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[The Speaker (Hon. Moses Wetang'ula) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, we do not need any headcount to ascertain quorum. I think we have enough numbers to transact business.

(Several Members walked into the Chamber)

Hon. Members, take your seats. Take the nearest available seat. Let me repeat for the umpteenth time, that when the Chair indulges you to take a seat, please, take the nearest available one, so that we do not unduly interrupt business.

Clerk, please, read the Order for today.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

PROCEDURE OF ELECTING MEMBERS TO EALA

Hon. Members, as you are aware, pursuant to Rule 15(1) of the East African Legislative Assembly Elections (Election of Members of the Assembly) Rules 2017, the Clerks of the Houses of Parliament, pursuant to Rule 2 of the said Rules, are the presiding officers appointed for the election of Members of EALA today, Thursday, 17th November 2022.

The appointment was made vide Gazette Notice No.14039 of 16th November 2022, and vide advertisements in the dailies of 16th November 2022. Hon. Members, allow me, therefore, to provide guidance to the House on the procedure we shall follow in conducting the election of Members of EALA. The election exercise will be undertaken pursuant to EALA Elections (Election of Members of the Assembly) Rules 2017.

Hon. Members, elections shall be conducted in the National Assembly Chamber and the Senate Chamber, being the venues appointed for this purpose by the presiding officers. In accordance with Rule 2 of the said Rules, the Clerk of the National Assembly and the Clerk of the Senate are the presiding officers while the Speaker of the National Assembly and the Speaker of the Senate are the Returning Officers in the respective Houses. For purposes of the election, a “voter” is defined in Rule 2 as a Member of the National Assembly or a Member of the Senate.

Hon. Members, in respect to the conduct of the election in the National Assembly, Rule 16(1) requires the presiding officer to prepare and give, at the time appointed for election, to each Member one ballot paper. On it shall be written, in alphabetical order, the names of all duly nominated candidates, their gender, age and county. I confirm that the ballot papers have been prepared in the required manner. I noticed that the candidates have also been clustered under the headings of the names of respective categories of nomination, in accordance with Rules 5 and 9.

Hon. Members, voting will be done through roll call where the Clerk will call out the names of Members in the order in which they appear in the Division List. Members who are present, on signing a ballot issuance register, which is available with the presiding officer, will

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be issued with one ballot paper. On receiving a ballot paper which has been duly stamped, each Member shall proceed to one of the ballot booths, which are located on either side of the Chair, and secretly record his or her votes by putting a mark in the space provided on the ballot paper. That means recording of a vote against the names of their preferred candidates as clustered.

Hon. Members, Rule 6(1) provides for the allocation ratio for each party, which shall be three times the figure arrived at by multiplying the number of elected Members of that party by such number as the Joint Select Committee shall determine and dividing the result by the total number of elected Members of Parliament.

As such, kindly note that the ballot paper is divided into two clusters, namely, the Kenya Kwanza Alliance and the Azimio la Umoja-One Kenya Coalition Party. The Kenya Kwanza Alliance cluster has 15 candidates while the Azimio la Umoja-One Kenya Coalition Party cluster has 12 candidates.

In respect of the Kenya Kwanza Alliance Coalition cluster, which consists of 15 candidates, a Member will be entitled to vote for not more than five candidates. If you vote for more than five, it will be a spoilt ballot.

(Hon. John Mbadi consulted loudly)

The persons to be declared elected in respect of the Kenya Kwanza Alliance cluster shall be the five candidates with the highest number of votes, who must include, at least, two candidates of either gender.

In respect to the Azimio la Umoja-One Kenya Coalition Party cluster which consists of 12 candidates, a Member will be entitled to vote for not more than four candidates. The persons to be declared elected in respect of the Azimio la Umoja One-Kenya Alliance Coalition Party cluster shall be the four candidates with the highest number of votes, who must include, at least, one candidate of either gender.

(Several Members walked into the Chamber)

Hon. Members, take the nearest available seats. Please, bear in mind that in accordance with Rule 17(3), a voter can only cast as many votes as the number of the total candidates to be elected, in this case, nine candidates.

It is also important to note that in reckoning with the candidates to be declared elected, Section 4(4) of the East African Legislative Assembly Elections Act, 2011, requires that, at least, one-third of the elected Members shall reflect either gender. Let me also clarify that under Rule 17(4), where a voter casts more votes than the number of candidates that shall be regarded as spoilt.

Rule 17(5) provides:

A ballot paper shall not be regarded as spoilt where the voter casts a number of votes that fall below the number of candidates to be elected.

This means that you can elect to vote for four instead of five, or three instead of four. That will be a valid ballot. However, if you exceed the number, it will be a spoilt ballot.

In accordance with Rule 17(6), a Member who accidentally spoils a ballot paper while voting is in progress is entitled, on surrendering the spoilt ballot paper to the presiding officer, to be issued with another ballot paper in place of the spoilt one.

After marking the ballot paper, and while still in the booth, you are required to fold your ballot paper and proceed to deposit it in the ballot box placed on the Table of the House and resume your seat.

As required by Rule 18(1), once all Members have cast their votes, I will appoint two Members, one from either side of the coalitions, to be the counting agents for the candidates.

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In accordance with Rule 18(2), the presiding officer, shall, in the presence of the counting agents count and tally the votes cast.

Pursuant to the provisions of Rule 19, when the votes have been counted and the results of the election ascertained:

1. The presiding officer shall record the results of the tally and report to the House the results of the election together with the number of votes recorded for each candidate under the respective clusters.
2. The Returning Officer of this House shall thereafter send a Message to the Senate communicating the results of the National Assembly, which the Speaker of the Senate as the other Returning Officer will announce to the Senate.
3. The presiding officer of the Senate will likewise record, tally the results, and report the results of the Senate elections to the Senate and the Returning Officer of the Senate will send a Message to the National Assembly communicating the Senate election results.

Upon receipt of the Message from the Senate on the results of the elections in the Senate and the consolidated results from both Houses of Parliament, I will announce the results to the House.

Let me also point out that in the event of a tie between two or more candidates amongst those with the highest votes in any of the clusters, the process will be repeated in both Houses between the respective candidates.

As I conclude, I would like to remind the House that during the entire election exercise, the East African Legislative Assembly Elections (Elections of Members of the Assembly) Rules, 2017 and the National Assembly Standing Orders are applicable and will be enforced by the Speaker as necessary.

Finally, Hon. Members, I wish to draw your attention to Standing Order 91 on decorum during division which require, among others, that Hon. Members shall maintain order in the House. That said, we shall forthwith commence the election and I now direct the presiding officer to proceed.

Before we proceed, there is one more Communication.

WITHDRAWAL OF CANDIDATE FROM ELECTION TO EALA

Having explained the process and before the presiding officer commences the voting, I wish to report to the House that on 16th November 2022, the offices of the Returning Officers, namely, the two Clerks, received a letter from one Salim Mohammed Busaidi, a candidate under the Kenya Kwanza Alliance Coalition cluster, indicating his withdrawal from the election process. In accordance with Rule 11(1)(2) of the Rules, the deadline for withdrawal of candidacy was on Thursday, 10th November 2022 being a day after the nomination day. This may be reminiscent of recent events. In this regard, the presiding officers did not accept his withdrawal. Consequently, his name will continue to appear on the ballot paper notwithstanding his intended withdrawal.

