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COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR:

GUIDE ON THE CONSIDERATION OF THE BUDGET POLICY STATEMENT

Hon. Members, following the results of the voting exercise and the rejection of the motion, I wish to guide the House as follows: You may have noted, the Budget Policy Statement (BPS) has been laid on the Table of the House pursuant to Standing Order 232(1) and section 25(2) of the Public Finance Management Act. For avoidance of doubt, the two provisions above require the Cabinet Secretary in charge of matter related to Finance to submit the Budget Policy Statement by the 15th of February every year. The National Treasury has therefore observed the requirement as today is the first sitting day after the 15th of February.

Hon. Members, Standing Order 232(4) require that upon being laid before the House, the BPS shall stand committed to the each Departmental Committee for deliberation according to their respective mandates. The Committees are thereafter required to make recommendations to the Liaison Committee to enable it to prepare a report to the House. It is however important to note that the House has to make a resolution on the Policy within fourteen days pursuant to section 25(7) of the Public Finance Management Act.

Section 25(7) states;

“Parliament shall, not later than fourteen days after the Budget Policy Statement is submitted to Parliament, table and discuss a report containing its recommendations and pass a resolution to adopt it with or without amendments.”

Hon. Members, from the Supplementary Order Paper now in circulation, I observe that the Budget and Appropriations Committee is one of the Committees that was being reconstituted today. The Departmental Committees and indeed the Liaison Committee should immediately embark on the consideration of the BPS in line with the provisions of the Standing Orders and the Public Finance Management Act. For the avoidance of doubt, the House is required to make a resolution on the report of the Liaison Committee within fourteen days from tomorrow, that is, on or before **March 01, 2016**.

I thank you.

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SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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