PETITION PRESENTED TO THE SENATE PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 119 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF KENYA AND PART XXIV OF THE STANDING ORDERS

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CONCERNING EXCHANGE AND FINAL TRANSFER OF TITLES FOR PARCELS OF LAND KNOWN AS LARI NYAKINYUA SOLAI FARM (LOCATED IN SOLAI NAKURU) AND RIYOBEI FARM LIMITED (LOCATED IN GILGIL NAKURU) BETWEEN THE ABOVE TWO GROUPS.

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February 2019

We, the undersigned,

Citizens of the republic of Kenya and residents of Lari, Kiambu

DRAW the attention of the Senate to the following:

- That as a group, which has now grown to over 5000 members, we came together and in 1980 bought 8000 hectares of land in Nakuru Solai which became known as Lari Nyakinyua Solai Farm.
- 2. That another group of people going by the name Ruyobei Farm Limited had bought 8000 ha (or thereabout) of land in Gilgil Nakuru.
- 3. That a process of negotiation aimed at facilitating mutual exchange of the above parcels of land between their respective owners was initiated under the supervision of Retired President Moi.
- 4. That the aforementioned negotiations culminated into the two groups signing a Deed of Exchange Agreement before a lawyer on 24/04/2003 and another agreement on the same date before Gilgil District Officer on the same.
- 5. **That** since the signing of the deed of exchange agreement, there has never been actual exchange of titles despite each group having taken possession of their newly acquired land and indeed one group Ruyobei being able to enter and make use of their land.
- 6. **That** on 11/08/2003 each group above gave the other written and signed authority to enter and subdivide their former parcels.
- 7. **That** on 26/10/2016 a meeting was held at Solai farm between the two groups and in the presence of national land commission officials. The meeting was meant to get verbal confirmation of the earlier consent we had given Ruyobei ltd to subdivide the land.
- 8. That after our confirmation above the National Land Commission Chairman Pro.Mohamed Swazuri gave authority to have the surveying of Solai parcel proceed. At the same time and in the same above meeting the chairman promised to convene a similar meeting at Gilgil Ruyobei farm and authorize surveying of the land. To date this meeting has never taken place leaving us in limbo.
- 9. That we are very grieved by the fact that the national land commission through its highest office, that of the chairman, choose to facilitate the settling of one group in the dispute

- while leaving the other i.e. Lari Nyakinyua Solai farm Ltd unattended despite a commitment to do so.
- 10. That our attempts to enter into the Ruyobei land for subdivision and settling of our people has met strong resistance from illegal occupants of our land who claim ownership and vow never to allow us in. Indeed the said illegal occupants have continuously been building structures and carrying all manner of activities on the land while denying entry to us the owners of the land.
- 11. **That** we are concerned that the government security machinery has not been able to protect our members rights to own property and against criminals intruders of our land despite lodging complaints including through a letter by the national land commissions vice chair
- 12. That we are concerned that this matter has stayed for far too long without a just conclusion.
- 13. **That** we have made the best efforts to have this matter addressed at the national land commission in vain.
- 14. **That** we believe that the senate through its relevant committee of lands is the appropriate body to deal with the matters raised herein
- 15. That none of the issues raised in this petition is pending in any court of law, constitutional or any other legal body.

Wherefore, your humble petitioners pray that the senate urgently investigates the matters raised and comes up with appropriate recommendations to ensure that the exchange of tittle deeds process is expedited and our land ownership and utilization rights and interests restored and safeguarded by eviction of illegal occupants of our land. We further pray that the Lari Nyakinyua solai farm Ltd members in the immediate be facilitated to enter, subdivide survey and make free use of our land without interference from any quarters whatsoever.

Dated this 6^{th} day of February 2019.

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