

REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT - (SECOND SESSION)

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

NOTIFICATION FROM THE SPEAKER

[Pursuant to Standing Order 42(2)]

_____ (No. 003 of 2023)

ON

NOMINATION OF A PERSON FOR APPOINTMENT AS DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE SERVICE

WHEREAS, Article 242 of the Constitution establishes the National Intelligence Service and section 7(1) of the National Intelligence Service Act, 2012 provides that 'There shall be a Director-General of the Service who shall, with the approval of the National Assembly, be appointed by the President';

FURTHER WHEREAS, on 18th May 2023, being a period during the long recess of the House, His Excellency the President submitted to the National Assembly the name of a nominee, **Mr. Noordin Haji, CBS,** for appointment as the Director-General of the National Intelligence Service, pursuant to the provisions of section 7 of the National Intelligence Service Act, as read together with sections 3 and 5 of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, 2011;

NOTING THAT, the critical role of the Director-General of the National Intelligence Service as the nation's chief intelligence officer and member of the National Security Council, thus necessitating consideration of a nominee to this position on a **priority** basis;

FURTHER NOTING THAT, section 7(3) of the National Intelligence Service Act, 2012 states that 'The National Assembly shall, within fourteen days after it first meets after receiving the names of the nominee, (a) consider the suitability of the nominee and (b) either approve or reject the nominee for appointment';

RECALLING THAT, by a Resolution made on 15th February 2023 pursuant to the provisions of Standing Orders 41 and 42, the House ordered that during the Short and Long Recesses of the Second Session, upon receipt of any Message from the Senate, or upon receipt of any **name of a person nominated for appointment** to a state or public office from the President or any other office in the National Executive, 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 upon resumption;

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

1. THAT, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 42 and the Resolution of the House of 15th February 2023, I hereby refer the Message from the President on the nomination of Mr. Noordin Haji, CBS for appointment as Director-General of the National Intelligence Service, together with the curriculum vitae and testimonials of the nominee, to the Departmental Committee on Defence, Intelligence and Foreign Relations for consideration;

- 2. **THAT,** the Committee is required to expeditiously commence the approval hearings in accordance with the provisions of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, 2011 and report to the House within the statutory timelines;
- **3. THAT,** the Clerk is directed to circulate this Notification to all Members of the National Assembly, accordingly facilitate the Committee to undertake the exercise and prepare the Message for formal conveyance to the House upon resumption of its Regular Sittings on Tuesday, 6th June, 2023.

I thank you.

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

Friday, 19th May, 2023