The presiding officer shall ring the bell for 10 minutes and prepare the Chamber for voting. However, before he does that Members at the Bar should come in and take the nearest available seats. Hon. Keynan, where is the nearest available seat?

(Several Members walked into the chamber)

Order, Hon. Members!

RECOGNITION OF MRS. LUCY WANJOHI, HEAD OF

INTER-HOUSES AND OVERSEAS DEPARTMENT

Allow me to make a short Communication in recognition of Mrs. Lucy Wanjohi, one of our clerks and the Head of the Inter-houses and Overseas Department in the Directorate of Legislative and Procedural Services, who is retiring from the Parliamentary Service Commission. She joined Parliament in 2003 as a Clerk Assistant III and has risen through the ranks to head of department. She is an advocate of the High Court of Kenya. Prior to joining Parliament, she served as the Company Secretary for the Kenya National Trading Corporation between 1989 and 2001. Today is an important day for her as this will be the last day of her service to the House as a Procedural Officer in the National Assembly. Indeed, her presence today in the Speaker's procession was of great importance and we thank her for her diligence.

(Applause)

On behalf of the National Assembly - Lucy you may stand up to be recognised by Members - the Parliamentary Service Commission and, indeed, on my own behalf, I wish to thank Mrs. Wanjohi for her two decades of service to the Parliament of Kenya in addition to the decade of public service at the Kenya National Trading Corporation. We wish her well in her future endeavours. I want to add that yours truly here has personally worked with Lucy Wanjohi when we were drafting the 2010 Constitution and she was extremely hardworking, diligent, honest and always on time to do her work.

(Applause)

We wish Lucy well. There is a difference between looking young and being young.

(Laughter)

(Several Members walked in the Chamber)

Hon. Members, I will allow four Members to say something about Lucy before we go to voting. I will start with Hon. (Dr.) Pukose who was the first to request and then Hon. Keynan.

Hon. (Dr.) Robert Pukose (Endebess, UDA): Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Being one of the Members who have worked with Lucy, I want to appreciate her role, especially when we go to the Table Office. I have also worked with her in the House and Procedure Rules Committee. She is a great clerk who has helped us a lot when dealing with Questions, Petitions, or even legal issues. On my own behalf and that of the people of Endebess, I wish her all the best and better life outside there. May God bless you. Thank you so much.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Keynan.

Hon. Adan Keynan (Eldas, JP): Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I have known Lucy since her days as a young Company Secretary at the Kenya National Trading Corporation and I remember her in a very unique way. In 1991 as a university student, I walked into her office when she was Company Secretary, during the Kenya African National Union (KANU) regime. At that time, sugar licensing used to be a very important exercise. I explained what I wanted and without asking for too much details, she gave me a certificate to trade in sugar which earned me the first Ksh1 million. Hon. Speaker, that was in 1991. When, again, I found her here in Parliament, she continued her good work. Wherever she has been, she has left an impact.

We appreciate her. It is not the end of the world and I am sure in the next few years she will be very useful in other quarters. If it was my choice and the law permitted, I would have

asked her to stay, but because we must create space for other people, we appreciate and wish you well.

The Speaker: Hon. Wandayi.

Hon. Opiyo Wandayi (Ugunja, ODM): Let me also join my colleagues in wishing Madam Lucy well in her well-deserved retirement. I must also attest to the fact that Ms. Lucy has been one of those impeccable, hardworking and diligent officers that we have ever come across in Parliament. In fact, many a times, when you come across her, you see an officer whose is self-effacing. She does not put on airs as they say. She is an officer who we shall miss most profoundly. We wish her best of luck and encourage those officers that she has left behind to emulate her so that we can carry forward the image and dignity of Parliament.

I thank you, Hon. Speaker.

The Speaker: Let us have Hon. Rachel Nyamai.

Hon. (Dr.) Rachael Nyamai (Kitui South, JP): Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Let me take this opportunity to congratulate Madam Lucy. For the two terms that I served as the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Health and also as the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Lands, she was extremely useful. For the few days we have been privileged to sit in your panel, Ms. Lucy has been very useful. Hon. Mutuse can bear me witness that a few weeks ago, she had to make sure that procedure is followed.

So, I congratulate her and as she goes to do her future activities, I would encourage her to continue being active. Hon. Speaker, it is my request that she consults for Parliament. That way, she can be extremely useful even as she goes to her retirement.

I thank you Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Members. Next Order. Hon. Nyikal.

PETITIONS

COMPENSATION FOR NYANZA-WESTERN KENYA CAUCUS OF INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS

Hon. (Dr.) James Nyikal (Seme, ODM): Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I, the undersigned, on behalf of the Nyanza-Western caucus of Internally Displaced Persons, draw the attention of the House to the following:

THAT, in the aftermath of the contested 2007 General Election, the country witnessed unprecedented post-election violence which among other things caused massive displacement of persons from their settlements.

THAT, prior to settling internally displaced persons (IDPs) in camps by the Government, quite a number those who survived the post-election violence atrocities, particularly in hotspots like Naivasha, Eldoret, Kericho, Bahati, Nakuru, and Nairobi fled to their home regions and got hosted by their relatives. They never got compensation and have, therefore, been living under undignified conditions.

THAT, in order to ensure that IDPs revert to normal lives as soon as practicable, the Government rolled out a resettlement programme, including *Operation Rudi Nyumbani* Programme which was intended to facilitate IDPs to go back to their original homes under State protection.

THAT, it is in public knowledge that IDPs, particularly those who were in the designated IDP camps were compensated monetarily with amounts ranging from Ksh400,000 and above in addition to allocation of land for settlement.

THAT, the Nyanza-Western caucus comprises legitimate IDPs who were registered by various humanitarian organisation, including the Kenya Red Cross and the IDP network.

THAT, like other IDPs, the Nyanza-Western caucus of IDPs had legitimate hope that they would also benefit by either being resettled or compensated in order to start their lives all over again.

THAT, to their astonishment, the Nyanza-Western caucus of IDPs were neither resettled nor compensated like other counterparts who were in IDP camps in other parts of the country and have inevitably been unable to recover from the psychosocial and economic damages suffered during and after the post-election violence.

THAT, Government's failure to compensate the Nyanza-Western caucus of IDPs has subjected them to untold pain, suffering disillusionment that has made them to feel forgotten and discriminated against contrary to Article 27 of the Constitution.

THAT, since 2008, representatives of the Nyanza-Western caucus of IDPs have on several occasions forwarded the petitioners' concerns to the Ministry of Interior and Coordination of National Government on various dates, the most recent attempt being on 16th September 2019 and 30th March 2021. However, the Government has not taken any tangible steps to address their plight.

THAT, any further neglect of the petitioners' plight amounts to serious violation and derogation of their inalienable rights to fair administrative action, particularly with respect to expeditious administrative process.

THAT, the issues in respect of which the Petition is raised are not pending before any court of law, constitutional or any legal body.

Therefore, your humble petitioners pray that the National Assembly, through the Public Petitions Committee, will:

1. Expeditiously interrogate the issues raised in this Petition with a view of determining the circumstances under which for close to 15 years since the occurrence of post-election violence, the petitioners are yet to be settled or compensated.
2. Cause the relevant Government agencies to ensure that the deserving IDPs under the Nyanza-Western Caucus of IDPs are verified and urgently compensated in order to enable them to revert to a dignified life like other counterparts who benefited from Government resettlement or compensation programmes.
3. Make any recommendations deemed fit in addressing the plight of the petitioners.

And your petitioners will forever pray.

Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Dr. Nyikal. The Petition is committed to the Public Petitions Committee.

Next Order.

Order! Ordinarily we have 30 minutes to comment. Maybe I should allow that. However, we are limited by time because of voting. Can we proceed to the next Order?

Hon. Members: Yes.

Hon. Speaker: I know it is a very important Petition.

(An Hon. Member spoke off record)

Pardon?

Okay, I will give a few minutes for comments. I will start with Hon. John Mbadi. Each Member will have two minutes. Give Hon. John Mbadi the microphone.

Hon. John Mbadi (Nominated, ODM): Thank you, Hon Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Order. Those who want to comment on this Petition can go to intervention because as usual, the screen is full. Go ahead, Hon. John Mbadi.

Hon. John Mbadi (Nominated, ODM): Thank you, Hon Speaker for giving me this opportunity to comment on the Petition that has been brought to this House through the Member of Parliament for Seme, Hon. Nyikal. We all remember the unfortunate events of December 2007 to early 2008. That is something that we need to close as a chapter in the history of this country. However, it will not be right to do so when there are Kenyans out there who have been discriminated against and have not received compensation like others. I am not saying that people who got affected in other areas got enough compensation.

We must agree that loss of life can never be compensated. We must also agree that even loss of property cannot be sufficiently compensated. However, there is need for expression of good gesture. It has been done elsewhere. Those who were affected in some parts of the Rift Valley were compensated, but those from Nyanza and Western, and those who were working in Naivasha flower farms and other areas in the Rift Valley and Central Kenya, who were from the western region and were affected by the post-election violence have been forgotten up to today. They have cried for far too long. I hope the Public Petitions Committee that is going to deal with this matter will this time round find closure to this dark chapter in our history as a country, so that we can move on. I am sure Kenya is not prepared to repeat this.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Justice Kemei

Hon. Justice Kemei (Sigowet/Soin, UDA): Thank you, Hon Speaker. I wish to comment on the Petition from Hon. Nyikal. As a good neighbour of the people of Nyanza, I witnessed the exodus of the people of Nyanza from other parts of the country back to their homes.

(Loud consultations)

Hon. Speaker: Order, Hon. Members! The conversations are too loud.

Hon. Justice Kemei (Sigowet/Soin, UDA): Hon. Speaker, that was a very sad chapter of our country. We will always pray that elections will be fair in our country and we will pursue peace in the event we are unsatisfied with elections results.

The people of Nyanza deserve to be compensated. Whereas others in other parts of the country have been compensated, I recognise that the people from Nyanza, indeed, have not been compensated. So, I wish to support and call upon the Committee on Public Petitions to judiciously deal with this issue, so that the people of Nyanza get their rights as other people in this country.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Shakeel Shabbir.

Hon. Shakeel Shabbir (Kisumu East, Independent): Thank you, Hon Speaker. In the year 2007, we picked up 87 bodies from the post-election violence. We also had a list of all those people who suffered, not only through loss of life, but also through loss of business. The compensation request had been put through and we have been waiting and waiting. It appears like the Government has a different criterion for compensation when it comes to Nyanza, especially Kisumu area. I support the Petition that Kisumu victims of post-election violence of both 2007 and later years be compensated. For those who lost their lives, their families should also be compensated. This has gone on long enough and it is one of those tragedies like the Wagalla Massacre. We had a massacre in Kisumu. We know that 87 people were killed. We must have peace. I know that money cannot buy peace, but money can help the families that are suffering from dire poverty.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Fabian Muli.

Hon. Fabian Muli (Kangundo, GDDP): Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Like all human beings, internally displaced people have human rights as articulated in the international human

rights conventions. In this country, we are supposed to have a progressive agenda of solving this issue. It keeps going away and coming back. Recently, we had displaced people from what happened in Kariobangi. When people are displaced, they end up taking land elsewhere like what happened in KBC. They then become squatters and land grabbers. So, it is up to the Government to come up with a progressive agenda on how to solve the issue of IDPs.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Masara.

Hon. Peter Masara (Suna West, ODM): Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I support the Petition. My Constituency, Suna West, was really affected during the post-election violence of 2007/2008. Many people were evicted from Kericho, Naivasha, Bomet and Nakuru and they came back to my constituency, Suna West. Many lost their loved ones, property and businesses and some were psychologically affected. The Petition will cure so many things because we have so many orphans and widows who lost their parents, husbands, businesses and properties. These are also Kenyans and they deserve to be treated like any other Kenyan who benefited from Government compensation. If this Petition will sail through, it will help those who were affected to, at least, feel that they are part of this society.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Pukose Robert.

Hon. (Dr.) Robert Pukose (Endebess, JP): Nakushukuru Mhe. Spika kwa kunipa fursa hii ili niweze kuongea juu ya jambo la IDPs. Sehemu yetu ya Endebess na Trans Nzoia kwa ujumla, pamoja na sehemu za *western* zilihusika sana kwa mambo ya watu kuhamishwa kutoka makwao na kuwa wakimbizi wa ndani kwa ndani. Hadi sasa, hao watu hawajafidiwa na Serikali. Serikali ilipotenga pesa ya kufidia, pesa hizo zilifidia wakimbizi wa ndani kwa ndani kutoka sehemu zingine isipokuwa wale wa kutoka sehemu za *western* na Trans Nzoia. Mpaka wa leo, wakimbizi wa ndani kwa ndani kutoka *western* na Trans Nzoia wanaendelea kuumia. Mhe. Spika, ninaomba wakati Kamati ya Ardhiilali za Umma itakapokutana, iweze kuita wale Wajumbe wanaotoka sehemu ambazo waathiriwa wanatoka. Ni vyema wakimbizi hao wahusishwe na wasaidiwe na Serikali ili wapate makao na jinsi ya kujisaidia.

Ninakushukuru Mhe. Spika.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, due to the heavy agenda ahead of us, we will end there on this Petition. The Petition is committed to the Public Petitions Committee.

Next Order.

PAPERS

Hon. Speaker: The Chairman of the NG-CDF Committee, Hon. Musa Sirma.

Hon. Musa Sirma (Eldama Ravine, UDA): Hon. Speaker, I beg to lay the following Paper on the Table:

Report of the Select Committee on the National Government Constituencies Development Fund on the list of nominees to the NG-CDF for 70 constituencies.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Next Order.

