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COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR REGARDING THE SPECIAL SITTING

“Honorable Members,

The Office of the Speaker received a request from the Leader of Majority Coalition to appoint a day for a Special Sitting pursuant to Standing Order No. 28 of the Nyamira County Assembly Standing Orders for the purposes of deliberating on the Salary Support Program. The request was granted and notified for information of Members of the County Assembly and the general public, vide *Gazette* Notice No. 1353 dated 3rd February, 2023, that there shall be a Special Sitting on Thursday, 9th April, 2023 at 10.00 a.m. in the County Assembly Chamber.

Honorable Members,

As you are aware, the County Government is yet to remit January, 2023 salaries; a delay that was occasioned by the delay in disbursement of exchequer releases. The latest exchequer release that has been received by the County Government is for the month of November, 2022. As a result, we have been unable to remit salaries for the said month.

Honorable Members,

I would like to report that I am in receipt of County Government Circular No. 5 of 2023 dated 6th February, 2023 indicating that the County Government has received November exchequer release and completed requisition to pay December, 2022 salary on or by Thursday, 9th February, 2023.

I am glad that salary for December, 2022 has been processed and remitted to individual accounts. To avert recurrence of similar situation, we have had high-level consultations amongst all stakeholders to find amicable solutions to the insurmountable inconveniences caused by salary delays to the employees of the County Government.

Honorable Members,

It is against this backdrop that a proposal for salary advance payments from local banks was fronted to ensure that staff salaries are remitted on a specific date convenient with workers.

A document on the proposal was drafted and presented before the County Executive Committee and approved. The proposal was subsequently forwarded to the County Assembly for processing and approval. This honorable House is required make considerations on the proposal and provide necessary legislative guidelines for the operationalization of the proposal.

Honorable Members,

The welfare of Members of the County Assembly and the entire staff establishment of the County Government is part of our core business. The County Assembly Service Board will strive to ensure that the welfare of Members and staff is well taken care of. We shall continually engage all stakeholders on such matters as may be required of us in protecting the interests that have been committed under our charge. I take this earliest opportunity to thank you and our members of staff for exercising patience and calm amid these challenges.

Honorable Members,

As your Speaker, I commit to ensure that urgent business before the House is transacted seamlessly, efficiently, and in a manner that protects and guarantees rights of Members and staff, and the general public.

Honorable Members,

The business before this House in this Special Sitting of the County Assembly has been specified in the Order Paper, following which the House stands adjourned.

I Thank You.”

HON. ENOCK OKERO
THE SPEAKER OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF NYAMIRA
Thursday, 8th December, 2023