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ON THE SPECIAL SITTING OF PARLIAMENT: STATE OF THE NATION

ADDRESS BY H.E THE PRESIDENT

Honourable Senators,

As you may be aware, Article 132(1)(b) of the Constitution and Standing Order 22(1) of the Senate Standing Orders, requires the President to address a Special Sitting of Parliament once every year and at any other time.

By a letter referenced OP/CAB.1/40 of 7th March, 2016 and addressed to the Clerks of Parliament, the office of the President requested Parliament to set a date for the Presidential address to Parliament. Upon the Speaker consulting the Speaker of the National Assembly, it was resolved that H.E the President addresses Parliament on Thursday, 31st March, 2016. I subsequently issued a Gazette Notice No 2039 of 21st March, 2016 convening the Special Sitting.

Honourable Senators,

This is to inform you that a Special Sitting of Parliament will be held on Thursday, 31st March, 2016 at 2.30 pm, in the National Assembly Chamber. H.E the President will also use the occasion, pursuant to Article 132(1)(c) (i) of the Constitution, to report on all the measures taken and the progress achieved in the realization of the national values set out in Article 10 of the

Constitution. Further, pursuant to Article 240 (7) of the Constitution, H.E the President will also report on the state of security in the country.

Honourable Senators, this is an important occasion in the calendar of Parliament that provides the opportunity for H.E the President to deliver the State of the Nation Address and to address the Legislature and the people of Kenya on critical matters concerning the country. I therefore urge all of you to attend the Special Sitting.

Honourable Senators,

Due to limited sitting space, Senators and Members of the National Assembly will be at liberty to invite one guest each to the occasion. In this regard, you are hereby requested to provide the names of such guests at the Senate reception to facilitate the preparation of formal invitation cards. The names should be submitted by midday tomorrow, Wednesday, 30th March, 2016.

Honourable Senators,

The Special Sitting has also necessitated a re-arrangement of parking. Consequently, the current Senators' parking area here at the Main Parliament Building will not be available for parking by Senators on Thursday, 31st March, 2016. Alternative arrangements have been made for parking at the COMESA Grounds at the KICC.

Please do also note that access to Parliament through the parking area formerly known as the Ministers Gate will remain restricted from tomorrow, 30th March, 2016, to facilitate the pitching of tents for refreshments for that particular day.

I thank you.”

SEN. EKWEE ETHURO, EGH, EBS, MP
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

29th March, 2016