



COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS

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PRESS STATEMENT ON THE DIVISION ON REVENUE BILL AND OTHER ISSUES AFFECTING COUNTY GOVERNMENTS.

The Council of Governors today, held a consultative meeting with the Committee Chairs and we are drawn to various issues that affect the County Governments and the technical committees.

On the Division of Revenue Bill;

The Council appreciates the unwavering support made so far in trying to resolve the current stalemate facing Counties. However, we must be alive to the consequences of this impasse. At the moment, County workers are on a go slow due to lack of supplies and payment of salaries. This has destabilized services across several counties and we cannot ignore this call any more.

It is paramount to note that the advisory by the Attorney General rendered the option of disbursing half of the proposed County allocation unconstitutional. Therefore, as County Governments, we continue to hope that the mediation process will be fruitful and that Counties will receive their proper equitable share of revenue as proposed by CRA.

We therefore urge parliament to resolve this matter urgently and allow restoration of normalcy and service delivery to Kenyans across the Country.

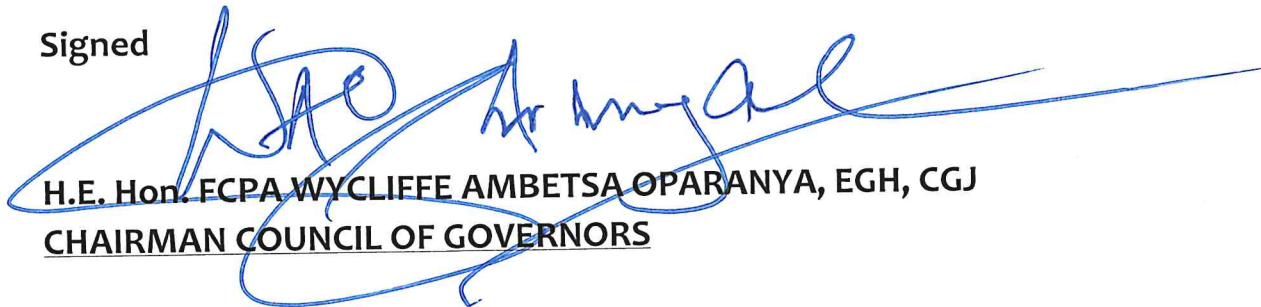
On the ruling of Justice Mumbi Ngugi;

On the ongoing debate on corruption, it is worth noting that Governors have sworn to protect the principles and national values of good governance, integrity, transparency and accountability as entrenched in our Constitution. Nevertheless, in the war on corruption, the Council of Governors calls for respect of the existing laws and laid down legal procedures.

Arraigning a governor in court and denying him access to County offices will only emotionally charge the public. Undoubtedly, where the public trust is broken by the said Governor, action must be taken. Like judicial officers, removal of a Governor from office is prescribed in the statute and therefore must be respected.

Finally, the Council has today further held consultations with the Counties Assemblies Forum (CAF) and agreed that as a Devolution family, we will work together to protect, strengthen and entrench devolution.

Signed

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Wycliffe Ambetsa Oparanya', is written over the typed name and title. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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CHAIRMAN COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS