

REPUBLIC OF KENYA



THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY TWELFTH PARLIAMENT - THIRD SESSION

In matter of consideration by the National Assembly of the Ratification of the Beijing Treaty on Audio-Visual Performances

SUBMISSION OF MEMORANDA

Article 118(1)(b) of the Constitution provides that, "*Parliament shall facilitate public participation and involvement in the legislative and other business of Parliament and its Committees*". Further, Section 8 of the Treaty Making and Ratification Act, 2012 provides for the consideration and Ratification of Treaties by Parliament and subsection (3) states that, "*the relevant Parliamentary Committee shall, during its consideration of the Treaty, ensure Public Participation in the ratification process in accordance with laid down parliamentary procedures*".

The Beijing Treaty on Audio-Visual Performances has been submitted to the National Assembly for ratification. The Treaty seeks to provide additional protection to audio-visual performers at international level; recognize performers rights in the online environment; and provide a modern international framework for the rights of performers in motion, pictures television programs, and other audio-visual works.

The Beijing Treaty on Audio-Visual Performances has been committed to the **Departmental Committee on Communication, Information and Innovation** pursuant Standing Order 216(5)(fa) for consideration and thereafter report to the House.

Pursuant to Article 118(1)(b) of the Constitution and Section 8 of the Treaty Making and Ratification Act, 2012, the Committee invites interested members of the public to submit any representations they may have on the said Treaty. The representations may be forwarded to the **Clerk of the National Assembly, P.O. Box 41842-00100, Nairobi**; or hand-delivered to the **Office of the Clerk, Main Parliament Building, Nairobi**; or emailed to **clerk@parliament.go.ke**; to be received **on or before Monday, 11th March, 2019 at 5.00 pm.**

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