NOTICE OF MOTION

APPROVAL OF NOMINEES TO CONSTITUENCY COMMITTEES

Hon. Musa Sirma (Eldama Ravine, UDA): Hon. Speaker, I beg to give notice of the following Motion:

THAT, this House adopts the Report of the Select Committee on the National Government Constituencies Development Fund, laid on the Table of the House today, Thursday, 17th November 2022, and pursuant to the provisions of Section 43(4) of the National Government Constituency Development Fund Act, 2015 and paragraphs 5(2) and (10) of the

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National Government Constituencies Development Fund Regulations, 2016, approves the list of nominees for appointment to the following seventy (70) Constituency Committees of the National Government Constituency Development Fund -

1. Ainabkoi Constituency
2. Ainamoi Constituency
3. Aldai Constituency
4. Awendo Constituency
5. Bobasi Constituency
6. Bonchari Constituency
7. Bureti Constituency
8. Central Imenti Constituency
9. Chesumei Constituency
10. Dagoretti North Constituency
11. Galole Constituency
12. Garsen Constituency
13. Gatundu South Constituency
14. Gichugu Constituency
15. Homabay Town Constituency
16. Igembe South Constituency
17. Kajiado South Constituency
18. Kamukunji Constituency
19. Kagundo Constituency
20. Kasarani Constituency
21. Keiyo North Constituency
22. Kilome Constituency
23. Konoin Constituency
24. Kuria East Constituency
25. Kwanza Constituency
26. Lafey Constituency
27. Likoni Constituency
28. Loima Constituency
29. Mavoko Constituency
30. Moiben Constituency
31. Mwatate Constituency
32. Nakuru Town East Constituency
33. Ndiwa Constituency
34. Nyali Constituency
35. Nyaribari Masaba Constituency
36. Rangwe Constituency
37. Ruaraka Constituency
38. Sigowet/Soin Constituency
39. South Mugirango Constituency
40. Suba South Constituency
41. Suna West Constituency
42. Turkana East Constituency
43. Voi Constituency
44. Baringo North Constituency
45. Bomachoge Chache Constituency
46. Bomet Central Constituency
47. Chepalungu Constituency

48. Embakasi Central Constituency
49. Embakasi South Constituency
50. Kabuchai Constituency
51. Kajiado Central Constituency
52. Kigumo Constituency
53. Kiharu Constituency
54. Kikuyu Constituency
55. Kuria West Constituency
56. Lamu West Constituency
57. Matungu Constituency
58. Matungulu Constituency
59. Mumias West Constituency
60. Narok West Constituency
61. Nyaribari Chache Constituency
62. Samburu North Constituency
63. Samburu West Constituency
64. Shinyalu Constituency
65. Sigor Constituency
66. Sotik Constituency
67. Starehe Constituency
68. Turkana South Constituency
69. Uriri Constituency
70. Wajir West Constituency

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Chairman. Next Order. We will start with Statements. The Member for Tiaty, Hon. Kamket.

STATEMENTS

STATUS OF DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS FROM THE EQUALISATION FUND

Hon. Kassait Kamket (Tiaty, KANU): Hon. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 44(2)(c), I wish to request for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Budget and Appropriations Committee regarding the disbursement of money from the Equalisation Fund.

Equalisation Fund became operational in the Financial Year 2011/2012. In 2013, 14 counties identified by the Commission on Revenue Allocation benefited from Ksh11.8 billion from the Equalisation Fund. The disbursement was based on the first deprivation policy which lapsed in the year 2016 and 2017. Since the Financial Year 2016/2017, for three consecutive financial years, namely, 2016/2017, 2017/2018 and 2018/2019, funds from the Equalisation Fund have not been disbursed for the implementation of projects as contemplated in Article 204(2) of the Constitution in the marginalised areas. It is against this background that I seek a Statement from the Chairperson of Budget and Appropriations Committee. What is the status of the disbursement of funds from the Equalisation Fund for implementation of projects as contemplated in Article 204(2) in the previous financial years?

(Loud consultations)

Hon. Speaker: Order, Hon. Members. We cannot hear what is going on. Hon. Sirma and your team, take your seats. Hon. Members, can we bring some order to the House?

Go on, Hon. Kamket.

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Hon. Kassait Kamket (Tiaty, KANU): I will continue.

What is the status of implementation of the second policy and criteria for sharing revenue amongst marginalised areas?

State when the new regulations approved by this House will be in force.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Kamket, if you are done, we can go to the Leader of the Majority Party. Is the Chairman of the Budget and Appropriations Committee, Hon. Ndindi Nyoro, in the House? Do you have a Statement to make?

Hon. Ndindi Nyoro (Kiharu, UDA): Hon. Speaker, it is not a Statement. The request for a Statement was directed to my Committee and we will be giving *Mheshimiwa* feedback in the next two weeks.

Hon. Speaker: Excellent. Next is the Leader of the Majority Party.

Hon. Kimani Ichung'wah (Kikuyu, UDA): Thank you, Hon. Speaker. With your indulgence, I wish Ms. Lucy Wanjohi all the best as she commences her retirement. As you said, Hon. Speaker, it is, indeed, true that one may not look as old as they are. Ms. Lucy looks much younger and I was particularly shocked when you said you have worked with her. You look much older. That tells you how strenuous our work as politicians is compared to the good work that Ms. Lucy Wanjohi has been doing for us. How I wish His Excellency the President is watching and listening to us because this is one of the very good ambassadors that this country could ever get to serve our country. With that, allow me to wish Ms. Lucy Wanjohi all the best. She has been a very diligent officer for the 10 years that I have worked with her in the National Assembly.

Hon. Speaker, back to the Statement.

BUSINESS FOR THE WEEK OF 21ST TO 25TH NOVEMBER 2022

Hon. Speaker, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 44(2)(a), I wish to give a Statement on behalf of the House Business Committee which met on Tuesday, 15th November 2022, to prioritise the business for consideration during the week.

Hon. Speaker, on Tuesday, the House is expected to resume debate on the Motion regarding the publishing of rules and regulations for private land use and management in regard to the minimum and maximum land holdings. It is also to consider Sessional Paper No.1/2022 on the National Automotive Policy. We shall also prioritise the approval of nominees to the remaining NG-CDF Committees as information is received from the NG-CDF Board.

Members will recall that yesterday, through a notification from your office, the process of vetting of nominees for appointment as Principal Secretaries by our departmental committees was suspended owing to a court order. Even as we wait for further direction from the courts on this matter, I would like to extend my gratitude to all our Members for their dedication and active participation in this process of vetting. I ask for their patience as the issue is resolved in the courts. The House Business Committee will reconvene again on Tuesday, 22nd November 2022 to schedule business for the coming week.

I now wish to lay the Statement on the Table of the House.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Mbadi.

(Hon. Kimani Ichung'wah laid the Statement on the Table)

(Loud consultations)

Order, Hon. Members.

Hon. John Mbadi (Nominated, ODM): Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I appreciate the Statement that has been issued by the Leader of Majority Party regarding business for the

coming week. I just wanted to draw your attention to a Motion that I filed procedurally regarding issues pertaining the electoral process in this country. That Motion was supposed to set up an *ad hoc* committee. The main reason is that we have had elections challenged at the Supreme Court from 2013 to date. There are some recommendations which have come from the Supreme Court which this House is supposed to implement. However, over the years, that has not happened. So, I wanted to request that we set up a bipartisan committee.

(Loud consultations)

(Hon. Ruku GK and Hon. Rebecca Tonkei consulted loudly)

Hon. Speaker: Order, Hon. Members. Order, Hon. Ruku and your group! Order, Hon. Members. Member for Narok County, you are conducting illegal meetings in the Chamber.

(Laughter)

(Several Members stood up in their places)

Hon. Members, take your seats. I know you are excited about voting, but that is not a justification for these loud consultations. Order, Hon. Members. Order! Take your seats and limit your movements. You can go on, Hon. Mbadi.

