

#### REPUBLIC OF KENYA

# THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT - (SECOND SESSION) COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

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## ESTABLISHMENT OF A JOINT COMMITTEE TO INQUIRE INTO THE ACTIVITIES AND OPERATIONS OF WORLDCOIN IN KENYA

#### Honourable Members,

- **1.** You will recall that on Tuesday Sitting, 15<sup>th</sup> August 2023, I conveyed my decision to allow for the establishment of a *Joint Ad hoc Committee* to, among other things, inquire into the matters raised in a Statement by the Member for Manyatta Constituency, the Hon. Gitonga Mukunji, MP, regarding the reported activities and operations of WorldCoin.
- 2. The Joint Ad hoc Committee was to comprise fifteen (15) Members drawn from the Departmental Committees on Administration & Internal Security; Communication, Information & Innovation; and Tourism & Wildlife. Each Committee was to nominate, in writing, five (5) Members from amongst its membership.
- **3. Honourable Members,** I have since received, in writing, the nominees from the respective Departmental Committees who are as follows—

## From the Departmental Committee on Administration & Internal Security –

- 1. The Hon. Gabriel Tongoyo, MP
- 2. The Hon. Mburu Kahangara, MP
- 3. The Hon. Caroline Ng'elechei, MP

- **4.** The Hon. Peter Kaluma, MP
- **5.** The Hon. Sara Korere, MP

### From the Departmental Committee on Communication, Information & Innovation —

- **1.** The Hon. John Kiarie, MP
- 2. The Hon. Geoffrey Wandeto, MP
- **3.** The Hon. Gideon Kimaiyo, MP
- 4. The Hon. Shakeel Shabbir, CBS, MP
- **5.** The Hon. Irene Mayaka, MP

### From the Departmental Committee on Tourism & Wildlife -

- 1. The Hon. Kareke Mbiuki, CBS, MP
- 2. The Hon. Geoffrey Ruku, MP
- 3. The Hon. Dr. Edwin Gichuki, MP
- 4. The Hon. Capt. Ruweida Obo, MP
- **5.** The Hon. Innocent Maino Mugabe, MP
- **4. Honourable Members**, In view of the nominations from the Committees and in consultation with the leadership of the House, I have co-opted the Member for Manyatta, the Hon. Gitonga Mukunji, MP, who submitted the Statement on the matter, Nominated Member, the Hon. Umulkher Harun Mohamed, MP, and the Member for Shinyalu, the Hon. Fredrick Ikana, MP.
- **5.** For clarity and in keeping with practice, the co-opted Members will take part in the deliberations of the Committee and offer insights as appropriate, but they shall not have voting rights.

- 6. In conclusion, Honourable Members, May I hasten to remind the Committee of the expectation that the inquiry be conducted immediately and a report be submitted to the House by Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> September 2023.
- **7.** The Joint Committee is to inquire into the activities and operations of *Worldcoin* in Kenya, and shall engage concerned parties including, but not limited to the relevant Ministries, Departments and Agencies, whose mandates have a bearing on the matter.

I thank you!

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SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Thursday, 17th August 2023

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