time and talents of our youth in order to grow our economy. My Government will consolidate and harmonize the youth and women's funds and ensure these funds are easily accessible to citizens at the constituency level modeled on the CDF framework.

In line with our policy of streamlining Government, we will combine the bodies that promote Kenya in all aspects of the economy to create a single agency with the reach, expertise and profile to represent and promote our country abroad, attracting trade, investment and tourism from across the world. Our embassies and missions will be remodeled to market Kenya in their respective countries and link directly to this new trade promotion service.

With perhaps one of the best tourism destinations in the world, we must increase the sector's contribution to our GDP, increasing investment in its infrastructure, capacity and marketing. Our aim is to double the level of tourism in our country to 3 million visitors a year by 2017.

As leaders who are committed to transforming Kenya's economy, we must promote investment in emerging industries. My Government will foster the sport and the entertainment sectors, establishing a National Lottery Scheme that will support them both. We will also seek, in consultation with the county governments, to provide for the building of sports stadia in five main towns across the country.

Kenyans who have received international recognition and nomination for international awards have shown that investing in the arts and entertainment sectors will not only create jobs; it will boost tourism and promote our culture around the world. To that end, we will legislate to increase local content to 60% from the current 40% in local free to air TV channels.

We must deliver on Vision 2030 and continue to build our nation's infrastructure; roads, railways, houses, ports, schools and hospitals. Through projects such as LAPPSET, we will drive economic growth, job creation and deepen our links with our regional partners.

In particular, our nation is in desperate need of new housing. To meet the shortage, we need to construct 250,000 houses annually but at present we build only 50,000. When it comes to transport, we need new mass transport and commuter networks in our cities and long distance connections to our regional neighbours as well as improvements to local roads so that our people can move freely across our nation. However, in order to achieve this, we need to take measures to increase the pool of domestic capital available for infrastructure development and attract even greater levels of foreign direct investment as well.

A government's main focus should be on the efficient provision of services to the people, not merely the ownership and management of assets. To this end, my focus is to achieve efficiency and effectiveness in the services delivered by my Government.

This Government will ensure food security by investing in and modernizing our agricultural sector. Through improved financing, irrigation, research and development, and the return of extension services, we will enable farmers to move from subsistence to commercial farming.

We will support the National Land Commission, and fund the adjudication and titling of land, assisting them in their endeavor to promote land ownership as a factor of production and thereby enhance food security.

This Government is committed to ensuring the highest attainable standard of health. Our policy aims to ensure that all Kenyans have access to well-equipped health facilities and well

trained and motivated healthcare workers, in addition to developing systems to support and expand healthcare and improved sanitation. Working with county governments, we will progressively roll out our commitment to provide free primary healthcare to every Kenyan by 2020, starting with children, persons with disability, pregnant women and breastfeeding mothers.

Honourable Members,

My Government will also focus on education. We all understand that education and employment are inter-linked. We are in a global economy that is knowledge-based and technology-driven. My Government intends to propose a sessional paper that will provide for an increase in the number of institutes of technology in every county and end the current practice of transforming middle-level colleges to universities.

My Government has committed itself to delivering on the promise of free laptops for our standard one children starting next year. Some have said that this is too ambitious—I say that we cannot afford to leave any of our children without tools to compete in the digital age. Yes, our ambition is great but the scale of that ambition is the only one sufficient to meet the scale of our nation's challenge. As such, I call upon both Houses to work with me to ensure that in future, the laptops we provide are assembled locally.

Our eighth pillar is extending basic services such as water and electricity to every Kenyan. We will increase, year on year, the number of people who have access to clean water and sustainable supply of electricity until we achieve the goal of providing access to water and electricity to all Kenyans.

Improving the supply and quality of water is central to a range of our policy goals, it will help to open up more land to farming, it will improve the health of our citizens, it will help provide

security, especially in Northern Kenya by ending a perennial source of conflict and will protect and enhance our biodiversity.

Kenya has been the victim of perennial droughts and floods. Every other year, we have drought or floods. This cycle has an adverse effect on not only our food production but on our infrastructure and our economy as a whole. We have commissioned the relevant ministries to work out a framework for building dams and pans for water retention on a massive scale. Various agencies of Government will employ thousands of youth to start this construction immediately. We have the equipment, the knowledge, the personnel and the will to carry out this endeavour.

Argentina, a middle-income nation with the same population as Kenya, has 24GW of electricity capacity while Kenya has just 1.5GW. Energy drives the economy and we will, therefore, promote investment in new forms of energy generation such as solar, wind and geothermal plants as well as oil, gas and coal.

The energy market must be liberalized and opened up to new sources of investment so that we can expand generating capacity, extend our transmission network, improve the consistency and quality of supply and lower the cost of energy for the Kenyan citizen.

This Government will focus on changing Kenya's place in the world. The nature of our relationships is already changing. We are deepening links with our regional neighbours. We are partnering with our African brothers and sisters to bring peace and stability across our continent. We are seizing the opportunity of our times to drive the world and place Kenya and Africa at the heart of the global economy. My Government will continue this process by ensuring that we move beyond traditional diplomacy towards a new engagement that is based on our economic interests.

Honourable Members,

The clock has officially begun counting down on this Parliament. In less than five years from now, we will be evaluated based on how we dealt with the issues facing this country.

Today, I am outlining a broad legislative agenda for this session of Parliament. This agenda contains the Bills and Sessional Papers that I wish you to consider. They constitute a promissory note on the pledges we have made and the reforms that the Kenyan people have voted for.