Hon. John Mbadi (Nominated, ODM): Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I was just concluding. I was very attentive to hear if my Motion would be brought for even the notice to be given. It will help this House to implement some of the recommendations that have come from the Supreme Court, regarding the improvement of our electoral process. I had recommended forming a bipartisan *ad hoc* committee to look at those issues. I am concerned because I have not received any explanations regarding that Motion.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: You have made your point, Hon. Mbadi. Leader of the Majority Party, do you have any response to that?

Hon. Kimani Ichung'wah (Kikuyu, UDA): Thank you, Hon. Speaker. It is indeed true that there is nothing in the Statement regarding the Motion by Hon. Mbadi on the proposal to set up a select committee. That matter came before the House Business Committee this week and we deliberated on it. Since the Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs can discharge that mandate, the Members felt that it should take charge. There were also other Members who had a different opinion. The Chair of the HBC indicated that he would make a ruling on the issue after deliberations. That is why the Motion has not been lined up for any deliberation until we get communication from the Chair of the HBC. When we sit again on Tuesday, I am sure we will expedite that matter.

Hon. Speaker: Order, Hon. Members. Next, we will go to Questions.

An Hon. Member: On a point of order, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: I will not allow you to raise your point of order. We have three Questions. Hon. Members, I want us to start our voting by 11:15 a.m. I will give the Members who have Questions the shortest time possible to ask them.

Hon. Yegon, you have the Floor.

ORDINARY QUESTIONS

Question No. 016/2022

RETRENCHMENT OF TEA PLUCKERS IN KONOIN
AS A RESULT OF MECHANISATION

Hon. Brighton Yegon (Konoin, UDA): Thank you very much, Hon. Speaker. I would like to ask the Cabinet Secretary for Labour and Social Protection the following Question:

(a) Could the Cabinet Secretary explain the circumstances that led to the retrenchment of over 20,000 tea pluckers in Konoin Constituency by multi-national tea companies?

(b) Could the Cabinet Secretary state the measures that the Ministry is putting in place to mitigate the consequences that arise from the mechanisation, which has affected the small and medium sized wages and the overall effect to the economy?

(c) What measures is the Ministry taking on the mechanised tea handlers who face serious health risks due to excessive continuous exposure to monoxide fumes from the machines that they use in plucking?

Thank you very much, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: The Question goes to the relevant committee. Next is the Member for Baringo Central, Hon. Joshua Kandie.

Question No. 017/2022

EXPANSION AND OPTIMAL USE OF
ELDORET INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Hon. Joshua Kandie (Baringo Central, UDA): Hon. Speaker, I rise to ask the Cabinet Secretary for Roads, Transport and Public Works the following Question:

(a) Could the Cabinet Secretary explain measures that have been put in place to ensure maximum utilisation of the Eldoret International Airport for both passengers and cargo?

(b) Could the Ministry consider enhancing the airport's cargo handling capacity?

(c) Could the Ministry consider expanding the airport's runway to accommodate bigger capacity planes and, therefore, promote the entry of more cargo?

Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Kandie. Your Question is referred to the relevant committee. Next is Hon. Peter Masara.

Question No. 019/2022

INCREASED INSECURITY IN SUNA WEST

Hon. Peter Masara (Suna West, ODM): Hon. Speaker, I rise to ask the Cabinet Secretary for Interior and National Administration the following Question:

(a) Could the Ministry explain the measures taken by the Ministry to curb increasing insecurity in Suna West Constituency, considering that unknown people raided Maranatha Faith Assembly Church on 3rd November 2022, killing Mr. Cedric Onduto Otieno of National Identification No. 39696191 and Mr. Francis Amboka Owadho of National Identification No. 3966273, and stealing church instruments worth over Ksh1 million?

(b) What measures has the Ministry put in place to address the personnel under-staffing, inadequate vehicles and equipment for the security agencies in Suna West Sub-county?

(c) Could the Ministry outline the timeframe required to resolve all pending cases of insecurity in the area?

Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. The Question is referred to the relevant committee. Next Order.

(Hon. Rahab Mukami walked in the Chamber)

Order, Hon. Members! Order, Hon. Mukami! You have been very mobile in the House today.

MOTION

INCLUSION OF COMPONENT OF TREE PLANTING IN ROAD NETWORK DESIGNS

THAT, aware that Article 42 of the Constitution accords every person the right to a clean and healthy environment and that Article 69 (1)(d) also mandates the State to encourage public participation in the management, protection and conservation of the environment; further aware that, deforestation is one of the main contributors to climate change; noting that Kenya has not been spared by the effects of global warming and climate change as a result of deforestation, amongst other aspects; also aware that the road network in the country currently stands at approximately 177,800 kilometres with a development rate of 600 km per annum; deeply concerned that there has been persistent destruction of trees and vegetation along the road reserves and roadsides during road construction leading to adverse effects on the ecosystem; cognizant that studies have shown that the benefits accumulated from roadside tree planting include better soil formation due to shedding of dead leaves, increased water quality by reducing sediment flow, reduced erosion, road beautification, flood control as the trees slow and absorb water runoff, wind-breaking, providing important pollinator, habitats, improving people's health and protecting crops; now therefore, this House resolves that the Government includes a component of tree planting in all road network designs and also makes it compulsory for road contractors to replace any tree that is harvested during road construction upon the completion of the project.

(Moved by Hon. John Kiarie on 10.11.2022)

(Debate concluded on 16.11.2022)

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, we have a Question to be put on Hon. Kiarie's Motion. Immediately after the Question is put, the Clerk will be directed to ring the Division Bell for 10 minutes, after which we will go into division. The voting will start at approximately 11.15 a.m. You know that you cannot interrupt Division. I was advised that this House took eight to nine hours in the last elections. When we start at 11.15 a.m., my estimation is that we will probably finish our voting by 6.00 p.m. to 6.30 p.m., which will be non-stop. There will be no break. Members who may wish to go and have a snack or lunch can go at regular intervals and come back. There will be no closure until we finish.

(Question put and agreed to)

We will now ring the Division Bell for 10 minutes as the Clerk and presiding officer prepare voting booths. Members, get ready to start your voting. Before that, Hon. Otiende Amollo had a point of order on this issue. I will give him a chance.

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POINTS OF ORDER

CANDIDATES ALLOWED ACCESS TO PRECINCTS OF PARLIAMENT DURING VOTING

Hon. (Dr.) Otiende Amollo (Rarieda, ODM): Thank you, Hon Speaker. I listened to your 26-paragraph Communication on the rules and procedure of voting very keenly, and I welcome them. I note and rise under Standing Order 1, that there are no provisions for allowing candidates any sort of presence. There are equally no provisions that prevent their presence within the precincts of Parliament. I wish to invoke and invite you, using Standing Order 1, to allow candidates, perhaps, during voting, access to the Speaker's Gallery or the Public Gallery, as the case may be. I think it is just in order that the people we are voting for witness the process of voting.

That is my point of order and humble request, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Order, Hon. Members. Hon. Otiende Amollo, that is a very reasonable request. I order that the candidates to be voted for, if they are within the precincts of Parliament, be given access to the Speaker's Gallery so that they can sit up there, watch and see what is happening during the voting process.

Can the Division Bell be now rung? There are other points of order from Hon. Shakeel and Hon. Okello.

