



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

**TWELFTH PARLIAMENT- (FIFTH SESSION)
THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

MESSAGES

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

(No. 050 of 2021)

**ON NOMINATION OF PERSONS FOR APPOINTMENT AS CHAIRPERSON
AND MEMBERS OF THE KENYA NATIONAL COMMISSION ON HUMAN
RIGHTS (KNCHR)**

Honourable Members,

Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 42, I wish to convey a Message from His Excellency The President relating to nomination of persons for appointment to the Offices of the Chairperson and Members of the Kenya National Commission on Human Rights.

In the Message, H.E. The President conveys that, in exercise of powers conferred on him by Article 250(2)(b) of the Constitution, in accordance to the procedure set out in section 11(3) of the Kenya National Commission on Human Rights Act (Act No. 14 of 2011), as read together with sections 3 and 5 of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, 2011, he nominates the following persons for appointment to the Offices of Chairperson and Member of the Kenya National Commission on Human Rights, respectively-

- 1. Ms. Roseline Doreen Adhiambo Odhiambo-Odede, HSC - Chairperson;**
- 2. Prof. Marion Mutugi Wanjiku - Member;**
- 3. Dr. Raymond Plal Sang Nyeris - Member;**
- 4. Ms. Sarah Talaso Bonaya - Member; and,**
- 5. Dr. Dennis Nyongesa Wamalwa - Member.**

Honourable Members, H.E. The President therefore seeks the approval of this House of the nominees for appointment to the aforementioned state offices.

Honourable Members, Standing Order 45 requires 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, pursuant to the provisions of this Standing Order therefore and paragraph (3) of Standing Order 42 (*Messages from the President*), I hereby refer the Message relating to appointments to the Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs to undertake the necessary approval hearings.

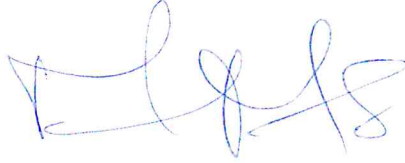
Honourable Members, whereas section 7 of the Kenya National Commission on Human Rights Act, 2011, provide a lesser period within which the House is to consider the respective nominees, section 8 of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, (Act No. 33 of 2011), requires the National Assembly to undertake the exercise within twenty-eight (28) days.

In this regard, the Committee should undertake approval hearings and submit their report within the **Twenty-Eight (28) day** period provided for in the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, (Act No. 33 of 2011), being the most recent amendment made by Parliament with respect to the general period of vetting of state appointees.

Honourable Members, As you are all aware, the National Assembly together with all its Committees is already on long recess until **Tuesday, 25th January 2022**, which will be first sitting day of the Sixth Session of this Parliament. The House resumed for the current *Special Sittings* to **only** consider the business specified in the *Gazette Notice No.14165* of 24th December 2021. In this regard, the counting of the period specified in section 8 of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, 2011 will start upon resumption of the regular sittings of House and its Committees on 25th January, 2022. That being the case, the statutory timeline will lapse on **Tuesday, 22nd February, 2022**.

Honourable Members, the Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs is required to notify the public and the nominee in good time. Thereafter, upon resumption of its sittings, the Committee is to undertake the necessary approval hearings and submit its report to the House before **Tuesday, 15th February, 2022** to enable the House consider the proposed appointment within statutory timelines.

I thank you!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Moses Cheboi', with a stylized flourish at the end.

THE HON. MOSES CHEBOI, CBS, M.P.
DEPUTY SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Wednesday, December 29, 2021