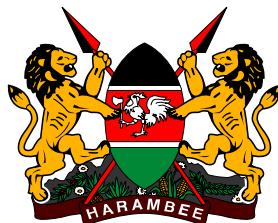


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Honourable Members,

I wish to bring to your attention that the Kenya Private Sector Alliance and the National Assembly have organized a *Leaders' Retreat on Peaceful Elections, National Cohesion and Unity for Socio-Economic Development* to be held in Mombasa from 1st to 3rd December, 2016. The said retreat is similar to one that was held in December 2012, ahead of the 2013 General Elections. Just like the inaugural Retreat, this year's retreat takes cognizance of the fact that, if not properly managed, the electioneering process, which is often characterized by intensified campaigns and political tension, may threaten the country's stability and undermine investor confidence in the country. The retreat therefore seeks to provide a platform for leaders to follow up on the issues deliberated upon in the 2012 during the build-up to the 2013 general elections and share on strategies for ensuring that the 2017 general elections are not only peaceful but also held in a manner that would guarantee national cohesion and unity for socio-economic development.

Honourable Members, participants in this year's retreat are drawn from the Presidency; the cabinet; the Presidium of both houses of Parliament; the Chief Justice; all county Governors; the Committee of County Executives; the Committee of County

Assemblies; development partners represented in the country; business leaders from different sectors; leaders of political parties and all agencies charged with elections, being the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC), the registrar of political parties, security agencies and supreme court judges, among others.

Honourable Members, there is no doubt that this year's Leaders' Retreat comes at the most opportune time, when Kenya's ease of doing business index has improved from 136 in 2015 to 108 this year, an economic achievement that must be fervently guarded. I therefore take this opportunity to invite all Members to attend this important retreat, which will take place at **Leisure Lodge Beach and Golf Resort in Diani, Mombasa**. Members and Staff of Parliament will depart Nairobi for Mombasa on **Thursday, 1st December, 2016** and return on **Saturday, 3rd December, 2016**.

It is my sincere hope that all Members will find time to attend this important meeting and be part of the collaborative efforts geared towards ensuring peaceful elections for socio-economic and political stability and posterity of our nation.

I Thank You!

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