

Remarks by Mr. Abdi A. Mohamud, MBS, Secretary/Chief Executive Officer of the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC) during the Launch of the Anti-Corruption Strategic Guiding Framework for Kenya's Justice Sector

Date: Tuesday, 25th March, 2025, 8:30 am

Venue: Safari Park Hotel

a) Salutations

- The Deputy President of the Republic of Kenya H.E. Prof. Kithure Kindiki, EGH
- ♣ The Chief Justice & Chairperson of the NCAJ Hon. Justice Martha K. Koome, EGH
- ♣ The Speaker of the National Assembly Hon. (Dr.) Moses Wetangula, EGH
- ♣ The Speaker of the Senate Hon. Amason Kingi, EGH
- Chairperson Council of Governors H.E. FCPA Ahmed Abdullahi, EGH
- CS, Ministry of Interior and National Administration Hon. Kipchumba Murkomen, EGH

- CS, National Treasury & Economic Planning Hon. FCPA John Mbadi, EGH
- ♣ The Attorney General Hon. Dorcas Oduor, SC, EBS, OGW
- ♣ Ambassador, European Union H.E. Henriette Geiger
- Ambassador, Netherlands H.E. Mr. Henk Jan Bakker
- ♣ Chairperson, JLAC, National Assembly Hon. George Murugara
- ♣ Director of Public Prosecutions Mr. Renson Ingonga, CBS, OGW
- Inspector General, National Police Service Mr. Douglas Kanja, MGH, EBS, OGW
- Principal Secretary, State Department for Correctional Services Dr. Salome Beacco, CBS
- Members of the Fourth Estate,
- Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good morning!

- 1. I am honoured and delighted to be here today on the launch of the Anti-Corruption Strategic Guiding Framework for Kenya's Justice Sector. The Framework, if well implemented, will be a game changer in enhancing a coordinated war against corruption.
- 2. The Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission is an equal partner in our shared responsibility to combat corruption and economic crimes in our country through law enforcement and preventive measures.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

3. Investigation, prosecution and adjudication of corruption and economic crimes in Kenya, like in any other country, is a costly affair! There can never be enough resources to wage an effective war against this dragon. That notwithstanding, the war must be sustained and won.

- 4. As a strategic intervention, the Commission has prioritized preventive measures, asset tracing and recovery to enhance the fight against corruption in the country.
- 5. In the last five years, the Commission averted loss of public resources estimated at **KES. 41 Billion**, through proactive investigations.
- 6. Further, the Commission has conducted Corruption Risk Assessments in twenty-seven (27) County Executives and Assemblies during the same period. The assessment, was equally done for the judiciary, prisons service, probation and aftercare services.
- 7. Review of the systems, policies and procedures of the National Police Service is currently ongoing. I wish to acknowledge, the commitment and support, from the leadership of these institutions in the fight against corruption.

8. To enhance its corruption preventive mandate, the Commission offers bespoke trainings at the National Integrity Academy (NIAca) for Corruption Prevention Committees as well as the Integrity Assurance Officers, among others. I invite you to consider the NIAca for your training needs.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

- 9. The Anti-Corruption and Economic Crimes Act, No. 3 of 2003 (ACECA) mandates the Commission to recover corruptly acquired assets, unexplained wealth and proceeds of corruption. This, is achieved through either criminal confiscation, non-conviction based confiscation, civil actions among others.
- 10. The paradigm shift, was informed by the realization that recovery, of the proceeds of corruption, is more punitive than criminal sanctions as it takes away the benefit from the corrupt.

- 11. Accordingly, in the last five years, the Commission has traced and recovered corruptly acquired and unexplained assets with an estimated value of **KES. 28 Billion**. These assets have been restituted back for public use.
- 12. Additionally, the Commission is currently pursuing over 400 cases —at various stages of trial for forfeiture of corruptly acquired assets estimated at **KES. 50 Billion**.

Finally Ladies and Gentlemen,

13. The above are not just idle figures. They signify the breadth and depth of corruption in our society – which calls for a whole of government and society approach, for only then, can it be won.

- 14. When corruption and organized crime flourish, sustainable development and economic growth are stunted and in turn, the stability and security of a country is put at risk.
- 15. I therefore, call upon all of us, as duty-bearers in the fight against corruption, to front a coordinated, consultative and all-inclusive fight against the scourge of corruption.

I thank you for your attention. Thank you and God bless.

Abdi A. Mohamud, MBS
Secretary/Chief Executive Officer.