**Mr Speaker sir,**

Thank you for giving me this opportunity to make a few observations on this crucial **Vote of the Ministry of Forestry and Wildlife.**

* The mandate of the Ministry of Forestry and Wildlife is to :-

1. Formulate
2. Monitor
3. Implement and
4. Review the forestry wildlife policies in collaboration with other stakeholders

* Matters of forest conservation are increasing taking a central position in Kenya with the devastating effects of global warming and climatic change being felt by all.
* Looking at the allocations in this financial year( 2009/10) compared to last year’s (2009/09) – the following questions need to be answered:-

*Questions are***:** -

1. **Why is the vote heavily reliant on Donor funding even for critical heads such as Catchments and natural forest conservation, Arid and Semi-Arid Lands Forestry?**
2. **Why is the proportion of donor funding higher than that of the Government of Kenya – if we are really serious about taking the lead in forest conservation?**
3. **For critical areas such as the above mentioned, what is Minister doing to ensure there is an increase in local funding given that external funding is unpredictable and sometimes unsustainable; and may adversely affect future allocations – and implementation of noble conservation efforts?**
4. **Can the Minister explain the apparent disconnect between current allocations and that of the next few financial heads e.g. in Head 672, 676 where there are some items increasing by a disproportionately high margin in comparison to the current financial year 2009/2010?**