



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

**THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT - FOURTH SESSION
THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

MESSAGES

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

_____ (No. 009 of 2025) _____


**NOMINATION OF A PERSON FOR APPOINTMENT AS THE CHAIRPERSON OF
THE KENYA NATIONAL COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS (KNCHR)**

Honourable Members,

1. Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 42(1), I wish to report to the House that I have received a Message from His Excellency the President, regarding the nomination of a person for appointment as the Chairperson of the Kenya National Commission on Human Rights (KNCHR).
2. In the Message, **Honourable Members**, His Excellency the President conveys that, in exercise of the powers conferred by Article 250(2)(b) of the Constitution, section 11 of the Kenya National Commission on Human Rights Act, Cap. 7I as read together with Section 5 of the Public Appointment (Parliamentary Approval) Act, Cap. 7F, he has nominated **Dr. Duncan Oburu Ojwang** for appointment to the position of Chairperson of the Kenya National Commission on Human Rights. H.E. the President now therefore seeks the approval of the House on the nominee for appointment as the Chairperson of the Commission.
3. **Honourable Members**, Standing Order 45 provides that, upon receipt of notification of nomination for appointment, such nomination shall stand committed to the relevant Departmental Committee of the House for consideration. In this regard, I hereby refer the Message from His Excellency the President, together with the Curriculum Vitae, the Report of the Selection Panel, and other testimonials of the nominee to the **Departmental Committee of Justice and Legal Affairs**.

4. **Honourable Members**, it is important to note that, whereas section 8 of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, Cap. 7F requires the Committee to which such nomination is referred to consider the matter and table a report in the House within twenty-eight (28) days, section 11(7) of the Kenya National Commission on Human Rights Act, Cap. 7I requires the National Assembly to undertake the exercise within **twenty-one (21) days**.
5. **Honourable Members**, in this regard, the Committee is expected to undertake the approval hearings and submit its report within the timelines provided for in the Kenya National Commission on Human Rights Act, Cap. 7I.
6. However, **Honourable Members**, conscious of the fact that the House will be proceeding on a long recess on 15th August 2025, I urge the Committee to immediately commence the approval process. The Committee should notify the nominee and the general public of the time and place for holding the approval hearing and thereafter, table its report soonest to enable the House to consider the matter within the stated statutory timelines.

I thank you!


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SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
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