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Dear Esteemed Stakeholders,

RE: INVITATION FOR INPUT ON REVISED FEES FOR REGULATORY SERVICES UNDER THE PHARMACY AND POISONS ACT (CAP 244)

Reference is made to the above.

The Pharmacy and Poisons Board ("the Board"), in execution of its statutory mandate, seeks to enhance its regulatory status by attaining the World Health Organization (WHO) categorization of Maturity Level 3 (ML.3) in line with the WHO Global Benchmarking Tool (GBT). An onsite WHO assessment of the Board conducted in June 2022 identified various strengths, gaps and areas for improving the Board's regulatory system. This has resulted in revision of fees levied for regulatory services and updating of the Pharmacy and Poisons Act (244) to ensure alignment with current best practices under the WHO-GBT.

In view of the above, the Board wishes to inform you of the intention to revise the Pharmacy and Poisons Act (Cap. 244) through the *Pharmacy and Poisons (Amendment) Bill, 2023*. This forthcoming legislative amendments are aimed at strengthening the regulatory framework with a view to achieving the WHO ML.3.

One key aspect of these amendments pertains to the revision of fees levied for regulatory services under the Pharmacy and Poisons Act. The adjustment of fees is an essential component to ensure the sustainability and effectiveness of regulatory services provided to the industry. The revised fee structure will play a pivotal role in ensuring that the regulatory framework can adequately address the evolving needs and challenges of our healthcare system.

In this regard, the Board invites you as our esteemed stakeholders to submit your input and feedback on the proposed changes to the fee structure. To facilitate this consultation process, you are requested to kindly submit your written feedback within **fourteen (14) days** from the date of this letter via email

<u>feedback@pharmacyboardkenya.org</u>. The feedback/inputs will be duly considered and reviewed as an integral part of the decision-making process.

The *Proposed Schedule of Fees for Regulatory Activities* is available on the Board's website web.pharmacyboardkenya.org. The *Draft Pharmacy and Poisons (Amendment) Bill, 2023* will be circulated in due course and its availability for review communicated accordingly.

Looking forward to receiving your invaluable input and working collaboratively throughout this process.

Yours faithfully,

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