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Need to Amend Constitution in Order to Upgrade Republic of Kenya to  
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PETITION MADE TO THE SENATE PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 119 OF THE  
CONSTITUTION OF KENYA AND PART XXIX OF THE SENATE  
STANDING ORDERS

BY

MAJOR (RTD) JOEL KIPRONO ROP

RESIDENT OF BOMET COUNTY



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4<sup>th</sup> November 2021

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② Ms. Karata

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8/11/21

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I, the undersigned,

Citizen of the Republic of Kenya and a resident of Bomet County;

DRAW the attention of the SENATE to the following:

**Little Backdrop on Monarchies**

1. **THAT** the institution of Monarchy was a common and noble feature of many an African traditional society.
2. **THAT**, during the greatness of Africa in Ancient EGYPT, Black Africans under PHARAOHS ruled for 26 dynasties that spanned for 2,625 years (3150-525BC). However, for a brief period of 121 years (525-404BC), 27<sup>th</sup> Dynasty, Egypt was ruled by PERSIANS. The successive Persian Kings of that period were *Cambyses, Darius I, Xerxes I, Artaxerxes I, and Darius I*. Black Africans re-took Egypt from the Persians; and the Pharaohs ruled again for another three dynasties (28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, and 30<sup>th</sup>), for 190 years (522-332BC). On the whole, the afore-mentioned 30 successive dynasties, spanning over a period of 2,936 years (3150BC – 332BC), featured a total of 185 Black African Pharaohs, and 5 Persian kings.
3. **THAT** many modern advanced economies and/or democracies in Europe and Asia are vibrant Kingdoms.
4. **THAT** UK - *the most 'accomplished' colonizer of the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century* - has had 61 monarchs over 1200 years.

**Brief Mention of Struggle for Independence and Implications**

5. **THAT**, with due respect to people from other communities in Kenya, many people from the Kikuyu Community strongly believe that their ancestors played the most pivotal role in the struggle for independence. This Petitioner, knowing some history, has the same belief.



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6. **THAT**, based on a number of reasons, many Kenyans perceive that the Kikuyu community is the most economically powerful in the country. This Petitioner, based on experience as an elder citizen of this country, concurs with that position.

7. **THAT** the issues we raised in Items (5.) and (6.) above, feature a baggage of social, economic, and political realities that invariably invoke sensitivities, and lead to intrigues, and intricacies. If we want to maintain a stable, peaceful, unified, and prosperous country, then we **MUST** recognize, accept, acknowledge, and appreciate those important realities.

8. **THAT**, in view of prevailing COVID devastation, and associated public health burden, as well as serious socio-economic, and political **challenges**, it is evident that our country is at crossroads. Therefore, it is imperative that society undertakes extraordinary measures to **RESET** way forward.

9. **THAT** the principles and objects of such **RESET** should satisfy the following three requirements:

- a) *Take into account the amazing **struggle**, which commenced in early 20<sup>th</sup> century, against British colonial rule.*
- b) *Take cognizance of prevailing realities of tribally-shaded **socio-political panorama** in the country.*
- c) *Aim for a culturally sound and perpetually sustainable system and structure of **governance**.*

**Mission of this Initiative**

10. **THAT** the goal of this unique Petition is to urgently ignite crucial dialogue that will expeditiously culminate in amendment of Constitution through **Referendum** to achieve the following:

- i. *Upgrade our 'Republic' to 'Kingdom'.*
- ii. *Establish 'Constitution of Kenya Amendment Commission (CKAC)'.*

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**11. THAT** we put forward the following recommendations:

- ✓ *MPs selflessly deliberate on the issues we have raised.*
- ✓ *Some enthusiastic MP(s) and/or the Attorney General introduce a relevant Bill that will be processed in the House in accordance with Article 256 of the Constitution towards Referendum.*
- ✓ *The Bill ONLY deals with the issues of introduction of the Monarchy, and introduction of CKAC.*

**12. THAT**, based on budgetary and other logistical considerations, we would strongly recommend that the Referendum in respect of the two Articles - *Monarchy and CKAC* - be held in **August 2022** (on the same day with 2022 General Elections).

**Constitution of Kenya Amendment Commission (CKAC)**

**13. THAT** we envision amendment of Chapter Fifteen of the Constitution in order to introduce an intermittent Constitution of Kenya Commission (CKAC) that will operate for only two years with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023; and automatically comes to the end on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024. It will remain non-existent for ten years (until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2034). Thereafter, CKAC will again automatically kick in to life on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2035. It will operate for two years, and '*dies*' on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2036, hence becoming non-existent for the succeeding ten years (till 31<sup>st</sup> December 2046); and so on.

**14. THAT** during every two-year life span, CKAC will tour the country to collect and collate views and proposals for a new Draft Constitution that will be put to Referendum.

**15. THAT** in the meantime, proposals for amendment of the Constitution – *under Parliamentary, as well as under Popular Initiative* – that do NOT require Referendum, may proceed in the normal manner. But those that require Referendum in accordance with Article 255 would have to wait for action by CKAC.

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16. THAT, in the light of the proposed new arrangement featuring CKAC, the first Referendum – *based on a Draft from that CKAC* - may take place any time in 2024.

**Conclusion**

17. THAT Parliament is the right body to address these issues of great national importance. Consequently, I have brought this Petition before the Senate as the first port of call.

18. THAT none of the issues raised in this Petition is pending in any Court of Law, or in a Constitutional or any other legal body.



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**WHEREFORE, your humble petitioner PRAYS that the SENATE:**

Applies the Constitution and relevant laws in order to consider and action the following proposals:

- a) *Urgently introduce a **Constitutional Monarchy** [Ufalme Wa Kenya (UWK)]; and enthrone **Kenyatta family**, with Uhuru Muigai Kenyatta as the first King of UWK.*
- b) *Establish 'Constitution of Kenya Amendment Commission (CKAC)'.*
- c) *Arrange for introduction of a suitable **BILL** in the House by MP(s) and/or Attorney General; in order to process the afore-mentioned two Articles for August 2022 Referendum.*

Dated on ... Thursday ...this... 4<sup>th</sup> ... day of ... November 2021.

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