



REPUBLIC OF KENYA
THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – (SECOND SESSION)
THE SENATE
JOINT SITTING OF PARLIAMENT

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 09, 202 AT 2.30 P.M.

1. Parliament assembled at thirty minutes past Two O'clock.

2. **ARRIVAL OF H.E. THE PRESIDENT**

The President and Commander-in-Chief of the Kenya Defence Forces, H. E. Hon. William Samoei Ruto, CGH, escorted by the Speaker of the Senate and the Speaker of the National Assembly and accompanied by Maces of both Houses, entered the Chamber at Three O'clock.

3. The Proceedings were opened with Prayer said by the Speaker of the Senate.

4. **CONVOCATION BY THE SPEAKER OF THE SENATE**

The Speaker of the Senate conveyed the following communication from the Chair:

“Your Excellency, Hon. Dr. William Samoei Ruto, C.G.H, President of the Republic of Kenya and Commander-in-Chief of the Kenya Defence Forces;

The Rt. Hon. Speaker of the National Assembly, Hon. Moses Wetang'ula, EGH, MP;

Hon. Members of Parliament;

Article 132(1) of the Constitution of Kenya requires the President to address a special sitting of the Parliament of Kenya once every year and at any other time.

Further, Article 132(1)(c) requires the President to, among others, once every year, report in an address to the Nation, all the measures taken, and the progress achieved in the realization of the national values set out in Article 10 of the Constitution. In addition, Article 240(7) of the Constitution requires the

President, in his capacity as the Chairperson of the National Security Council (NSC), to report to Parliament annually on the State of the security of the Republic.

In this regard, pursuant to Article 132(1)(b) and (c)(i) and (ii) of the Constitution, the presidency vide a letter reference No. OP/CAB.26/4A VOL.II/ (52), informed the Speakers of the Houses of Parliament of the intention of H.E. the President to deliver his address to Parliament.

Consequently, pursuant to Standing Order No. 25 (1) and (2) of the Senate, I gave notice of today's Special Sitting to the Hon. Senators by Gazette Notice No. 14716, which was published in the Kenya Gazette on Friday, 3rd November, 2023.

Accordingly, Hon. Members, this Special Sitting is properly convened.

I thank you.”

5. **CONVOCATION BY THE SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

The Speaker of the National Assembly conveyed the following communication from the Chair:

“Your Excellency, Hon. (Dr.) William S. Ruto, CGH, President of the Republic of Kenya and Commander-in-Chief of the Kenya Defence Forces;

The Rt. Hon. Amason Kingi, EGH, MP, Honourable Speaker of the Senate;

Honourable Members of Parliament;

Members of the Diplomatic Corps;

Distinguished Guests; Ladies and Gentlemen;

Article 132(1)(b) of the Constitution of Kenya requires the President to address the nation once every year and at any other time. Further, Article 132(1)(c) requires the President to once every year, report, in an address to the nation, on measures taken and progress achieved in the realization of our national values.

Additionally, Article 132(1)(c)(iii) of the Constitution provides that the President shall submit a report for debate to the National Assembly on the progress made in fulfilling the international obligations of the Republic.

In this regard, Hon. Members, by way of a Message to the House dated 26th September 2023, H.E. the President conveyed his desire to address a Joint

Sitting of the Houses of Parliament today, 9th November 2023. Therefore, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 22 of the National Assembly Standing Orders, by *Gazette Notice* No. 14715, which was published in the *Kenya Gazette* on 3rd November 2023, I gave Notice of this Special Sitting of Parliament to the Members of the National Assembly.

Accordingly, Hon. Members, this Special Sitting is properly convened.

Your Excellency, it is the custom of Parliament to recognize invited guests seated in our galleries. I therefore wish to recognize the following guests who are seated in the Speaker's Row:

- (i) Her Excellency Rachel Ruto, EGH, First Lady of the Republic of Kenya and other members of the First Family;
- (ii) His Excellency Hon. Rigathi Gachagua, EGH, the Deputy President of the Republic of Kenya and the Spouse of the Deputy President, Her Excellency Pastor Dr. Dorcas Rigathi; and
- (iii) the Hon. Musalia Mudavadi, EGH, the Prime Cabinet Secretary;

Your Excellency, Hon. Members, also present in the Speaker's Row this afternoon are the Hon. Lady Justice Martha Koome, EGH, Chief Justice and President of the Supreme Court, Hon. Lady Justice Philomena Mbete Mwilu, MGH, Deputy Chief Justice and Vice President of the Supreme Court. They are accompanied by Hon. Justice Eric Ogola, Principal Judge, High Court, Hon. Justice Oscar Angote, Presiding Judge, Environment and Land Court, and Hon. Justice Byram Ongaya, MBS, Principal Judge, Employment and Labour Relations Court.

We are similarly pleased to host the former Vice President of the Republic, the Hon. Stephen Kalonzo Musyoka, EGH, who is also the Co-Chair of the National Dialogue Committee.

We are also honoured to have in our midst the immediate former Speakers of the Houses of Parliament, the Hon. Justin B.N. Muturi, EGH, the Attorney General of the Republic of Kenya and the Hon. Kenneth Lusaka, EGH, the Governor of Bungoma County and former Speaker of the Senate.

Your Excellency, may I also accord special recognition to all Cabinet Secretaries present, Mr. Felix Koskei, Chief of Staff and Head of the Public Service, Principal Secretaries, members of the diplomatic corps and Heads of Constitutional Commissions and Independent Offices present.

Your Excellency, I wish to make a special mention of the Chief of the Defence Forces of Kenya, General Francis O. Ogolla and the respective Service Commanders, the Inspector General of Police and other leaders of our

disciplined forces who are seated at the Speaker's Row. We are grateful for their distinguished service to the Nation.

To all invited guests, *Karibuni Bunge*.

Hon. Members, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is now my singular honour and privilege to invite H.E. the President of the Republic of Kenya and Commander-in-Chief of the Kenya Defence Forces to address this Special Sitting of Parliament.

Welcome, Your Excellency.”

Thereupon, the Speaker invited H.E. the President to address the Joint Sitting of the two Houses.

6. **PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 132 OF THE CONSTITUTION**

Pursuant to Article 132(1) of the Constitution, H.E. the President delivered an address to the Joint Sitting of Parliament.

7. **ADJOURNMENT OF THE SENATE**

The Speaker of the Senate conveyed the following:

“Honourable Members, please be up standing.

Your Excellency the President, the Right Hon. Speaker of the National Assembly, Hon. Members, we have come to the conclusion of the business of the day and it is now time to adjourn.

The Senate stands adjourned until, Tuesday, 14th November, 2023 at 2:30 p.m. in the Senate Chamber.”

8. **ADJOURNMENT OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

The Speaker of the National Assembly conveyed the following communication from the Chair:

“Hon. Members of the National Assembly, the National Assembly now stands adjourned until Tuesday, 14th November, 2023 at 2:30 pm.

May I take this opportunity to invite all Hon. Members and our guests to a reception at the Parliament Courtyard.

May I also request all Hon. Members and our guests to remain standing in their places until the procession of H.E. the President and the Speakers leaves the Chamber.

I thank you!”

9. **DEPARTURE OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT**

Thereupon, H.E. the President departed from the Chamber in State procession.

10. **PARLIAMENT ROSE** - at nine minutes past Four O'clock.

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*The Speakers will take respective Chairs on
Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at 2:30 p.m. for the National Assembly and the
Senate.*

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