



## REPUBLIC OF KENYA

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### THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT (SECOND SESSION)

### THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

### MESSAGES

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

\_\_\_\_\_ (No. 014 of 2023) \_\_\_\_\_

**SUBJECT: MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT ON NOMINATION  
OF A PERSON FOR APPOINTMENT AS CHAIRPERSON  
OF THE BOARD OF THE CENTRAL BANK OF KENYA**

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**Honourable Members,**

1. Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 42, I wish to convey the following Message from His Excellency the President regarding nomination of a person for appointment as chairperson of the Board of the Central Bank of Kenya.
2. In the Message, **Honourable Members**, 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 **Mr. Andrew Mukite Musangi** for appointment as the Chairperson of the Board of the Central Bank of Kenya. The President therefore seeks the approval of the Parliament on the said nomination.

**3. Honourable Members,** Section 11 (2A) of the Central Bank of Kenya Act (Cap. 491 of the Laws of Kenya) reads, and I quote:-

*"The Chairperson shall be appointed by the President through a transparent and competitive process and **with the approval of Parliament**, and shall hold office for a term of four years but shall be eligible for reappointment for one further term"*

**4. Honourable Members,** you may wish to note that the approval of appointment of Chairperson of the Board 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 Chairperson of the Board 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;

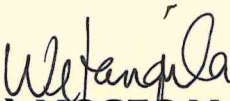
**(iv) THAT,** the Joint Committees shall, having conducted the vetting hearings, submit a Joint Report to the respective Houses in the manner contemplated by Paragraph 7 of Joint Rule No.9; and

**(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. Therefore, the timelines prescribed in the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, 2011 shall apply.

- 7. Honourable Members,** the Committees should expeditiously proceed to jointly notify the nominee and the public of the approval approval hearings and proceed to undertake the necessary approval hearings. Thereafter, the Committees should submit their Joint report to enable the House to consider the matter within statutory timelines.
- 8. Honourable Members,** conscious of the fact that the House is scheduled to proceed for recess next week, I hasten to clarify that the counting of days with respect to the consideration of the nominee will cease during the recess period and resume when the House first sits upon resumption from recess.
- 9.** The Committee is therefore expected to immediately commence the approval process and notify the nominee and the general public of the time and place for holding the approval hearing and upon conclusion of the hearing, table its report within the set timelines as guided.

**I thank you!**

  
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**SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> August 2023