

REPUBLIC OF KENYA THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT - (THIRD SESSION) THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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DECISION OF THE SENATE ON THE PROPOSED REMOVAL FROM OFFICE, BY IMPEACHMENT, OF HIS EXCELLENCY RIGATHI GACHAGUA, EGH, DEPUTY PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA Honourable Members,

- 1. Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 41(4) of the National Assembly Standing Orders relating to *Messages from the Senate*, I wish to report to the House that today, Friday, 18th October 2024, I received a Message from the Senate regarding its decision on the proposed removal from office, by impeachment, of His Excellency Rigathi Gachagua, EGH, as Deputy President of the Republic of Kenya.
- 2. Honourable Members, the Message conveys that—

"The Senate investigated the matter in accordance with Article 150(1)(b) and (2) of the Constitution, as read together with Article 145 and Standing Order 79 of the Senate Standing Orders, and after according the Deputy President an opportunity to be heard, on Thursday, 17th October, 2024, **upheld** the following impeachment charges against the Deputy President:

- (1) **Ground 1:** Gross violation of Articles 10 (2)(a), (b) and (c); 27 (4), 73 (1)(a) and (2)(b); 75 (1)(c), and 129 (2) of the Constitution and Article 147 (1), as read together with Article 131 (2)(c) and (d) of the Constitution;
- (2) **Ground 4:** Gross violation of Article 160 (1) of the Constitution on the Institutional and Decisional Independence of Judges;
- (3) **Ground 5:** Gross violation of Articles 3 (1) and 148 (5)(a) of the Constitution on the fidelity to the Oath of Office and

Allegiance;

- (4) **Ground 6:** Serious reasons to believe that H. E. the Deputy President has committed crimes under sections 13 (1)(a) and 62 of the National Cohesion and Integration Act; and
- (5) **Ground 9:** Gross misconduct that is incompatible with the high calling and dignified status of the Office of the Deputy President and a member of the Cabinet and the National Security Council. H. E. the Deputy President has publicly attacked and undermined the work of the National Security Intelligence Service and its officers.
- 3. Honourable Members, you will recall that on Tuesday, 8th October 2024, 282 Members, being more than two thirds of the Members of the National Assembly, voted in support of the Special Motion for the proposed removal from office, by impeachment, of H.E. Rigathi Gachagua, EGH, the Deputy President of the Republic of Kenya on eleven grounds.
- **4.** The upholding, by the Senate, of **five impeachment charges** out of those set out in the Special Motion therefore concludes the consideration of the process as provided in Article 145 of the Constitution.
- 5. The House is accordingly informed.

I thank you!

THE RT. HON. (DR.) MOSES F.M. WETANG'ULA, EGH, MP
SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Friday, 18th October 2024