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**REPUBLIC OF KENYA**

**ELEVENTH PARLIAMENT- (SECOND SESSION)**

**THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR**

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**GUIDANCE ON DEBATE RELATING TO THE PRESIDENT'S  
ADDRESS**

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**Honourable Members,**

Before we proceed to Order No. 8, I wish to guide the House on several matters relating the papers that were laid by the Leader of Majority today. As you are aware, Article 132(1)(b) & (c) of the Constitution provides that the President shall address a special sitting of Parliament once every year, as well as make an address to the Nation. In this regard, the President addressed a joint sitting of the Houses of Parliament on Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> March 2014.

**Honourable Members,**

Article 132(1)(c) of the Constitution requires the President, as he gives his address, to report on the measures taken and the progress achieved in the realization of the national values. Sub-paragraph (iii) of the same Article also requires the President to submit a report for debate in the House on progress made in fulfilling international obligations of the Republic. In addition, Article 240(7) requires the National Security Council, to report annually to Parliament on the state of the security of Kenya. This report was also presented by the President as the Chair of the National Security Council. These are the reports that the Leader of the Majority Party has since tabled.

**Honourable Members,**

The Constitution contemplates that the three reports may be provided at different times. However, the first report relating to realization of national values and principles of governance is tied to the State of the Nation address. In this regard, you are advised that the House Business Committee will slot different days for debate on the Report of Progress made in fulfillment of the International Obligations of the Republic, and the Annual Report to Parliament on the State of National Security.

In that case, Members, please be guided that as you contribute on the Address of the President this week, you may wish to focus mainly on the substance of the Address and the Report on Realization of National Values and Principles of Governance, as the other two reports will have their own substantive days for in-depth discussion. Members who may not have the opportunity to speak on the Address of the President may also get another opportunity when the House debates these other reports.

**I thank you!**

**THE HON. JOYCE LABOSO, M.G.H, MP**  
**DEPUTY SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**  
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