

REPUBLIC OF KENYA TWELFTH PARLIAMENT

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY – (FOURTH SESSION) COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

(No. 47 of 2020)

ON WITHDRAWAL OF SPECIFIC STATUTES PROPOSED TO BE AMENDED IN THE STATUTE LAW (MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 15 OF 2020)

Honourable Members,

As you may be aware, the Statute Law (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 15 of 2020) was published *vide Kenya Gazette Supplement* No. 89 of June 6, 2020 to effect various amendments to various Statutes. The Bill, which is sponsored by the Leader of the Majority Party and is proposing amendments to thirty eight (38) Statutes, was read a First time on Tuesday, June 23, 2020. It was thereupon referred to various Departmental Committees for consideration in accordance with their respective mandates vide my *Communication* of Thursday, June 25, 2020.

Honourable Members, I wish to inform the House that I have since received a letter from the Leader of the Majority Party, dated July 14, 2020, requesting my consent for **withdrawal** of proposed amendments to the following eight (8) statutes as contained in the Bill-

- (1) The Criminal Procedure Code (Cap. 75);
- (2) The Evidence Act (Cap 80);
- (3) The Anti-Corruption and Economic Crimes Act, 2003;
- (4) The Public Officer Ethics Act, 2003;
- (5) The Proceeds of Crime and Anti-Money Laundering Act, 2009;
- (6) The Counter Trafficking in Persons Act, 2012;
- (7) The Leadership and Integrity Act, 2012; and,
- (8) The Bribery Act, 2016.

Honourable Members, in his request, the Leader of the Majority Party indicates there is need to isolate the statutes he has listed to allow further inter-agency consultations, while allowing the rest of the Bill to proceed without delay. I have acceded to this request, which implies that the Bill will now undergo public participation, Second Reading and other stages without making reference to the withdrawn Statutes. In this regard, the Bill will proceed as though the withdrawn Statutes were not part of the Bill as published.

The House is accordingly guided.

I thank you.

THE HON. JUSTIN B. MUTURI, E.G.H., MP SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Wednesday, July 15, 2020