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DETERMINATION AND REVIEW OF REMUNERATION IN THE PUBLIC **SERVICE**

As you are aware, reviews of basic salaries and allowances in the Public Service have in the past been undertaken through various means including Committees and Commissions, Collective Bargaining Agreements and independent reviews by individual State Corporations and Statutory Bodies.

This has been a source of inequity and disparities in remuneration in the Service. In the past seven years, the Permanent Public Remuneration Review Board has to a limited extent, regulated the reviews. The harmonization and regulation of remuneration review by the Board was however, constrained by lack of a legal framework to support the Board's mandate.

Following the establishment of the Salaries and Remuneration Commission in the new Constitution with the mandate to determine and advise the National and County Governments on remuneration for State and Public officers, it has been decided that **with effect from the date of this circular**, no setting or review of salaries and allowances will be undertaken outside the purview of the Salaries and Remuneration Commission. This will therefore have to wait until the Commission has been operationalized through an Act of Parliament and provides the necessary advice on these matters.

In this regard, it is clarified that all the newly created Commissions and Independent Offices under the Constitution will adopt the remuneration structure provided for in the Constitutional Offices Remuneration Act, 2009 until the Salaries and Remuneration Commission provides a remuneration structure for each Commission. The details of the Constitutional offices remuneration can be obtained from the Ministry of State for Public Service.

However, previously approved remuneration levels contained in Collective Bargaining Agreements **registered before 27**th **August, 2010** when the new Constitution was promulgated, may be implemented as provided for.

Respective Permanent Secretaries/Accounting Officers responsible for various Public Service sub-Sectors are required to monitor and ensure compliance with this decision.

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