

## STATEMENT REQUEST ON DEFORESTATION ACTIVITIES AT ENDUI/NDITHI HILLS IN WAITA WARD.

Mr. Speaker, Pursuant to the provisions of the Standing Order No. 41(2)(c), I would like to request for a statement from the Chairperson, Committee on Environment, Energy and Mineral Investments Development on the following: -

If the Chairperson is aware that, serious deforestation activities are taking place in Waita Ward at Endui/Ndithi hills to be precise which include cutting down of trees for charcoal burning, grazing and clearing of forest/bushes for land cultivation/farming.

Whether the Chairperson is further aware that, the deforestation activities at Endui/Ndithi hills have caused serious environmental impact including decreased biodiversity, pollution and decreased forest cover hence posing threat to climate change.

Whether the Chairperson is cognizant that, the persons involved in deforestation activities have been cautioned by the area chief and ward administrator but have been ignorant.

Mr. Speaker, as the representative of people of Waita; I strongly seek a statement from the Chairperson, Committee on Environment, Energy and Mineral Investments Development, in response to the statement the Chair should avail:

i. Whether the members of Waita ward have been sensitized on environmental conservation programmes and particularly forest conservation.

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- ii. Whether the members of Waita ward have benefitted from tree planting programmes financed by county government.
- iii. Names of individuals involved in the said deforestation activities together with statement showing who authorized them to carry out the said activities.
- iv. Whether there exist Climate Change Planning Committee in Waita ward.
- v. The action plan towards restoration of Endui/Ndithi hills.

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HON. JOSEPH KASUNGI KAVULA MEMBER OF COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF KITUI, WAITA WARD.