

TWELFTH PARLIAMENT - FIFTH SESSION

JOINT SITTING OF PARLIAMENT

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2021 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 thirty three minutes past Three 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 convocation –

"Your Excellency, Hon. Uhuru Kenyatta, CGH, 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 B. Muturi, EGH, MP;

Honourable 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, inter alia, 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 Kenya.

In this regard, pursuant to Article 132(1)(b) and (c)(i) & (ii) of the Constitution and Senate Standing Order No.22(1) and (2), upon a request by the presidency vide a letter reference No. OP/CAB.26/1/2A dated 19th November, 2021, I gave notice of today's Special Sitting to the Hon. Senators vide Gazette Notice No. 12989 which was published on Friday, 26th November, 2021.

Accordingly, Hon. Members, this Special Sitting is properly convened. I thank you!"

5. CONVOCATION BY THE SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

The Speaker of the National Assembly conveyed the following convocation -

"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, Rt. Hon. Senator Kenneth Lusaka, EGH;

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, Honourable Members, by way of a Message to the House dated 19th November, 2021, H.E. The President conveyed his desire to address a Joint Sitting of the Houses of Parliament today, 30th November, 2021. Consequently, pursuant to the provisions of 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.12823, which was published in the *Kenya Gazette* on 23rd November 2021, 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 part of the distinguished guests who are with us today. Seated in the Speaker's Row, I wish to recognize, the Hon. Deputy President of the Republic of Kenya, H.E. Dr. William Ruto, EGH, the Chief Justice of the Republic of Kenya, the Hon. Lady Justice Martha Koome, CBS, the former Prime Minister and the African Union's High Representative for Infrastructure Development in Africa, the Rt. Hon. Raila Amolo Odinga, EGH, former Vice Presidents of the Republic, the Hon. (Dr.) Stephen Kalonzo Musyoka, EGH and the Hon. Musalia Mudavadi, EGH and the Chairperson of the Council of Governors who is also the Governor of Embu County, the Hon. Martin Wambora, EGH. Please join me Hon. Members in welcoming them to the National Assembly.

Your Excellency, allow me to also welcome other members of the Judiciary present today, including the Hon. Lady Justice Njoki Ndung'u, Judge of the Supreme Court, Justice Daniel Musinga, President of the Court of Appeal, Lady Justice Lydia Achode of the High Court, Justice Oscar Angote and Lady Justice Maureen Onyango.

Your Excellency, May I also accord special recognition to all Cabinet Secretaries present, the Head of Public Service, Dr. Joseph Kinyua, Principal Secretaries, The Governor of Nairobi City County, Hon. Anne Kananu, Members of the diplomatic corps present and The Chairperson County Assemblies Forum who is also Speaker of the County Assembly of Nyandarua, Hon. Wahome Ndegwa. You are all welcome to Parliament.

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.

Welcome Your Excellency."

6. PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS TO PARLIAMENT 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 -

- (i) The Eighth (8th) State of the Nation Address by His Excellency the President delivered at the Special Sitting of Parliament on Tuesday, 30th November, 2021;
- (ii) The Eighth (8th) Annual Report (2020), on the Measures Taken and Progress Achieved in the Realization of National Values and Principles of Governance;

- (iii) The Eighth (8th) Annual Report on the Progress made in Fulfilling the International Obligations of the Republic of Kenya;
- (iv) The Annual Report to Parliament on the State of National Security; and
- (v) The Kenya Business Climate Reforms Milestones Report for the year 2020-2021.

7. ADJOURNMENT OF THE SENATE

There being no other business, the Speaker of the Senate adjourned the Senate at four minutes past Six O'clock until Wednesday, 1st December, 2021, at 09:30 a.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 four minutes past Six O'clock until Wednesday, 1st December, 2021, at 9:30 a.m. at the National Assembly Chamber, and invited His Excellency the President, to a reception at the Parliament Forecourt.

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

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

10. **PARLIAMENT ROSE** - at four minutes past Six O'clock.

MEMORANDUM

The Speakers will take the respective Chairs on Wednesday, 1st December, 2021 at 9.30 am

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