



**PRESS STATEMENT ON THE DIVISION OF REVENUE BILL 2018**  
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**Members of the Press,  
Citizens of Kenya,**

1. While we respect the spirit of the Constitution that promotes consultation and cooperation, we expect our brothers from the National Assembly to not only respect it, but to also live it.
2. The Council of Governors through an intergovernmental forum known as the Intergovernmental Budget and Economic Council, chaired by H.E Deputy President agreed on a common position on the 2018/19 financial year's equitable allocation to counties at ksh 314 billion which was on consensus basis with a common understanding that counties allocation towards the Fuel Levy Fund shall be increased from the current 15% annual allocation to 20% to take care of the increased need of road maintenance in the counties. This was a negotiated approach where the Council conceded on its requirements to allow counties get additional allocations towards the roads functions.
3. It is therefore appalling that even after a signed joint communique championed by the Deputy President himself, the Ministry in charge of the Transport, Infrastructure, Housing & Urban Development and the National Treasury has failed to trigger this process by having the agreed increments incorporated in the Division of Revenue Bill 2018 for subsequent allocation to the counties.
4. The National Assembly has therefore subsequently passed the 2018 Division of Revenue Bill without the intergovernmental agreement proposals.
5. Moreover, the National Assembly completely disregarded the proposed amendments by the Council of Governors on the Roads Bill 2017 and went ahead to reclassify previously County roads to National Government roads.
6. We therefore want to call out the responsible ministry to respect intergovernmental agreements. Currently as it is the County Governments lack alternative resourcing avenues due to the lack of national legislations to guide on the same and any small reduction of Counties allocation will ultimately affect overall counties operations.

This Agreement had been negotiated in good faith by all parties, who deliberately consulted extensively with all key stakeholders and acknowledging the interdependence of both levels of Government and had willfully appended their signatures.

The Council of Governors is therefore urging the Senate not to pass that Bill as forwarded by the National Assembly in its current status until this allocation is incorporated.

**Signed**

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**Chairman, Council of Governors**