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COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR ON DISCHARGE OF MEMBERS FROM A COMMITTEE

Honourable Members, I wish to report to the House that my office is in receipt of a letter, from the Minority Party Whip, notifying that the Coalition for Reforms and Democracy (CORD) has discharged the following Members from the Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs:-

1. The Hon. David Ouma Ochieng, M.P.
2. The Hon. Neto Agostinho, M.P.
3. The Hon. Kaluma Peter, M.P.
4. The Hon. Fatuma Ibrahim Ali, M.P.
5. The Hon. Ben Momanyi Orari, M.P.
6. The Hon. T. J. Kajwang', M.P.
7. The Hon. (Bishop) Mutua Mutemi, M.P.
8. The Hon. Olago Aluoch, M.P.
9. The Hon. Christine Oduor Ombaka, M.P.
10. The Hon. Benjamin Andai, M.P.
11. The Hon. Mwamkale William Kamoti, M.P.

Honourable Members, in the letter, the CORD Coalition alleges that its decision to discharge its membership from the said Committee arose from perceptions that appropriate consideration may not have been accorded to the input of its members on

certain matters before the Committee. In particular, the Coalition cites the matter of Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission and other electoral reforms. It is my view that both the leadership of CORD and Jubilee Coalitions in this House ought to listen to one another and avoid taking any action or making certain pronouncements that are likely to erode the ongoing crucial engagements on electoral reforms and electoral institutions already taking place outside this House.

Honourable Members, In this regard, I humbly beseech the leadership of CORD Coalition in this House to reconsider its decision, especially due to fact that, as your Speaker, I have not received any complain formally or informally from Majority or Minority parties in his House, or from any Member of the Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs, regarding the affairs of the committee or indeed any other committee of the House.

Honourable Members, Nevertheless, Standing Order 176 is absolute that the Speaker has no role in the process of discharging Members from Committees, save for the practice that the Speaker conveys such information to the House. Pursuant to the provisions of the said Standing Order therefore, the affected Members are accordingly informed and the discharges take effect immediately. I also hasten to add that the discharges do not invalidate the transaction of the business of the Committee so long the requisite quorum is achieved.

I thank you!

THE HON. JUSTIN B.N. MUTURI, EGH, MP
SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Thursday, June 16, 2016.