



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT - (SECOND SESSION)

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MESSAGES

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

_____ (No.002 of 2023) _____

**NOMINATION OF A PERSON FOR APPOINTMENT AS THE DEPUTY
GOVERNOR OF THE CENTRAL BANK OF KENYA**

Honourable Members,

1. Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 42(1), I wish to report to the House that I have received a Message from His Excellency the President regarding the nomination of a person for appointment as the Deputy Governor of the Central Bank of Kenya.
2. In the Message, His Excellency the President conveys that, in exercise of powers conferred by section 13B of the Central Bank of Kenya Act (CAP 491), as read together with section 5 of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, 2011, he nominates **Dr. Susan Jemtai Koech** to the position of Deputy Governor of the Central Bank of Kenya. The President therefore seeks the approval of the Parliament on the said nomination.
3. **Honourable Members,** section 13B of the Central Bank of Kenya Act, reads, and I quote:-

"13B. Deputy Governor

(1) There shall be two Deputy Governors who shall be appointed by the President through a transparent and competitive process and with the approval of Parliament."

4. Honourable Members, you may wish to note that the approval of appointment of a Deputy Governor of the Central Bank of Kenya is another one of the exceptions where the applicable law prescribes approval by Parliament. Indeed, the House continues to conduct such exercises jointly with the Senate.

5. Therefore, Honourable Members, just for clarity, the vetting process shall proceed in the following manner:

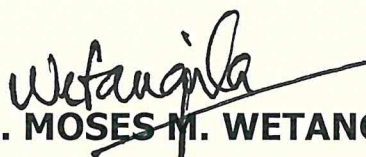
- (i) THAT,** the vetting of the nominee proposed for appointment as Deputy Governor of the Central Bank of Kenya shall be conducted by the Departmental Committee on Finance and National Planning of the National Assembly, jointly sitting with the Standing Committee on Finance and Budget of the Senate;
- (ii) THAT,** the quorum of the joint sittings of the Committees will be the respective quorums of each of the committees as stipulated in the Standing Orders of the respective Houses;
- (iii) THAT,** as contemplated under Rule 9(6) of the Joint Rules unless a decision is reached by consensus, any vote to be taken in the joint sittings of the Committees shall be by separate Houses. This will ensure that the numerical difference of the individual Members representing the Houses in the joint sittings has no effect on the decisions of the joint sittings of the Committees;
- (iv) THAT,** the joint Committees shall, having conducted the vetting hearings, submit a Joint Report to the respective Houses in the manner contemplated by Paragraph 7 of Joint Rule No. 9; and

(v) **THAT**, the approval process shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, 2011.

6. Honourable Members, whereas the Central Bank of Kenya Act does not provide specific timelines within which the House is to consider the nominee, section 8(1) of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, 2011 requires the relevant House to undertake the exercise within twenty-eight (28) days.

7. Honourable Members, in this regard, the Committees should expeditiously proceed to jointly notify the nominee and the public. Thereafter, the Committees should undertake the necessary approval hearings and submit their Joint Report on or before **Thursday, 9th March 2023** to enable the House to consider the proposed appointment within the statutory timelines.

I thank you!


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SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Wednesday, 15th February 2023

