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Subject: Unregulated construction on plot LR No. Block 23/576 and LR No. Block 23/577

## Hon. Speaker,

Pursuant to Standing Order 47(2) (c), I wish to request for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Sectoral Committee on Lands, Planning and Housing regarding the ongoing and unregulated development activities within the residential area on parcels of land LR No. Block 23/576 and LR No. Block 23/577 owned by Teleposta Pension Fund along Mwingi Road in Kileleshwa Ward.

Hon. Speaker, there is an ongoing construction of unregulated buildings on parcels of land LR No. Block 23/576 and LR No. Block 23/577 owned by Teleposta Pension Fund which are alleged to be have leased to one Zacharia Baraza, a known land merchant with a controversial history of land grabbing and unauthorized development.

Hon. Speaker, the ongoing constructions of commercial structures in a residential area without clear approvals and change of use contrary to the provisions of the law. In addition, the construction has not only led to illegal felling of over forty-year-old trees but has contributed to the degradation of the aesthetic value and ecological balance of the neighbourhood, noting that it is from the very trees that we derive the oxygen we breath.

Hon. Speaker, it is alleged that the process of obtaining approvals from the County Planning Department was obscure without due process in line with the provisions of the County Planning and development procedures.

Hon. Speaker, in the Statement, the Chairperson should inquire into and report on: -

- 1. Whether there was approval of the change of user on the parcels of land LR No. Block 23/576 and LR No. Block 23/577 from residential to commercial;
- 2. Whether the public was consulted in the change of user of the said parcels of lands provide evidence;
- 3. Approval and copy of construction permit of commercial buildings on the parcels of land LR No. Block 23/576 and LR No. Block 23/577; and
- 4. Measures the County Executive is taking to ensure strict adherence to the planning and development guidelines including public participation in future development.

Hon. Robert Alai, MCA. Member for Kileleshwa Ward

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