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We, the undersigned,

Citizens of the Republic of Kenya, and residents of Kirimun,  
Laikipia County;

DRAW the attention of the Senate to the following:

THAT, The National Land Commission Act 2012 was enacted to provide for the management and administration of land in accordance with the principles of land policy set out in Article 60 of the Constitution and the national land policy. The enunciated principles include the principle of equitable access to land, the security of land rights and as well the settlement of community land



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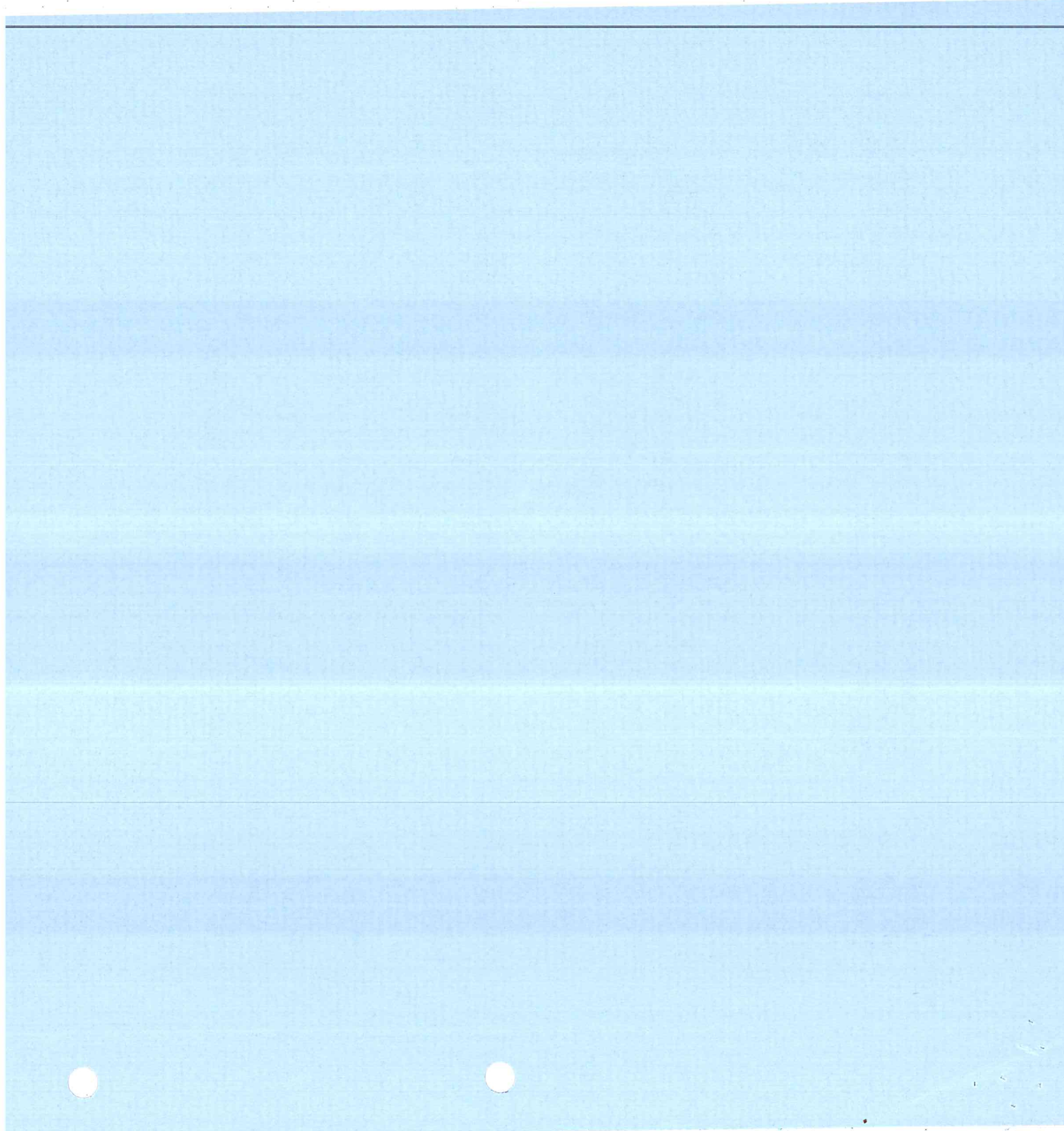
This policy development became a nightmare for the Samburu community. To date, the LMD is seen as the curse to the Samburu community land rights;

THAT, the establishment of the Isiolo Holding Ground in 1952 by the colonial government as a quarantine and disease screening area for pastoralists' cattle prior to their travelling further south for sale, was originally only 16,000 hectares but overtime expanded to an area of approximately 124,000 hectares. This expansion extended the southern LMD territory to the current Laikipia County further displacing the Samburu from their traditional lands;

THAT, the changes in land tenure introduced by the colonial government and later, the independent government affected the Samburu negatively. The nomadic pastoralist Samburus remained largely landless;

THAT, in Kirimun, there are harrowing testimonies of harassments, torture and even death in the hands of the LMD personnel for the nomadic herders, and even women and children found in the LMD controlled areas;

THAT, the Samburu community have been depicted as illegal herders and trouble makers in the vast ranches of Laikipia County. The herders, as they are referred are seen as a source of insecurity for the private ranchers. On the basis of this depiction, the serious problem of unfair land alienation of the traditional Samburu lands is highlighted.



