## STATEMENT REQUEST ON LAND OWNERSHIP AND TITLING IN KITUI COUNTY.

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 Lands, Infrastructure and Urban Development.

**Aware that** the Committee on Lands, Infrastructure and Urban development is mandated under Standing Order No. 190(5) and the Second Schedule to oversight all matters relating to County-policy formulation and management of Land in liaison with the National Land Commission, Land survey and mapping.

**Concerned that** there have been a lot of public outcry and court cases on land grabbing in Kitui County especially on allotted plots within urban areas, making residents lose millions of monies through these heinous transactions.

Further concerned that the County Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development is the custodian of public land in the County. However, the County Government of Kitui is losing public land at a very high rate to land grabbers.

**Noting That,** most of the residents in Kitui County do not have land documents such as title deeds, allotment letters or double allocation of plots therefore disadvantaging them economically as they can not access loans from financial institutions.

Further Noting That, the county government through the Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development can liaise with the National Land Commission, Land Survey and mapping to ensure that the residents of Kitui acquires the said land ownership documents.

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From the foregoing, I therefore request the Chairperson, Committee on Lands, Infrastructure and Urban Development to arrest the matter and provide a report to this House within 21 days, detailing factual information on the following matters:

- The efforts being made by the County Ministry of Lands, Housing and i. Urban Development in assisting the Kitui Citizenry in getting land ownership documents.
- Whether the County Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development has rolled out the Valuation roll and the net effect on the improvement of the own source revenue since its implementation inclusive of the actual figures collected.
- The strategies the County Ministry intends to use to ensure there is iii. proper urban planning in all upcoming towns and markets in Kitui County.
- Enlist the available public land in Kitui County in terms of acreage and iv. the strategies in place to protect the public land from being grabbed.
- The progress made by the County Ministry in digitization of Land records in kitui County.
- Measures put in place for plots verification across the county as a way vi. of identifying the right owners of the plots.

vii. The progress made by the County Ministry in developing a County Spatial plan.

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MEMBER OF COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF KITUI,

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