



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

ELEVENTH PARLIAMENT- (SECOND SESSION)

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR:

COMMUNICATION REGARDING THE ELECTION OF TWO MEMBERS OF KENYAN PARLIAMENT TO BUREAUX OF TWO STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION (IPU)

Hon. Members,

As you are aware, Kenya is a Member of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), the international organization of Parliaments which is also the focal point for world-wide parliamentary dialogue and which works for peace and co-operation among peoples and for the firm establishment of representative democracy. The IPU Assembly is the **principal statutory body** that expresses the views of the IPU on political issues. It brings together parliamentarians to study international problems and make recommendations for action.

Hon. Members, The 130th Assembly of the IPU and related meetings was held in Geneva (Switzerland), from Sunday 16 to Thursday, 20 March 2014. The Assembly was a particularly significant one, as it provided an opportunity for all Member Parliaments to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the IPU. During the Assembly, a new Secretary General of the IPU, Mr. Martin Chungong was elected to take over from Anders B. Johnsson who officially retires at the end of his fourth mandate on 30th June this year.

Hon. Members, Elections to the Bureaux of the four plenary Standing Committees of IPU were also held at the first sitting of each of the four Committees namely:

- (i) Committee on Peace and International Security
- (ii) Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade
- (iii) Committee on Democracy and Human Rights
- (iv) Committee on United Nations Affairs

During these elections, two Members of the Kenyan Parliament namely, the Hon. David Pkosing, Member of the National Assembly and the Senator Catherine Mukiite were elected to the Bureaux of the Committee on Democracy and Human Rights; and Committee on United Nations Affairs respectively. The Hon. David Pkosing, M.P. is the Member for Pokot South Constituency and a Member of the Departmental Committee on Defence and Foreign Relations. Sen. Catherine Mukiite is a nominated Senator and is a Member of the Departmental Committees on Finance, Commerce and Budget; and Health in the Senate.

The role of these Bureaux which comprises **members from different regions of the world** is to among other things guide the work of the IPU Standing Committees, discuss proposals for agenda items and to develop work plans for their respective Committees. In addition to the Standing Committees, there are also other **Working Groups and ad hoc bodies** of the Union established by the Governing Council.

Hon. Members, On behalf of the National Assembly, I wish to congratulate the two Honorable Members for their nominations by the African Geopolitical group and their subsequent election to the respective Bureaux. I wish them well in their new roles in these two very important Bureaux as they represent Kenya and Africa.

Thank you!

THE HON. JOYCE LABOSO, MGH, MP
DEPUTY SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

April 01, 2014