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COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

ON THE MEETING WITH THE CABINET SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF
LANDS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT.

Honorable Senators,

As you may recall, on Thursday, 25th February, 2016, Sen. Johnson Muthama, requested for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Committee on Land and Natural Resources on the management of community and public land in Machakos County.

The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Land and Natural Resources responded to the statement on 13th October, 2016. Thereafter, the House deliberated on the response and found it unsatisfactory. Members raised concerns about the on-going sub-division of the land in question and resolved that any sale of the land in contention should be stopped until the issue is resolved.

Honorable Senators,

You may also recall that I directed the Standing Committee on Land and Natural Resources to invite the Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development and the Chairperson of the National Land Commission (NLC) to a meeting of all Senators to deliberate on this important matter.

In this regard, the Committee has invited the Cabinet Secretary and the Chairperson, NLC to address Senators, **tomorrow, Wednesday, 16th November, 2016.** The meeting will be held in this Chamber from 10:00 am.

Honorable Senators,

The meeting will discuss issues concerning:-

- a) The contested piece of land -L.R. No. 1491/R in Kiima Kimwe, Muvuti Ward in Machakos County, more specifically as to whether it is public or community land;
- b) fate of the more than 2,500 squatters who are currently occupying the said piece of land;
- c) parcels of land in Machakos County that have been set aside for public utilities such as schools, health centers and recreation centers;
- d) steps taken by the National Land Commission and the Ministry of Land, Housing and Urban Development to address concerns raised by residents of Machakos County regarding the contested piece of land;
- e) steps taken by the National Land Commission and the Ministry of Land, Housing and Urban Development to address the longstanding land dispute in Mavoko Sub-County between the local residents and the East Africa Portland Cement Company.

In conclusion **Honorable Senators**, I hereby direct that all Committee meetings scheduled at the same time of the meeting to be suspended to allow Senators time to attend and participate in this important meeting.

I thank you.

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SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

15th November, 2016