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**REPUBLIC OF KENYA**

**THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT - (SECOND SESSION)**

**JOINT NOTIFICATION FROM THE SPEAKERS OF HOUSES OF  
PARLIAMENT**

*(No. 001 of 2023)*

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**SUBJECT: ESTABLISHMENT OF THE BI-PARTISAN TALKS COMMITTEE  
AND REQUEST FOR RECOGNITION AND FACILITATION**

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- 1. Honourable Members and Senators,** we wish to notify you that we are in receipt of a notification of the establishment of the Bi-Partisan Talks Committee (hereinafter referred to as "the Committee") comprising membership from both Houses of Parliament from the Majority Party (the Kenya Kwanza Alliance) and the Minority Party (the Azimio La Umoja One Coalition).
- 2. Honourable Members and Senators,** the notification, which is co-signed by the Hon. George Murugara, MP representing the Majority Party and the Hon. (Dr.) Otiende Amollo, MP representing the Minority Party, provides for the membership of the Committee; the respective agenda issues raised by the Majority and the Minority Parties; the Joint Secretaries of the Committee; and the mandate of the Committee. Attached to the notification is a Framework Agreement for the conduct of Bi-Partisan Talks by the Committee. The Agreement sets out the general structure of the Bipartisan Talks and the Committee's general Rules of Procedure.



- 3. Honourable Members and Senators,** we the Speakers laud the efforts towards embracing consultations and dialogue between the Majority and the Minority Parties in seeking to build consensus to resolve identified issues through a bi-partisan engagement.
- 4. Honourable Members and Senators,** whereas we note that the Committee has adopted a hybrid approach of conducting the Bi-Partisan Talks through a parliamentary process and involvement of experts and stakeholders, we the Speakers are committed to facilitating the work of the Committee as it embarks on discharging its important task.
- 5. Honourable Members and Senators,** to this end, we note that the designated co-chairpersons from the Majority Party and the Minority Party have, in the notification, requested the Speakers to formally recognise the Committee and to support and facilitate its work.
- 6. Honourable Members and Senators,** under the respective Standing Orders of both Houses of Parliament, a Committee of this nature is ordinarily, formally recognised following the passage of a Joint Resolution by the Houses of Parliament. A Joint Resolution of this nature would outline the membership of such a Committee, its terms of reference, relevant timelines within which the Committee is required to discharge its mandate, and authority to engage experts, amongst others.
- 7. Honourable Members and Senators,** as you are aware, both Houses of Parliament are currently on recess. Cognizant of the important work that the Committee is proposed to undertake, we hereby formally recognise the Committee to allow the transaction of its business during the recess period, in the interim.



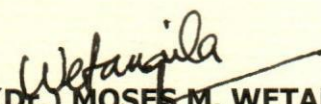
8. This recognition is subject to ratification by the Houses upon the resumption of their sittings after the recess. **In addition**, we the Speakers shall, upon request, also facilitate the Committee with a secretariat to assist it discharge its functions effectively.


9. **Honourable Members and Senators**, upon resumption of both Houses from the current recess, we expect that the Leadership of the Majority and Minority Parties shall proceed to formalise the recognition of the Committee in the manner prescribed under the Standing Orders of both Houses.

10. **Honourable Members and Senators**, it is also noteworthy that we had earlier on received a draft Motion from the Leadership of the Majority Party in Parliament seeking the establishment and recognition of the Committee. In this regard, the Leadership of the Majority Party and the Minority Party are encouraged as a matter of urgency to harmonize the text of the draft Motion to pave way for issuance of the Notice of Motion and its consideration by the Houses of Parliament as soon as the Houses resume from recess.

11. **Honourable Members and Senators**, finally, we wish to reiterate our commitment to facilitate the work of the Committee and we recognise its contributions so far, towards building a united and prosperous nation.

Dated...<sup>19<sup>th</sup></sup>.....day of...<sup>May</sup>.....2023.

  
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