ELECTION OF INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES

Hon. Shakeel Shabbir (Kisumu East, Independent): Hon. Speaker, maybe, I did not hear or see your Communication. I do not know whether the ballot allows for independent candidates. I am told that there are one or two independent candidates around. Can I seek your guidance on that?

(Loud consultations)

Hon. Speaker: Order, Hon. Members. Hon. Shakeel is asking a pertinent question. The Report tabled by Hon. Wanjiku Muhia, who was the Co-chair of the process, clearly explained that there was one independent candidate cleared by the presiding officers. On scrutiny and on a report from the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission, he did not have the requisite signatures to make him a valid candidate.

Hon. Okello.

MEASURES TO HASTEN VOTING

Hon. Jared Okello (Nyando, ODM): Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I was just doing some mathematics off my head. If we are a full House of 349 Members, give and take two minutes each to cast their ballots, it will take us 11 hours to be in this House voting, just as you had predicted earlier. I do not know the preparations we have from the Clerk's standpoint. If we have multiple booths, say four or five, and we have people voting concurrently, we are going to really save on a lot of time. We may not have to be done at 6.00 O'clock as you had earlier predicted. We could be done by 2.00 O'clock and engage in other tangible business.

Hon. Speaker: Let us move from known to the unknown and see how far we can go. Remember that our Standing Orders allow us to vote and continue with business until midnight. If we do not finish in good time or if there is a tie between candidates, you will be obliged to repeat. We have time up to midnight.

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Clerk, can we have the Division Bell rung?

(The Division Bell was rung)

Hon. Speaker: Order, Hon. Members. Can you take your seats? Take your seats.

(Several Hon. Members stood in the gangways)

Hon. Ruku take your seat or the nearest seat to you. Hon. Raso and your team, take your seats. Hon. Members, under your Standing Orders, when you are in Division, you are supposed to remain seated on your chair. You are supposed to refrain from unnecessary conversation and maintain studious silence. You are supposed to remain completely orderly. Members who are extremely mobile, like my good friend from Mbeere North, whom I have seen moving all over, should take your seats. If you are a freshman or freshwoman, that is how we conduct ourselves during Division. Ordinarily, the Bar would be drawn, the doors would be closed and only those in here would vote. But because of COVID-19 rules and other exigencies, we have allowed the door to remain open.

The Division List will be followed according to the alphabetical order of constituencies, starting with Ainabkoi and Ainamoi, and we will end with Yatta Constituency. Thereafter, nominated Members will follow. From Ainabkoi to Yatta, and then nominated Members.

(Loud consultations)

Order, Hon. Members. Before we go to the constituency list, the Clerk-at-the-Table will call out all colleagues who are Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) so that they can be given priority to cast their votes. For avoidance of any doubt, the following are the candidates. In the Kenya Kwanza Alliance cluster, we have:

1. Aden Abdikadir Omar;
2. Busidy Salim Mohammed;
3. Charles Fredrick Muteti;
4. Hassan Omar;
5. Iman Falhada Dekow;
6. Iringo Cyprian Kubai;
7. Kering Zipporah Jesang Kurgat;
8. Kuko Jonas Misto Vincent;
9. Lowoiya Rebecca;
10. Mwangi Godfrey Maina;
11. Nyambane Joel Okeng'o;
12. Sankok David ole;
13. Sheikh Yasser Ali;
14. Tomitom Lilian Cheptoo; and,
15. Too Anne Cheron.

From the Azimio la Umoja-One Kenya Alliance cluster, the following are the candidates:

1. Ali Fatuma Gedi;
2. Bosire Timothy Moseti;
3. Diriye Abdullahi Mohammed;
4. Kalonzo Kennedy Musyoka;
5. Kega James Mathenge Kanini;
6. Kioni Jeremiah Ngayu;

7. Mugali Justus Kizito;
8. Mutua Winfred Syonindi;
9. Nakusa Beatrice Askul;
10. Ndeti Hellen Mueni;
11. Odinga Winnie Irmgard; and,
12. Shahbal Suleiman Saidi.

Those are the candidates.

(Applause)

Order, Hon. Babu Owino! You can wait to vote without exhibiting unnecessary excitement.

Hon. Members, the Clerks-at-the-Table are ready. We will now proceed to vote, starting with colleagues with disabilities. Thereafter, we will follow the list as I have indicated.

Thank you.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO EAST AFRICAN LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Order, Hon. Members. In the interest of fairness, the Clerks-at-the-Table should display the ballot boxes to show that they are empty.

(The Clerks-at-the-Table opened and displayed the ballot boxes to Members)

Are Members satisfied that they are empty?

Hon. Members: Yes!

Hon. Speaker: Excellent. Put them down. There is no room for “hot air” here.

(Laughter)

Neither shall there be any opaqueness. Okay. Clerk Ndombi, you may start.

(Voting in progress)

[The Speaker (Hon. Moses Wetang'ula) left the Chair]

[The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gladys Boss) took the Chair]

(Voting in progress)

[The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gladys Boss) left the Chair]

[The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Martha Wangari) took the Chair]

(Voting in progress)

[The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Martha Wangari) left the Chair]

[The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gladys Boss) took the Chair]

(Voting in progress)

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Order, Hon. Members! It has come to my attention that some Members have spoilt their votes. I just want to repeat, in respect of the Kenya Kwanza Coalition cluster which consists of 15 candidates, a Member will be entitled to vote for not more than five candidates. If you vote for more than five candidates from the Kenya Kwanza Coalition, then you have a spoilt vote. In respect to the Azimio la Umoja-One Kenya Coalition Party cluster which consists of 12 candidates, a Member is entitled to vote for four candidates. If you vote for more than four candidates, it is a spoilt ballot. Kindly tell your colleagues who were not here. You can only vote for a maximum of nine persons; a maximum of four from the Azimio la Umoja-One Kenya Coalition, and a maximum of five from the Kenya Kwanza Coalition or else it is a spoilt ballot.

Thank you.

(Voting in progress)

[The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gladys Boss) left the Chair]

[The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Martha Wangari) took the Chair]

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Martha Wangari): Hon. Members, we have finished calling out the division list for voting. Any Member who has not voted should do so in the next few minutes, and then we will close the whole process. I order that the Bell be rung for 10 minutes. Anyone from the restaurant who actually wants to vote should come to the House and vote.

(The Division Bell was rung)

(Voting in progress)

[The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Martha Wangari) left the Chair]

[The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gladys Boss) took the Chair]

(Voting in progress)

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members I wish to announce that, as at now, 319 Members have voted. Two Members' seats are vacant; that is Kandara Constituency and Garissa Constituency. We are still awaiting 29 Members to vote, and they are as follows:

1. Member for Chuka/Igambang'ombe, Hon. Patrick Munene Ntwiga, who is bereaved and, therefore, will not be coming;
2. Member for Emuhaya, Hon. Omboko Milemba Jeremiah, who has informed us that he is on his way. Let us hope that he makes it on time because we are closing in 10 minutes;
3. Member for Hamisi, Hon. Gimose Charles Gumini whom I think is also indisposed;
4. Member for Isiolo North, Hon. Joseph Samal Lomwa;
5. Member for Kabondo Kasipul, Hon. Eve Obara Akinyi;
6. Member for Kaloleni, Hon. Paul Katana Kahindi;

