

REPUBLIC OF KENYA THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT - (FIRST SESSION)

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

NOTIFICATION FROM THE SPEAKER

(No.004 of 2022)	_
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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FROM H.E THE PRESIDENT ON CERTAIN PROPOSALS FOR CONSIDERATION BY PARLIAMENT

WHEREAS, on 12th October, 2022, the House resolved that- "upon receipt of any Message from the President, the Speaker shall forthwith refer such Message to the relevant Committee for consideration, without having to recall the House, and report such fact to the House on resumption".

FURTHER WHEREAS, Standing Order 42(2) provides that, if a Message is received from the President, at a time when the House is not in session, the Speaker shall forthwith cause the Message to be transmitted to every Member and shall report the Message to the House on the day the House next sits;

that, on 9th December, 2022, I received a Message from H.E The President on various proposals to amend the Constitution and the Standing Orders to actualize the aspirations of Kenyans through *gender inclusion and affirmative action; establishment of the Constituency Development; Senate Oversight and National Government Affirmative Action Funds; establishment of the Office of the Leader of the Official Opposition and strengthening of parliamentary oversight of the Executive;*

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS FURTHER NOTIFIED to all Members of the National Assembly and the general public –

- **1. THAT,** pursuant to Standing Order 42(2) and the Resolution of House of 12th October, 2022, the Message of H.E The President now stands referred to the following Committees—
 - (i) The *Departmental Committee on Justice & Legal Affairs* to consider the Message of H.E The President with respect to the implementation of the Two-Thirds Gender Rule; and the establishment of the Office of the Leader of Official Opposition;
 - (ii) The Joint Parliamentary Ad Hoc Committee on Proposals to amend the Constitution to entrench certain Specialized Funds to consider the Message of H.E. The President with respect to the establishment of the Constituency Development, Senate Oversight and National Government Affirmative Action Funds; and
 - (iii) The **Procedure and House Rules Committee to** consider the Message of H.E The President with respect to request to consider amending the Standing Orders to strengthen parliamentary oversight of the Executive.
- 2. **THAT**, the Committees are required to consider the Message of H.E The President, undertake necessary public participation as required under Article 118 of the Constitution and submit the respective reports to the House for consideration;

- **3. THAT** upon resumption of the House, I shall facilitate general debate on the Message of H.E The President on the matters relating to the amendment of the Constitution in accordance with the Standing Orders; and,
- **4. THAT,** the Clerk of the National Assembly is hereby directed to transmit this Notification, together with the Message from H.E The President to all Members of the National Assembly and publish the same on the parliamentary website.

THE RT. HON. MOSES M. WETANG'ULA, EGH, MP SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Friday, 9th December, 2022