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All Vice Chancellors Public Universities  
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### CLARIFICATION ON PAYMENT OF SITTING ALLOWANCE TO UNIVERSITY STAFF, OTHER PUBLIC OFFICERS AND STUDENT LEADERS

On 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2011 the Government issued Circular Ref. No. OP.CAB.9/1A on State Corporations Board Management issues that, among other things, disallowed payment of sitting allowances to Chief Executive Officers/Universities Chancellors and management. A number of university colleges have since sought clarification on the issue considering that some members of staff are members of University Councils.

The Committee has addressed the concerns raised and noted that Section 10 (1) of the State Corporations Act provides for payment of sitting allowance to Chairmen and Board members, other than Chief Executive Officers. For avoidance of doubt, board members are designated by the legal instruments under which the entity is established. It follows therefore that the legal instruments establishing each public university or University College defines its council members.

In this regard, members of University Staff, Student Leaders, and Public Officers who are designated as members of the Council by the legal instruments establishing the Universities are entitled to payment of sitting allowance. Vice Chancellors and Principals are however excluded due to their positions as Chief Executive Officers (CEOs) of their respective institutions.

Please take appropriate action on the matter accordingly.

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