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**REMARKS BY MR. JAMES MUHATI, CBS, PRINCIPAL SECRETARY,
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KIPPRA'S PERFORMANCE REVIEW FOR THE FIRST HALF OF
FINANCIAL YEAR 2024/25, HELD AT SAFARI PARK HOTEL ON
FRIDAY 20TH DECEMBER 2024**

Prof. Paul Wachana, KIPPRA Board Chairperson;

KIPPRA Board Members Present;

Dr Rose Ngugi, Outgoing KIPPRA Executive Director;

Dr Eldah Onsomu, Ag. KIPPRA Executive Director;

Chief Executive Officers Present;

Development Partners Present;

Distinguished Guests;

Ladies and Gentlemen;

Good afternoon.

- 1) I am greatly honored to join you here today to celebrate the KIPPRA's performance review for the first half of the financial year 2024/25.
- 2) The review presents an opportunity for the leadership to take stock of the Institute's performance and make requisite adjustments towards realizing targets for the second half of the performance period.

3) The half-year performance review highlights commendable progress in implementing KIPPRA's workplan for the period. I applaud the team for not only meeting but exceeding expectations on some targets. This is a testament to KIPPRA's dedication, teamwork and commitment to results.

Ladies and Gentlemen

4) The role of KIPPRA in shaping evidence-based policymaking in Kenya cannot be overemphasized. As an Institute dedicated to policy research, analysis and capacity building, KIPPRA continues to provide indispensable input to the Government's economic planning processes and development agenda.

5) In the face of emerging opportunities and volatile economic environment, KIPPRA has exhibited resilience in delivering cutting-edge research that has driven the national development agenda. Through partnerships and adoption of innovative programmes, KIPPRA has continued to support implementation of the Kenya Vision 2030 and its successive Medium-Term Plans, the Bottom-up Economic Transformation Agenda and Kenya's broader economic goals.

Ladies and Gentlemen

6) These milestones demand visionary leadership; and so today, we celebrate and honor Dr. Rose Ngugi, a leader who has left an indelible mark while at the helm of this Institution.

7) Dr. Ngugi, your dedication, strategic leadership, and unwavering focus on KIPPRA's mission has been exemplary. During your tenure, KIPPRA

has: broadened capacity building programmes; enhanced policy research capabilities; enhanced greater policy dialogue and influence; and strengthened partnerships at both local and international levels.

8) Specifically, under your leadership:

- a) KIPPRA has consistently published the annual Kenya Economic Report (KER) for the past eight years;
- b) The review of the KIPPRA Act Amendment Bill was initiated, KIPPRA was ISO 9001:2015 recertified and the KIPPRA Human Resource Instruments were reviewed;
- c) The KIPPRA-Treasury Macro Model (KTMM) was reviewed while the Economic Modeling Hub that includes: the KTMM; Computable General Equilibrium (CGE) Model; the Kenya Fiscal Incidence Analysis; and Foresight Futures was established;
- d) The number of youths enrolled in the KIPPRA Young Professionals Programs has increased from twelve (12) in FY 2017/18 to thirty (30) by FY 2024/25 signifying a 150% increase in enrollment;
- e) The KIPPRA Mentorship Programme for Public and Private Universities was developed in 2018 to enable students gain insightful knowledge on KIPPRA and other government Agencies' functions;
- f) The Kenya Think Tanks Forum which was established in 2019, continues to bring together over 50 local think tanks and policy Institutes to dialogue on emerging policy issues. The 5th forum was held on April 2025;

- g) KIPPRA has implemented the innovative annual KIPPRA-Wide Survey whose themed outputs are disseminated at the Annual three-day KIPPRA Regional Conference. The Conference brings together close to 1,000 delegates creating a platform for policy dialogue and generation of crucial evidence to support formulation of public policies; and
- h) KIPPRA's visibility has been enhanced as the Institute was voted the top think tank in Africa for two years (2014/15 and 2023/24) and the top think tank in policy influence in Africa in 2024.
- 9) Madam ED, your ability to inspire and empower teams has ensured sustainable growth and success for KIPPRA. On behalf of the National Treasury and Economic Planning, I extend my heartfelt appreciation for your invaluable service, steadfast commitment to excellence and exceptional contribution to the public policy discourse.
- 10) As you step into the next phase of your journey, your legacy will continue to guide this institution. Indeed, *"A leader's legacy is not measured by the duration of their tenure but by the impact of their vision and dedication on the lives they've touched and the future they've shaped"*.
- 11) To the Acting Executive Director, Dr. Eldah Onsomu, I urge you to continue driving the Institute to even greater heights.
- 12) To the KIPPRA fraternity, you are the backbone of this Institution. Your collective efforts in conducting research, policy analysis, and capacity-building programs will continue to support the government in formulating and reviewing public policies that promote economic

growth, stability and inclusiveness. Thus, I encourage you to maintain the same spirit of professionalism, innovation and dedication.

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- 13) As I conclude, allow me to commend the KIPPRA Board for its leadership, strategic direction, and support in fulfilling the Institute's mandate.

- 14) I am encouraged by KIPPRA's accomplishments and look forward to continued collaboration towards achieving greater strides in Kenya's economic planning and development.

- 15) As we enter the festive season, let me take this early opportunity to wish you a **Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year!**

THANK YOU, ASANTENI SANA!