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THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
MESSAGES
(Standing Order 42 (1))

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

NOMINATION OF SECRETARY TO THE CABINET

Hon. Members,

Standing Order 42 (1) relating to **Messages from the President** provides that ***“The Speaker shall read to the House any message from the President delivered to the Speaker for communication to the House”***.

In this regard therefore, Hon. Members, I wish to convey the following message from H. E. the President in exercise of powers conferred upon him by Article 154 (2) (a) of the Constitution, received by my office on May 9, 2013, nominating Mr. Francis Thuita Kimemia, EGH, to be approved for the position of Secretary to the Cabinet.

Hon. Members,

Article 154 (2) (a) of the Constitution provides that ***“The Secretary to the Cabinet shall be nominated and, with the approval of the National Assembly, appointed by the President”***. Section 3 of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, (No. 33 of 2011) provides for the exercise of powers of appointment under the Constitution.

Under the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act and Standing Orders, the National Assembly is required to conclude the process of approval or rejection of the nominee within fourteen days from the date of notification.

Hon. Members,

I now direct that the nominee's name and curriculum vitae be forwarded to the Departmental Committee on Administration and National Security for the necessary approval hearings to be conducted. Accordingly, I wish to guide the Committee and the House as follows -

- (i) The Departmental Committee on Administration and National Security should notify the nominee and the general public of the time and place for holding the approval hearings, at least seven days prior to the hearings. Owing to the strict statutory deadlines, I now order that the notification be made tomorrow May 16, 2013.
- (ii) The Committee may therefore commence the hearings on Wednesday May 22, 2013. The hearings shall be open to the public.
- (iii) Thereafter, the Committee is hereby directed to table its Report before this House on or before Tuesday May, 28, 2013 for consideration.

Hon. Members,

Pursuant to the provisions of paragraph (3) of Standing Order 42, I now refer the Message from H.E. the President containing the name of the nominee together with his curriculum vitae to the committee to conduct the approval hearings.

Thank you!

**THE HON. JUSTIN B. N. MUTURI, MP
SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
May 15, 2013**