



## PRESS RELEASE

### RE: MORATORIUM ON LOGGING IN PUBLIC AND COMMUNITY FORESTS

1. Having considered the recommendations of both the Board of Management of the **Kenya Forest Service (KFS)** and the **Multi Agency Team on Mapping, Verification and Valuation of Mature and Over Mature Forest Plantations**, the Government has decided that the Moratorium on Logging in Public and Community forests imposed by Government since 2018 **SHALL CONTINUE** but *varied and or modified so as to allow for harvesting and disposal by KFS of mature and over mature forest plantations for an area not exceeding 5000 hectares.*
2. The harvesting and disposal of the forest plantation materials shall be oversighted by a **Multi-Agency Team** and done in a manner that is open, transparent, accountable and ensures value for money.
3. The details and particulars of the forest areas to be harvested and the terms and conditions applicable thereto including replanting conditions shall be published in due course.

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