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7. Member for Karachuonyo, Hon. Adipo Okuome Andrew;
8. Member for Kilifi North, Hon. Owen Baya Yaa, the Deputy Majority Leader who is bereaved and, therefore, will not be able to join us;
9. Member for Kitui Central, Hon. (Dr.) Makali Mulu Benson;
10. Member for Luanda, Hon. Dick Oyugi Maungu;
11. Member for Makadara, Hon. George Aladwa Omwera;
12. Member for Makueni, Hon. Rose Mumo Museo;
13. Member for Matungu, Hon. Peter Nabulindo Oscar;
14. Member for Mumias East, Hon. Peter Salasya, Kalerwa;
15. Member for Mwea, Hon. Mary Maingi;
16. Member for Nairobi County, Hon. Esther Passaris Muthoni;
17. Member for Ndaragua, Hon. George Gachagua N;
18. Member for Nyamira County, Hon. Jerusha Momanyi Mong'ina;
19. Member for Rabai, Hon. Kenga Mupe Anthony;
20. Member for Sirisia, Hon. John Koyi Waluke;
21. Member for Suba North, Hon. Millie Odhiambo-Mabona Grace Akoth;
22. Member for Teso North, Hon. Oku Kaunya Edward;
23. Member for Tharaka-Nithi, Hon. Susan Ngugi Nduyo;
24. Member for Vihiga, Hon. Ernest Kivai Ogesi Kagesi;
25. Member for Webuye East, Hon. Wanyonyi Martin Pepela, who is not in the country;
26. Member for West Pokot County, Hon. Rael Kasiwai Chepkemoi;
27. Member for Westlands, Hon. Tim Wanyonyi Wetang'ula;
28. Nominated Member, Hon. Joseph Hamisi Denar; and
29. Nominated Member, Hon. (Dr.) Jackson Kosgei.

That makes 29 Members. I do not know if the 10 minutes are up. We will give them 10 minutes after the announcement, and then we will close the voting.

Thank you.

(Voting in progress)

Hon. Members, I now wish to announce the closing of the voting phase. The voting has now ended. I direct the Presiding Officer, the Clerk of the National Assembly, Mr. Njoroge, to prepare the Chamber for the counting of votes. I also wish to announce that the voting agents are as follows:

Kenya Kwanza Coalition:

1. Hon. Naomi Waqo, Member for Marsabit County.
2. Hon. (Dr.) Robert Pukose, Member for Endebess.

Azimio la Umoja-One Kenya Coalition:

1. Hon. Jared Okello, Member for Nyando.
2. Hon. Bisau Kakai, Member for Kiminini.

Thank you.

(Loud consultations)

Clerk-at-the-Table, please open the ballot boxes. We will do it the way we did for the election of the Speaker.

(The first ballot box was opened)

The leading Clerk-at-the-Table will remove the ballot papers, one after the other, read out for each candidate, and then put the ballot paper in the extra empty box. The counting officers will be marking and doing the tallying as usual.

Proceed, Arap Kirui. May the counting start.

(Vote counting commenced)

[The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gladys Boss) left the Chair]

[The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Martha Wangari) took the Chair]

(Vote counting in progress)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Martha Wangari): Order, Members. Let us maintain silence during the counting.

(Vote counting in progress)

Order, Members. Please retain your seats during the counting of the votes. Order, Members. We need to hear the votes. Order, Members!

(Vote counting in progress)

Order, Members. If you voted for more than five for Kenya Kwanza Alliance, or more than four for Azimio la Umoja-One Kenya Alliance, that will be counted as a spoilt vote.

(Vote counting in progress)

Hon. Members if you are not an agent, please resume your seat. The tallying clerks would like to hear clearly. So, keep the consultations to the minimum.

(Vote counting in progress)

The Serjeant-at-Arms, open the second ballot box. Members on my right side, please lower your consultations.

(Vote counting in progress)

(Hon. Junet Mohamed shouted across the aisle)

Hon. Junet, you are totally out of order. You cannot shout across the aisle. Let us maintain order.

(Vote counting in progress)

Hon. Members, I recognise the presence of Hon. Rebecca Miano, MBS; the Cabinet Secretary for the Ministry of East African Community, Arid and Semi-Arid Lands (ASALs) and Regional Development, who is seated at the Speaker's Row. She is accompanied by Mr. George Arogo, the Director of Political Affairs.

Hon. Members, you will notice that I have addressed her as “Honourable” because under the Treaty, she is a Member of the East African Legislative Assembly (EALA).

(Applause)

Hon. Members, on my own behalf and that of the House, I wish to welcome them to the National Assembly. I also wish to welcome Hon. Gideon Gatpan Thoar, MP; and Hon. Luke Thompson, MP – both of whom represent the Republic of South Sudan in the EALA. I also wish to acknowledge the candidates seeking to be elected by this House to represent Kenya in the EALA. They are seated in the Speaker’s Gallery. Please, welcome them to observe the process.

(Applause)

(Vote counting in progress)

[The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Martha Wangari) left the Chair]

[The Temporary Speaker (Hon. (Dr) Rachael Nyamai) took the Chair]

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. (Dr) Rachael Nyamai): Hon. Members, we have students from the following schools: Parps Education Centre from Kamukunji Constituency, Nairobi County and Mocris Junior School from Kasarani Constituency, Nairobi County. On my behalf and on behalf of the National Assembly, I would like to welcome them to observe the proceedings of the House.

Thank you.

(Vote counting in progress)

Order, Hon. Members. I hereby instruct the Serjeant-at-Arms to open the next ballot box. You may proceed to open the ballot box. Counting can now begin.

(The Serjeant-at-Arms opened the ballot box)

(Vote counting in progress)

Hon. Members, there is a point of order from Hon. Junet Mohamed. Hon. Junet, what is out of order?

Hon. Junet Mohamed (Suna East, ODM): Hon. Temporary Speaker, I did not want to interrupt the vote counting exercise as it is going on very well. I have just heard someone here saying, “Kenya Kwanza 5; Azimio, 0. What kind of vote is that? Can we know from which area? This is because it is really surprising that somebody can go to the voting booth and vote for Kenya Kwanza, and not vote for Azimio. Does it mean that nobody voted for Azimio? Can that be counted as a spoilt vote? That must be a spoilt vote. There is no way Azimio can get zero. That must be a spoilt vote and we know the people who did that. We know you! Shame on you! May God curse you in this world and in the next world. *Bure kabisa!*”

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. (Dr) Rachael Nyamai): Order, Hon. Junet! You are out of order. The Clerk is reading the paper as it is. That means on the side of Azimio, the Hon. Member did not indicate a vote.

I would like to request that we proceed with the counting.

(Vote counting in progress)

Hon. Members, consult in low tones so that we are able to hear the person who is reading out our ballot papers.

(Vote counting in progress.)

Hon. Members, let us be orderly so that we finalize the exercise. Order Hon. Rozaah Buyu!

(Hon. Rozaah Buyu spoke off record)

Order, Hon. Rozaah Buyu and Hon. Haika! May we proceed with the counting.

An Hon. Member: On a point of order.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. (Dr) Rachael Nyamai): Hon. Members, there will be no more points of order. There is nothing that is out of order. We will proceed with the counting.

(Vote counting in progress)

Thank you very much for your patience, Hon. Members. I now direct the Serjeant-at-Arms to proceed and open the final ballot box.