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President Moody Awori in 2003 on the Laikipia landlessness of Samburu people but once again, no action was taken;

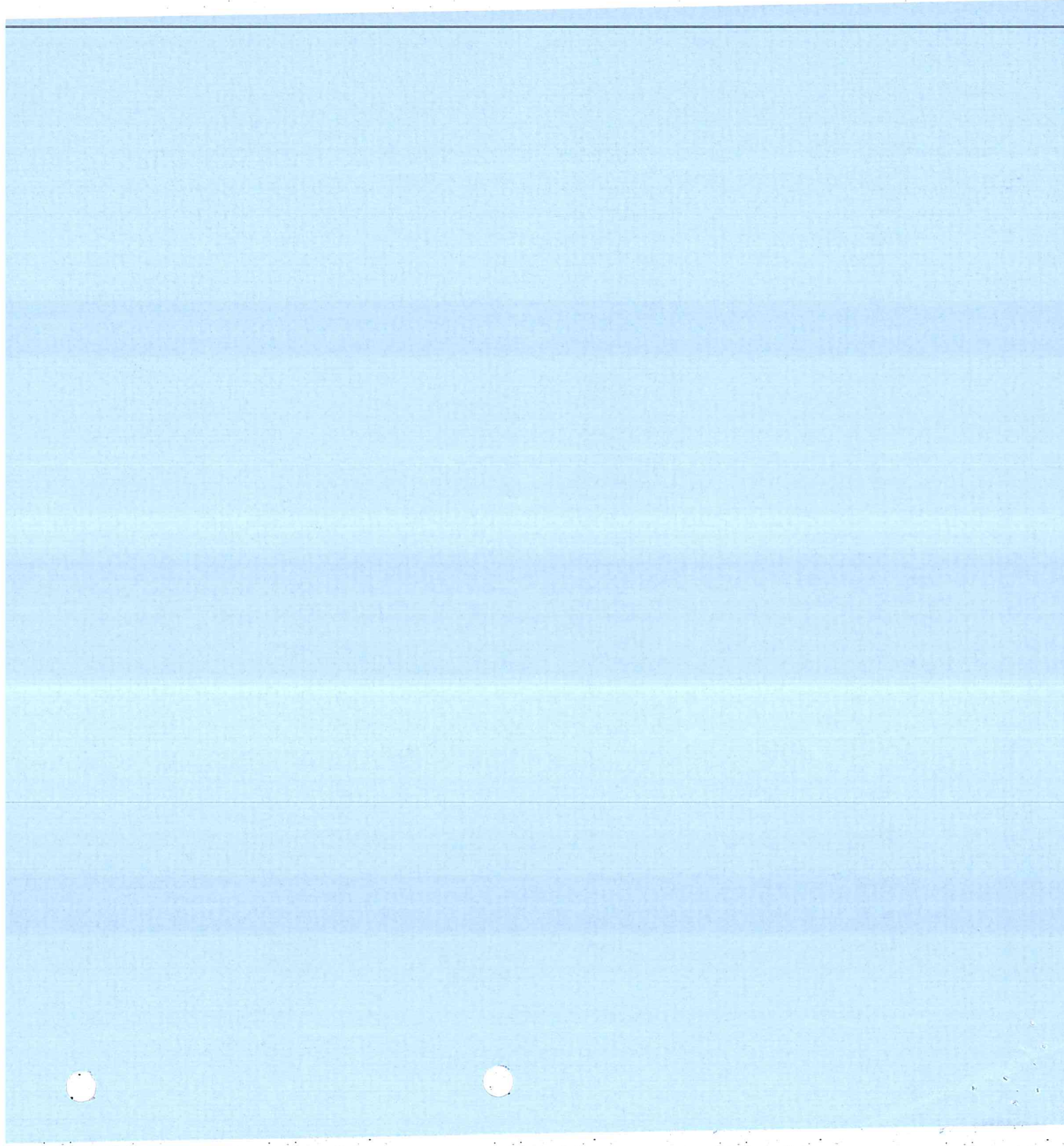
THAT, in 2004, following the expiry of the 100 years' land lease of some 1 million hectares of land in the hands of British settlers in the country, the Samburu community under the aegis of Maasai Civil Society Group presented a petition to the government on the return of traditional Maa speaking land *alienated* by the colonial government. This was before the promulgation of Kenyan Constitution 2010, which now recognized discussions on historical land injustices in the country. Unfortunately, the government rubbished the community demands;

THAT, the petitioners have made the best efforts to have these matters addressed by the relevant authorities all of which have failed to give a satisfactory response.

THAT, none of these issues raised in this Petition is pending in any court of Law, Constitutional or any other legal body.

WHEREFORE, your humble petitioners pray that the Senate intervenes with a view to ensure that-

1. the rights and interests of the Samburu community are protected.



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governments and its agents such as the LMD, NYS, KWS game wardens and the Police on the members of the Samburu in Kirimun sub-location;

4. there is accelerated establishment of schools, health facilities and other public service institutions for the benefit of the Samburu community;
5. the rights of the Samburu community to use their traditional land, natural resources and water points for grazing and maintenance of their traditional way of life is upheld; and
6. the planned establishment of Kirimun Game reserve and allocation of the land to community residents <sup>is accelerated</sup> ~~is degazetted~~ <sub>subsequent</sub>.

Dated this <sup>3<sup>rd</sup></sup>.....day of <sup>October</sup>.....2021

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