

OPENING REMARKS BY DR. CHRIS KIPTOO, CBS THE PRINCIPAL SECRETARY/NATIONAL TREASURY DURING THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR THE FY 2023/24 AND MEDIUM TERM BUDGET ON 11TH JANUARY 2023 AT KENYATTA INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION CENTRE

Cabinet Secretary for the National Treasury and Economic Planning;

Cabinet Secretaries present;

Chairperson, Parliamentary Budget and Appropriations Committee;

Principal Secretaries and Accounting Officers;

Development Partners;

Members of the Media;

Distinguished guests;

Ladies and Gentlemen;

1. Let me take this opportunity to welcome you all to the Public Hearings of the FY 2023/24 and the Medium-term. I wish to thank all of you for finding time to be with us during this important event in our budget making process.

2. We officially launched the Sector Working Groups process on 10th November, 2022. Sector Working Groups (SWGS) were given the mandate to develop budget proposals for the FY 2023/24 and the Medium-Term Budget. Consequently, SWGs have finalized and submitted the draft sector budget

proposals. In this regard, I wish to commend the SWGs for the achievement of this critical mile stone.

Ladies and Gentlemen;

3. The Public Hearings are meant to provide a platform for stakeholders to validate and give feedback on the Sector Budget Proposals. This gives stakeholders the opportunity to participate and contribute to the formulation of the National Budget. This year's hearings will be held from today to 13th January 2023. I wish to request our stakeholders to critically analyse the budget proposals and give us your inputs for incorporation in the finalization of the National Budget.

4. In developing the draft budget proposals for the medium-term, Sector Working Groups reviewed budget performance for the past three years and reflected on priorities for the ensuing period. The sector budget proposals will provide valuable information that will be used in the finalization of the Budget.

Ladies and Gentlemen

5. With those remarks, it is now my humble obligation to invite the **Hon. Ndindi Nyoro**, the Chairperson Parliamentary Budget and Appropriations Committee to make his remarks.

THANK YOU