

## THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT - (SECOND SESSION) THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

## **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR**

\_\_\_\_ (No. 048 of 2023) \_\_\_\_

## RECOGNITION OF MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT FROM VARIOUS AFRICAN COUNTRIES ATTENDING THE GLOBAL TUBERCULOSIS CAUCUS - $4^{\text{TH}}$ AFRICAN TB SUMMIT

## Honourable Members,

**1.** I wish to introduce to you a delegation of Members of Parliament from across the African continent, seated in the Speaker's Gallery. They are-

1.	The Hon. Halima Alima Daud	Deputy Minister of Health, Malawi
2.	The Hon. Pierre Flambeau Ngayap	Member of Senate Bureau, Republic of Cameroon/ Francophone Co-Chair
3.	The Hon. Esso Libanza Leon	Member of Parliament, Democratic Republic of Congo
4.	The Hon. Mahamat Ahmat Taha	Member of Parliament, Chad
5.	The Hon. Sakahairoun Khalia	Member of Parliament, Chad
6.	The Hon. Zakaria Hassan	Chad Ministry of Health
7.	The Hon. Joseph Nyan Somwarbi	Member of Parliament, Liberia
8.	The Hon. Jean Patrice France	Member of Parliament, Mauritius/Pan African Parliament
9.	The Hon. Elisha Cliff Ishaku	Member of Senate, National Assembly of Nigeria
10.	The Hon. Mark Kurt Nawaane	Member of Parliament, Ghana

11. The Hon. Christopher Kalila	Member of Parliament, Zambia/ Anglophone Co-Chair
12. The Hon. Joseph S. Munsanje	Member of Parliament, Zambia
13. The Hon. Gotthard Kasuto	Member of Parliament, Namibia
14. The Hon. Sansan K. Noufe	Member of Parliament, Cote d' ivoire
15. The Hon. Daniel Molokele	Member of Parliament, Zimbabwe
16. The Hon. Ruth Labode	Member of Parliament, Zimbabwe
17. The Hon. Neema Lugangira	Member of Parliament, Tanzania
18. The Hon. Fatima Toufiq	Member of Parliament, Tanzania
19. The Hon. Faustine Ndugulile	Member of Parliament, Tanzania
20. The Hon. Abuk Payiti Ayik	Member of Parliament, South Sudan
21. The Hon. Elcina E. Marindze	Member of Parliament, Mozambique Lusophone Co-Chair
22. The Hon. Nouhou Arba	Member of Parliament, Niger Republic (Pan African Parliament)
23. The Hon. Joel Ssebikaali	Member of Parliament, Uganda

- 2. The delegation is accompanied by Ms. Evaline Kibuchi, National Coordinator, Stop TB Partnership Kenya; Ms. Debra Ibevi, Francophone Countries Coordinator, Global TB Caucus; Mr. Paidamoyo Magaya, Anglophone Countries Coordinator, Global TB Caucus; and Chief Austin Obiefuna, Vice Board Chair, Stop TB Partnership Geneva.
- 3. Honourable Members, the delegation is in the Country to attend the Global Tuberculosis Caucus 4<sup>th</sup> African TB Summit 2023 under the theme: Future-proof: Africa TB Summit 2023, Driving High-Level Political-Will to Meet United Nations High-Level Meeting (UN HLM) targets of ending TB.

- 4. Honourable Members, the Summit brings together Parliamentarians, Civil Society Organizations Experts and Technical Partners from across Africa. The Summit provides an opportunity for parliamentarians and relevant stakeholders to discuss how to collaborate better within their countries to ensure an impactful TB response, in preparation for the UN High-Level Meeting on TB in September 2023.
- 5. Honourable Members, the Global Parliamentary TB Caucus is an international network of MPs across the world who came together with the sole objective of addressing TB globally and in their individual countries. It was founded and launched in 2014 as a platform for improved political commitment to tackle TB, one of the world's most infectious killer diseases.
- **6. Honourable Members**, our own National Assembly TB Caucus which was established in 2016 with a membership of thirty (30) Members of Parliament drawn from across the various political parties represented in the House and now led by the Member for Matungulu Constituency, the Hon. Stephen Mule, MP, who is also the Co-Chair of the African Region TB Caucus, is spearheading the Global Tuberculosis Caucus 4<sup>th</sup> African TB Summit 2023.
- **7. Honourable Members**, on my own behalf and that of the National Assembly, I welcome the delegation to Parliament and wish them fruitful engagements during their stay in the country.

I thank you!

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

Thursday, 27th July 2023