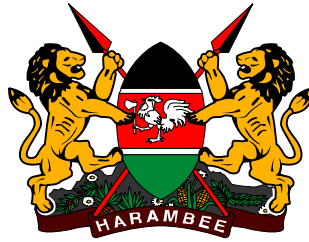


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**Honourable Members**, as you may be aware, one of the unsung functions of August Houses in nearly all jurisdictions is promotion of diplomatic ties. You will agree with me that Parliamentary exchange indeed constitutes an important part of state to state relationship, and strengthening parliamentary exchange in bilateral and multilateral areas will increase mutual understanding, trust and co-operation between states. In this regard, I wish to convey to the House that the Parliament of Kenya is honoured to host a high-powered delegation from the National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China. The delegation, which is arriving today, Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2016, is led by H.E. Mr. Zhang Dejiang, Chairman of the National People's Congress (NPC) of the People's Republic of China. About sixty (60) delegates shall accompany H.E. Mr. Dejiang, who is also the Speaker of the National People's Congress. They include the Secretary-General of the Standing Committee of the NPC; Chairperson of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the NPC; Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs; the Ambassador for Extraordinary Affairs and Plenipotentiary of the People's Republic of China to Kenya; and two Deputy Secretaries-General of the Standing Committee of the NPC.

**Honourable Members**, you may recall that China was among the first nations to formalize diplomatic relations with Kenya by establishing a Mission in Kenya on December 14, 1963, shortly after Kenya's independence. Since then, the two Republics have enjoyed

rapidly expanding cordial and mutual ties. The visit comes in furtherance of the Declaration of the Johannesburg Summit of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) and the 2016-2018 FOCAC Johannesburg Action Plan adopted by the 6<sup>th</sup> Ministerial Conference and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Summit of the FOCAC held in Johannesburg, South Africa from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> December 2015. During the meeting, the two sides agreed to develop a comprehensive strategic and co-operative partnership, featuring political and socio-economic co-operation among other areas of mutual cooperation. Therefore, the objective of the visit is to fast track implementation of the results of the 2015 Forum on China-Africa Cooperation Johannesburg Summit; buttress the blossoming Sino-Kenya relations; and promote parliamentary exchange and cooperation between the legislative bodies of two countries.

**Honourable Members**, during the visit, H.E. Mr. Dejiang is scheduled visit Parliament to meet the Speakers of the two Houses of Parliament and sign a memorandum with Parliament of Kenya. He will also visit H.E. the President of the Republic of Kenya, conduct an inspection tour of some of the development projects funded by the government of the People's Republic of China in the country and also visit some of the magical tourist attractions in Kenya.

The delegation shall hold bilateral meetings with representatives of the Parliament of Kenya in the **Members' Lounge**, situated next to the entrance to the Main National Assembly Chambers. To facilitate these meetings, honourable Members are hereby requested to vacate the said facility from the evening of Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2016 until the evening of Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> March 2016. Allow me to take this early opportunity to welcome the delegation to Parliament, particularly the National Assembly, and wish both sides fruitful bilateral engagements.

**I thank you!**

**THE HON. JUSTIN B.N. MUTURI, EGH, MP**  
**SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2016**