

#### REPUBLIC OF KENYA

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

### **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR**

\_\_\_\_ (No. 005 of 2024) \_\_\_\_\_

ON

# RECOGNITION OF MEMBERS OF THE EAST AFRICAN LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ATTENDING THE 3<sup>RD</sup> MEETING OF THE 2<sup>ND</sup> SESSION OF THE 5<sup>TH</sup> ASSEMBLY IN NAIROBI

### Honourable Members,

- 1. I wish to introduce to you a delegation of Members of the East African Legislative Assembly (EALA) who are seated in the Speaker's Row and the Speaker's Gallery. The delegation is led by the Speaker of the Assembly, the Rt. Hon. Joseph Ntakirutimana. Also present are the Ex - Officio Members including;
  - 1. The Hon. Deng Alor KUOL, Minister of East African Community Affairs (South Sudan) and Chairperson, EAC Council of Ministers;
  - 2. **The Hon. Peninah Malonza**, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of East African Community (EAC), ASALs and Regional Development (Kenya);
  - 3. **The Hon. Gen. (Rtd) James Kabarebe,** Minister of State for Foreign Affairs in charge of Regional Cooperation (Rwanda);

- 4. The Hon. (Dr.) Peter Mutuku MATHUKI, Secretary General, East African Community; and
- 5. **The Hon. Dr. Anthony L. KAFUMBE,** Counsel to the Community, East African Community.
- 2. Honourable Members, While I may not recognise every Member present by name, I wish to acknowledge the Regional Chapters represented by the following Chapter Chairs -
  - (i) From the Republic of Burundi, the Hon. **KARERWA** Mo-Mamo Chair Chapter and Member, EALA Commission;
  - (ii) From the Democratic Republic of Congo, the Hon. **MASIRIKA NGANIZA** Dorothée Chair Chapter and Commissioner;
  - (iii) From the Republic of Kenya, the Hon. **HASSAN**, Hassan Omar Chair Chapter;
  - (iv) From the Republic of Rwanda, the Hon. Amb. **FATUMA NYIRAKOBWA** Ndangiza Chair Chapter and Commissioner;
  - (v) From the Republic of South Sudan, the Hon. Dr. **LEONARDO**Anne Itto Chair Chapter;
  - (vi) From the United Republic of Tanzania, the Hon. **KIZIGHA** Angela Charles Chair Chapter and Commissioner; and
  - (vii) From the Republic of Uganda, the Hon. **ODONGO** George Stephen Chair Chapter and Commissioner.

They are accompanied by various Members of staff led by the Deputy Clerk, Mr. John Mutega.

- 3. The Members are in Nairobi where they are holding the 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Session of the 5<sup>th</sup> Assembly which commenced this week and will run from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024 right here at the Parliament Buildings.
- **4.** This Meeting, which involves both Plenary and Committees Sittings, is held on rotational basis amongst the East African Community Member States, in accordance with the provisions of Article 55 of the Treaty for the establishment of the East African Community.
- 5. Honourable Members, the Sittings will amongst other things, deliberate on important regional matters, legislations proposed for harmonization, and strategies to bolster socio-economic development within the East African region. In addition, EALA's commitment to promoting the principles of good governance, democracy, and regional peace will remain at the core of the House discussions during this critical session.
- 6. Indeed, the Meeting was officially opened and addressed by His Excellency (Dr.) William S. Ruto, CGH, President of the Republic of Kenya and Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Forces during a Special Sitting held today morning Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024.
- **7. Honourable Members,** on my behalf and that of the National Assembly, I welcome them to the Country and wish them fruitful engagements during their Sittings in Nairobi.

### I thank you.

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

Tuesday, 5th March 2024