



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

TWELFTH PARLIAMENT – FOURTH SESSION

JOINT SITTING OF PARLIAMENT

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2020 AT 2.30 P.M.

1. Parliament assembled at thirty minutes past Two O'clock.

2. **ARRIVAL OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT**

The President of the Republic of Kenya and Commander-in-Chief of the Kenya Defence Forces, His Excellency Hon. Uhuru Kenyatta, CGH, escorted by the Speaker of the Senate and the Speaker of the National Assembly and accompanied by Maces of both Houses, entered the Chamber at forty minutes past Two O'clock.

3. The Proceedings were opened with Prayer by the Speaker of the Senate.

4. **CONVOCATION BY THE SPEAKER OF THE SENATE**

The Speaker of the Senate conveyed the following:

“Your Excellency, Hon. Uhuru Kenyatta, President of the Republic of Kenya and Commander-in-Chief of the Kenya Defence Forces;

The Rt. Hon. Speaker of the National Assembly, Hon. Justin Muturi;

Hon. Members of Parliament, Article 132(1) (b) of the Constitution of Kenya requires the President to address a Special Sitting of the Parliament of Kenya once every year and at any other time.

Further, Article 132(1)(c) requires the President to, among others, once every year, report, in an address to the nation, all the measures taken and the progress achieved in the realization of the national values set out in Article 10 of the Constitution.

In addition, Article 240(7) of the Constitution requires the President, in his capacity as the Chairperson of the National Security Council (NSC), to report to Parliament annually on the state of the security of the Republic.

In this regard, pursuant to Article 132(1) (b) and (c) (i) and (ii) of the Constitution and Senate Standing Order No.22 (1) and (2), upon a request

by the Presidency vide letter reference No. SH/1/5 dated 23rd October, 2020; I gave notice of today's Special Sitting to the Honourable Senators by Gazette Notice No. 8976 which was published in the Kenya Gazette on Friday, 6th November, 2020.

Accordingly, **Hon. Members**, this Special Sitting is properly convened.”

5. **CONVOCATION BY THE SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

The Speaker of the National Assembly conveyed the following:

“Your Excellency, The Hon. Uhuru Kenyatta, C.G.H, President of the Republic of Kenya and Commander-in-Chief of the Kenya Defence Forces;

The Honourable Speaker of the Senate, Senator Kenneth Lusaka;

Honourable Members of Parliament;

Article 132(1) (b) of the Constitution of Kenya requires the President to address a special sitting of Parliament once every year and at any other time.

Further, Article 132(1) (c) requires the President to once every year, report, in an address to the nation, on measures taken and progress achieved in the realization of our national values.

Additionally, Article 132 (1) (c) (iii) provides that the President shall submit a report for debate to the National Assembly on the progress made in fulfilling the international obligations of the Republic.

In this regard, pursuant to Article 132(1)(b) and (c)(i)(ii) &(iii) of the Constitution and the provisions of Standing Order No. 22 of the National Assembly Standing Orders, by Gazette Notice No.8975, which was published in the Kenya Gazette on 6th November, 2020, I gave Notice of this Special Sitting to the Members of the National Assembly.

Accordingly, Honourable Members, this Special Sitting is properly convened.

Your Excellency, allow me, in the usual parliamentary practice, to recognize some key invited guests with us today. Seated at the Speaker's Row, I wish to recognize: the Hon. Deputy President of the Republic of Kenya, H.E. Dr. William Ruto, EGH, the former Prime Minister of the Republic and the African Union's High Representative for Infrastructure Development in Africa, the Rt. Hon. Raila Odinga, EGH, and the former Vice Presidents of the Republic, the Hon. Stephen Kalonzo Musyoka, EGH and the Hon. Musalia Mudavadi, EGH.

May I also accord special recognition to the following other distinguished guests seated at the Speaker's Gallery: the Hon. Dr. Wycliffe Oparanya, EGH, the Governor of Kakamega and also Chairperson of the Council of Governors; and the Hon. Mike Sonko, EGH, the Governor of Nairobi.

They are all welcome to Parliament.

Your Excellency, I take note and I am grateful for your acceptance to preside over the launch of the Kiswahili version of the National Assembly Standing Orders after today's Address. This is going to be the second major milestone towards the use of Kiswahili in parliamentary proceedings, after the first one in 1974 which was undertaken following a directive to Parliament by the founding President H.E. Jomo Kenyatta, CGH.

Towards this end, I am grateful that our public universities partnered with us in making the translation of the English version of our Standing Orders to Kiswahili. Of particular mention in this regard is the University of Nairobi represented here today by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Stephen Gitahi Kiama; Kenyatta University represented by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Paul Wainaina; and Moi University represented by the Vice-Chancellor Prof. Isaac Kosgey.

I acknowledge their presence.

Your Excellency, accompanying the Vice Chancellors are the following Kiswahili experts who deserve special mention because they worked directly with the National Assembly team to make possible the translation of our Standing Orders to Kiswahili: -

1. Prof. Mwangi Iribe;
2. Prof. Kitula King'ei;
3. Prof. Clarah Momanyi;
4. Dr. Robert Oduori;
5. Dr. Miriam Osore;
6. Dr. James Michira;
7. Mr. Vincent Magugu; and
8. Mr. Nuhu Bakari.

I salute them all.

In the same breath, Your Excellency, I also wish to thank members of staff who painstakingly worked with the experts to deliver the Kiswahili Standing Orders. A special mention goes to the Clerk of the National Assembly, Mr. Michael Sialai, EBS; and Messrs. Samuel Njoroge and Kipkemoi arap Kirui, the Director and Deputy Director of the Directorate of Legislative & Procedural Services, respectively.

Honourable Members, Invited Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen; it is now my singular honour and privilege to invite His Excellency the President of the Republic of Kenya and Commander-in-Chief of the Kenya Defence Forces to address this Special Sitting of Parliament.

Your Excellency.”

6. **PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 132(1) OF THE CONSTITUTION**

Pursuant to Article 132 (1) of the Constitution, His Excellency the President delivered a State of the Nation address and submitted to Parliament Reports on:

- a) The Annual Report on the Measures Taken and Progress Achieved in the Realization of National Values and Principles of Governance;
- b) The Annual Report on the Progress made in fulfilling the International Obligations of the Republic of Kenya;
- c) The Annual Report to Parliament on the State of National Security.
- d) The Report on the Ease of Doing Business: Reform Milestones 2014-2020; and
- e) The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions Consolidated Annual Report for the financial years 2017/2018, 2018/2019 & 2019/2020.

7. **ADJOURNMENT OF THE SENATE**

There being no other business, the Speaker of the Senate adjourned the Senate at fifteen minutes past Four O'clock until Tuesday, 17th November, 2020 at 2:30 p.m. in the Senate Chamber.

8. **ADJOURNMENT OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

There being no other business, the Speaker of the National Assembly adjourned the National Assembly at fifteen minutes past Four O'clock until Tuesday, 17th November, 2020 at 2:30 p.m. at the National Assembly Chamber, and invited His Excellency the President to the launch of the *Kiswahili version* of the National Assembly Standing Orders at the Parliament Courtyard.

9. **DEPARTURE OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT**

Thereupon, His Excellency the President departed from the Chamber in State procession.

10. **PARLIAMENT ROSE** - at fifteen minutes past Four O'clock.

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*The Speakers will take the respective Chairs on
Tuesday, 17th November, 2020 at 2.30 p.m.*

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