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**THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – (THIRD SESSION)  
THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR**

\_\_\_\_\_ (No. 025 of 2024) \_\_\_\_\_

**OPERATIONS OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE DISMISSAL OF HON.  
FRANKLIN MITHIKA LINTURI AS THE CABINET SECRETARY FOR  
AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT**

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**Honourable Members,**

1. Following the resolution of the House to establish a Select Committee to investigate the allegations contained in the Special Motion for the dismissal of the Hon. Franklin Mithika Linturi as the Cabinet Secretary for Agriculture and Livestock Development, I wish to guide the House on the process that will follow now that the Select Committee has just been appointed.
2. **Honourable Members,** As you are aware, the Committee will be involved in ***Quasi-Judicial proceedings***. In this regard it must operate within the requirements of the Constitution, relevant statutes and the provisions of our Standing Orders. For the avoidance of doubt, I wish to guide the Select Committee that the Committee should hold its first meeting **today at 6.00pm.**

3. During this meeting, the Committee is expected, among others, to elect a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson from amongst its Members, agree on its calendar of events given the strict timeline applicable to the process, and adopt Rules on the Conduct of its investigation. The Clerk of the National Assembly has made arrangements for the meeting to be held at **Committee Room 9**.
4. **Honourable Members**, in its investigation, the Committee is expected to hear the Cabinet Secretary either in person, through a representative or both in person and through a representative. My predecessor, the Hon. Justin Muturi has previously guided this House that proceedings relating to the removal of persons from office are quasi-judicial in nature and require **judicious attention and sobriety**.
5. I have instructed the Clerk of the National Assembly to formulate draft Rules on the Conduct of its Investigation which accord with existing constitutional and statutory provisions on the principles of **natural justice, fair hearing and fair administrative action**. I urge the Committee to consider and adopt these Rules to guide its operations. The Committee should prioritize affording **a fair and adequate hearing** to the Cabinet Secretary and any relevant witnesses. Additionally, the Committee must always remain decorous and civil towards the parties that appear before it.
6. **Honourable Members**, In line with the requirements of Article 152(7)(b) of the Constitution, I wish to reiterate that the Committee should submit its report to the House within ten days of its formation. Computation of the timeline in accordance with the provisions of Article 259(5) and 259(7) of the Constitution requires the Committee to submit its report on or before **Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2024**. Thereafter, **I shall invoke the provisions of Standing Order 66(3) and summon the House for a Special Sitting** for the tabling of the Report

and disposal of the matter in accordance with the provisions of Article 152(9) of the Constitution.

7. The Select Committee and the House stand guided.

**I thank you!**



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**SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2024