

# **REPUBLIC OF KENYA**

#### **ELEVENTH PARLIAMENT - FIFTH SESSION**

### SPECIAL SITTING OF PARLIAMENT

#### **VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2017 AT 3.00 P.M.

1. Parliament assembled at three O'clock.

#### 2. ARRIVAL OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT

The President and Commander-in-Chief of the Kenya Defence Forces, His Excellency Hon. Uhuru Kenyatta, CGH, escorted by the Speaker of the Senate and the Speaker of the National Assembly and accompanied by Maces of both Houses, entered the Chamber at three O'clock.

3. The Proceedings were opened with Prayer by the Speaker of the Senate.

### 4. CONVOCATION BY THE SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

The Speaker of the National Assembly conveyed the following:

"Your Excellency, Hon. Uhuru Kenyatta, President of the Republic of Kenya and Commander-in-Chief of the Kenya Defence Forces;

The Honourable Speaker of the Senate, Senator Ekwee Ethuro;

Honourable Members of Parliament;

Article 132(1) (b) of the Constitution of Kenya requires the President to address a special sitting of the Parliament of Kenya once every year and at any other time. Further, Article 132(1)(c) requires the President to, among others-

"once every year-

(i) Report, in an address to the nation, all the measures taken and the progress achieved in the realization of the national values set out in Article 10; and,

(ii) Submit a report for debate to the National Assembly on the progress made in the fulfillment of the international obligations of the Republic".

In addition, Article 240 (7) requires the President to report to Parliament annually on the State of the Security of the Republic.

In this regard, Honourable Members, following a request from His Excellency the President and pursuant to Article 132(1)(b) and (c)(i) and (iii) of the Constitution and the provisions of Standing Order No. 22(1) and (2) of the National Assembly, by *Gazette Notice* No. 2189 which was published in the *Kenya Gazette* of 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2017, I gave Notice of this Special Sitting to the Members of the National Assembly.

Similarly, pursuant to Article 132(1)(b) and (c) (i) and (iii) of the Constitution and the provisions of Standing Order 22(1) and (2) of the Senate, by *Gazette Notice* No. 2190 which was published in the *Kenya Gazette* of 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2017 the Speaker of the Senate gave Notice of this Special Sitting to the Senators.

Accordingly, Honourable Members, this Special Sitting is properly convened.

It is now my singular honour and privilege to invite His Excellency the President of the Republic of Kenya to address this Special Sitting of Parliament.

I thank you".

# 5. PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 132 OF THE CONSTITUTION

Pursuant to Article 132 of the Constitution, His Excellency the President delivered a State of the Nation address and submitted –

- (i) to Parliament:
  - a) The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Report 2016 on Measures taken and Progress Achieved in the Realization of the National Values and Principles of Governance; and
  - b) The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Report 2016 on the State of National Security of the Republic, pursuant to Article 240 (7) of the Constitution and Section 16 of the National Security Council Act, 2012.
- (ii) to the National Assembly, the Report on the Progress made in fulfilling the International obligations of the Republic of Kenya.

# 6. DEPARTURE OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT

The Speaker of the National Assembly drew the attention of the Houses to the fact that it was His Excellency the President's pleasure to take his leave.

Thereupon, His Excellency the President departed from the Chamber in State procession.

# 7. ADJOURNMENT OF PARLIAMENT

And there being no other business, the Speakers of the Houses of Parliament, adjourned the respective Houses at forty minutes past Four O'clock without Question put pursuant to the Standing Orders.

8. **PARLIAMENT ROSE** - at forty minutes past Four O'clock.

#### MEMORANDUM

The Speakers will take respective Chairs on Thursday, March 16, 2017 at 2.30 p.m for the National Assembly and Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2017 at 2.30 pm for the Senate.

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