First and foremost, my Government is committed to the speedy completion of the unfinished business of implementing our Constitution. The 5th Schedule of the Constitution dictates that the remaining legislation should be enacted no later than August 27th this year. I will, therefore, send to Parliament Bills to:

Entrench civil liberties and protect the freedom of the media;

Support the county governments;

Enable the public to fully participate in decision making at the county and national levels;

Reform campaign finance; and

Ensure diversity and gender balance in the County Assemblies.

I will also propose the Division of Revenue Bill and the County Allocation of Revenue Bill, which as per the Constitution must be approved by April 30th. I urge Parliament to act swiftly in their consideration of these measures so that we can meet our constitutional obligations.

Finally, as part of our commitment to the implementation of the Constitution we shall continue to review current legislation

to ensure compliance with constitutional provisions. We shall move to engage in urgent consultations with the relevant constitutionally mandated bodies, relevant line ministries and state departments, to prepare proposals to align them to the letter and spirit of the Constitution.

These shall include legislation and amendments touching on:

The National Police Service.

National Government Co-ordination.

County Governments and Devolution.

Medical Supplies Management.

Education Management.

There is much to do beyond the implementation of the Constitution. I am proud to have submitted to the electorate the most detailed, specific and comprehensive manifesto in Kenya's history. That manifesto was endorsed by the people of Kenya and I intend to fulfill those promises.

My Government will, therefore, move to propose our legislative agenda in line with the commitments in the Jubilee manifesto. I will bring forward measures to protect the family and improve the quality of life for the Kenyan people.

Furthermore, we will seek to entrench the rights and freedoms that are the hallmarks of a truly democratic society by proposing the Access to Information Bill and the Data Protection Bill.

This Government is for all Kenyans whether they live here at home or abroad. We recognize the diaspora's contribution to the economic life of our country but more than this they are members of the Kenyan family. We will, therefore, institute measures to facilitate their fuller participation in public life.

I will act decisively to boost development and harness our potential for growth specifically my Government will present measures to:

Promote and enhance the Tourism sector.

Review and amend the Public Procurement and Disposal Act to establish a legal obligation on Government to buy Kenyan first and create procurement quotas for youth and women.

Bring together the separate funds for youth and women and create a powerful new fund that is administered at the constituency level.

Promote and regulate the minerals and mining industry.

Promote, expand and modernize the agricultural sector and enhance food security.

Review the laws covering companies and other associations to improve the business environment, reduce red-tape and provide a predictable regulatory framework for business.

Facilitate the participation of the diaspora in Kenya's public life.

We are stewards of our environment, holding in trust this earth for future generations of Kenyans. We have a sacred duty to protect it, our wildlife and our landscape. That is why I will propose legislation to strengthen the protection of the environment. These will include Bills to:

Overhaul our nation's environment management and conservation;

Improve and expand water management and water harvesting;

Promote the expansion and management of our energy and petroleum sectors;

Reform the regulation of mining, minerals and resource exploitation to increase the participation of Kenyans in the sector;

Respond to the urgent threat posed by climate change; and

Protect our nation's wildlife and flora.

While in the last 10 years our country has seen major developments in our national infrastructure, too few Kenyans have seen the benefits in their day to day lives. It is time that all Kenyans shared in the fruits of our prosperity. I will, therefore, bring forward for your consideration Bills to:

Improve the quality and access to education.

Expand and promote maternal, child and primary healthcare services.

Promote and expand sports, arts and entertainment sectors and establish a national lottery.

Honourable Members,

My Government is determined to provide solutions to land issues so that land once again can be seen for what it is, just one factor of production among many. We will propose Bills to address:

Eviction and resettlement of internally displaced persons and squatters.

Management and Adjudication of Community land.

Leasing and Public asset management.

Other areas in which I will be proposing Bills for your consideration include:

The future of State Corporations.

Improving Coroner Services.

Regulating the Private Security industry.

Honourable Members;

Our work begins with immediate effect. Within the next 100 days, we will:

Release the money already allocated to stock health centres and dispensaries with drugs and equipment;

Abolish fees that are currently charged for using public dispensaries and health centres;

Abolish all charges for women giving birth at public hospitals;

Present legislation for this Parliament to pass to ensure that no child is out of school or a training institution until they reach the age of 18;

Establish a framework to ensure that every child entering class one next year does so with a laptop; and

Establishing a framework for youth and women to access interest free loans at the grassroots.

Honourable Members,

If we implement the measures I have outlined today, I am confident that we shall support our children and our families; honour the hopes of our fore bearers and secure the future of Kenya.

I, therefore, urge all Parliamentarians to prepare themselves for the work that is ahead.

I welcome and urge all citizens to take their place in the legislative process as agents of accountability.

As per our Constitution, all sovereign power belongs to the people of Kenya and I, therefore, say fellow Kenyans—this is your Government. These are your elected representatives. We are here to defend your rights. If we act together, remaining

steadfast in our deliberations and discussions, I am confident that our prospects will be limitless.

May you remain firm in hope; true to your oaths, unfettered by self-interest; undaunted by challenge; undistracted by success and unyielding in service.

May you be instruments to bring peace where there has been strife; security where there has been fear; unity where there has been division and prosperity where they lack, until the dream for one indivisible, democratic and sovereign nation is realized in accordance with our Constitution and national aspirations.

God bless the citizens of this Republic and God bless and guide this 11th Parliament as you pursue the noble goals outlined above.