

REMARKS DURING THE BRIEFING MEETING ON THE STATUS OF THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAMME (AHP) AND MARKETS HELD ON 18TH DECEMBER 2024

Cabinet Secretaries

Principal Secretaries,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

- 1. Kenya's success and prosperity as a nation are fundamentally linked to the fulfillment of the commitments outlined in the **BETA Plan**, which guides our development priorities.
- 2. Among these priorities, the Affordable Housing Programme (AHP) stands out as a cornerstone initiative of the Kenya Kwanza Administration. This transformative programme is designed to ensure that all Kenyans have access to decent, safe, and affordable housing—a critical pillar of sustainable development.
- 3. Beyond providing homes, the AHP is part of a broader ecosystem that integrates housing construction with market development and other essential services. This interconnected approach allows us to maximize value delivery by:
 - Creating employment opportunities for thousands of Kenyans, particularly the youth.
 - Facilitating industrial training and skills development to build capacity in the housing and construction sectors.

- Driving standardization and certification to position Kenyan products and services in the export market.
- Empowering MSMEs to actively participate in and benefit from the sector's growth.
- 4. Recognizing the sector's potential, the Office of the Deputy President has been entrusted with coordinating efforts to unlock this potential fully. Our role is to serve as a central hub for driving reforms, ensuring efficiency, and fostering collaboration among stakeholders to achieve the desired outcomes.
- 5. This meeting has been convened to apprise ourselves on the current priority interventions, anticipated reforms and status of implementation aligned to the housing pillar targets. We shall also be seeking to proffer solutions for a harmonized common front and build synergy for the delivery of the promise as one Government.
- 6. Let us remain committed to working together to transform this vision into a tangible reality for all Kenyans.
- 7. I welcome you to this meeting and wish you the best even as we deliberate.

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