



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT - FIFTH SESSION
THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MESSAGES

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

(No. 001 of 2026)

NOMINATION OF PERSONS FOR APPOINTMENT TO STATE OFFICES

Honourable Members,

1. Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 42(1), I wish to report to the House that I have received **two (2) Messages** from His Excellency the President, seeking approval of persons nominated for appointment to specific State Offices.
2. In the First Message, His Excellency the President conveys that, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by the provisions of Article 132(2)(e) of the Constitution as read together with section 20(2) and 22(2)(a) of the Foreign Service Act, Cap. 185E, he has nominated **Canon (Dr.) Ida Betty Odinga, EGH**, for appointment as **Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kenya to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)**.
3. **Honourable Members**, in the second Message, His Excellency the President notifies that, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by the provisions of Article 233(2) and 250(2)(b) of the Constitution as read together with section 5 of the Public Appointment (Parliamentary Approval) Act, Cap. 7F, he has nominated **Mr. Francis Meja** for appointment as **Chairperson of the Public Service Commission (PSC)**.
4. **Honourable Members**, the President now seeks the approval of the National Assembly on the appointment of the two (2) distinguished nominees to the respective offices.
5. **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 for consideration.

6. In this regard, with respect to the nomination of the Permanent Representative to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the name of the nominee, together with her curriculum vitae and other testimonials, is hereby referred to the **Departmental Committee on Defence, Intelligence and Foreign Relations** for consideration.
7. With respect to the nominee for appointment as the **Chairperson of the Public Service Commission**, the name of the nominee, together with his curriculum vitae and other testimonials, is hereby referred to the **Departmental Committee on Labour** for consideration.
8. **Honourable Members**, it is important to note that the First Schedule to the Public Service Commission Act, Cap. 185 requires the National Assembly to consider the nominee for appointment to the Commission within fourteen days, while the Foreign Service Act, Cap. 185E does not provide any timelines. However, section 8 of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, Cap. 7F provides that the Committee to which such nomination is referred shall consider the matter and table a report in the House within **twenty-eight (28) days**. Accordingly, the approval processes shall proceed in accordance with the provisions of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act to afford the two Committees sufficient time to undertake the exercise.
9. **Honourable Members**, in this regard, the two (2) Departmental Committees are expected to immediately commence the approval processes, notify the nominees and the general public of the time and place for holding the approval hearings, and thereafter, upon conclusion, table their respective reports, within set timelines to enable the House to consider the matters.

I thank you!


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SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
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