(The Serjeant-at-Arms opened the ballot box)

Thank you very much. Proceed to count.

[The Temporary Speaker (Hon. (Dr.) Rachael Nyamai) left the Chair]

[The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Omboko Milemba) took the Chair]

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Omboko Milemba): Order, Members! Once the counting clerks and agents are ready, they can tell us so that we begin. Are you ready? Not yet! Thank you. Proceed with the counting of the last ballot box.

(Vote counting in progress)

(Loud consultations)

Order! The “private polling station” on my right, consult in low voices. Order, Members! You may take your seats. Hon. Members, please, take your seats because we are moving to the next level. Member for Mvita please take your seat.

Hon. Members, I thank you for your patience. We have come to the end of counting the ballots. I now instruct the clerks to proceed with the tallying. This is how we shall do it. Only the clerks and the official agents shall be in the area where the process is going on.

Hon. Members, please maintain order.

(Vote counting in progress)

[The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Omboko Milemba) left the Chair]

[The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gladys Boss) took the Chair]

(Vote counting in progress)

(The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gladys Boss) left the Chair)

(The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Martha Wangari) took the Chair)

(Vote counting in progress)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Martha Wangari): Those Members who are not agents should move away from the tallying centre. Only agents should be there.

(Vote counting in progress)

(Hon. Members gestured at the candidates in the Speaker's Gallery)

[The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Martha Wangari) left the Chair]

[The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gladys Boss) took the Chair]

Hon. Deputy Speaker: I have noticed some Members are gesturing at the candidates in the Speaker's Gallery. Kindly, desist from that because it is out of order. Hon. Nyikal, as a very senior Member, you know that they have to go through certain steps first.

(Vote counting in progress)

Hon. Members, I wish to bring to your attention the provisions of the East African Legislative Assembly Elections (Election of Members of the Assembly) Rules 2017; particularly Rule 19, which reads:

“When the votes have been counted and the results of the elections have been ascertained, each presiding officer shall record the results of the tally and report to the respective House the results of the election together with the number of votes recorded for each candidate under each cluster at the end of the election exercise”.

I hereby instruct the Clerk of the National Assembly to read the results of the vote from the National Assembly.

The Clerk of the National Assembly (Mr. Samuel Njoroge): Hon. Speaker, following your instruction, I hereby report to the House, as the presiding officer for purposes of this election, as follows –

With respect to the vote that has taken place in the National Assembly, the total ballots cast were 320; the total number of spoilt votes were 14, and the valid votes were 306. I, therefore, proceed to report to the House the votes that each candidate got in the National Assembly.

From the Kenya Kwanza Coalition the results are as follows:

NAME	VOTES
Aden Abdikadir Omar	65

Busidy Salim Ahmed	16
Charles Fredrick Muteti	150
Hassan Omar	207
Iman Falhada Dekow	131
Iringo Cyprian Kubai	176
Kering Zipporah Jesang Kurgat	186
Kuko Jonas Misto Vincent	4
Lowoiya Rebecca	17
Mwangi Godfrey Maina	184
Nyambane Joel Okeng'o	19
Sankok David ole	188
Sheikh Yasser Ali	15
Tomitom Lilian Jeptoo	21
Too Ann Cherono	16

From the Azimio la Umoja-One Kenya Coalition, the results of the votes are as follows:

NAME	VOTES
Ali Fatuma Gedi	138
Bosire Timothy Moseti	62
Diriye Abdulahi Mohammed	52
Kalonzo Kennedy Musyoka	217
Kega James Mathenge Kanini	168
Kioni Jeremiah Ngayu	19
Mugali Justus Kizito	80
Mutua Winfred Syonindi	1
Nakusa Beatrice Askul	11
Ndeti Hellen Mueni	2
Odinga Irmgard Winnie	212
Shahbal Suleiman Saidi	143

Hon. Deputy Speaker, may I now request that you read to the assembled House the results of the votes with respect to the Message that came from the Senate.

MESSAGE

ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF EAST AFRICAN LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 41(1), I wish to convey a Message from the Senate regarding the results of the election of the Members of the East African Legislative Assembly (EALA). The Message conveys that on Thursday, 17th November 2022, the Senate conducted the elections of the members to the EALA, pursuant to the provisions of Rule 19 of the East African Legislative Assembly Elections (Election of Members of the Assembly) Rules 2017. The results of the elections are as follows:

Total ballots cast	58
Spoilt ballots	2
Valid ballots	56

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Further, the results of the vote for each of the candidates are as follows:

NAME	VOTES
Aden Abdikadir Omar	13
Busaidy Salim Mohammed	0
Charles Fredrick Muteti	39
Hassan Hassan Omar	46
Iman Falhada Dekow	43
Iringo Cyprian Kubai	12
Kering Zipporah Chesang Kurgat	37
Kuko Jonas Msito Vincent	0
Lowoiya Rebecca	3
Mwangi Godfrey Maina	29
Nyambane Joel Okeng'o	2
David ole Sankok	35
Sheikh Yasser Ali	2
Tomitom Lilian Cheptoo	2
Too Anne Cheronno	1
Ali Fatuma Gedi	31
Bosire Timothy Moseti	17
Diriye Abdullahi Mohamed	4
Kalonzo Kennedy Musyoka	45
Kega James Mathenge Kanini	29

NAME	VOTES
Kioni Jeremiah Ngayu	1
Mugali Justus Kizito	9
Mutua Winfred Syonindi	0
Nakusa Beatrice Askul	1
Ndeti Hellen Mueni	0
Odinga Irmgard Winnie	35
Shahbal Suleiman Said	38

(Applause)

Hon. Members, I now ask the presiding officer, who is the Clerk of the National Assembly, to consolidate these results with those of the National Assembly. I, further, order the Chief Serjeant-at-Arms to deliver to the Senate the Message containing the results of the elections in the National Assembly.

Thank you, Hon. Members.

The Clerk of the National Assembly (Mr. Samuel Njoroge): Hon. Deputy Speaker, following your instructions, and in keeping with the requirements of Paragraph 19 of the East African Legislative Assembly Elections (Election of Members of the Assembly) Rules 2017, I have consolidated the results obtained from the votes cast in both Houses. Paragraph 9 of the East African Legislative Assembly Elections (Election of Members of the Assembly) Rules 2017 states:

“The returning officer in the National Assembly – in this case, the Speaker of the National Assembly – shall declare to be duly elected as Members of the East African Legislative Assembly nine persons who receive the highest number of votes.”

In keeping with this paragraph, may I request that you read out to the House the consolidated results of all the candidates and then you proceed to read out the names of the nine persons duly elected to represent the Republic of Kenya in the EALA.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, I now proceed to declare the consolidated results of all the candidates. I will start with Kenya Kwanza Alliance Coalition.

The Kenya Kwanza Alliance Coalition:

1. Aden Abdikadir Omar	-	78
2. Busaidy Salim Mohammed	-	16
3. Charles Fredrick Muteti	-	189
4. Hassan Hassan Omar	-	253
5. Iman Falhada Dekow	-	174
6. Iringo Cyprian Kubai	-	188
7. Kering Zipporah Chesang Kurgat	-	223;
8. Kuko Jonas Misto Vincent	-	4
9. Lowoiya Rebecca	-	20
10. Mwangi Geoffrey Maina	-	213
11. Nyambane Joel Okeng'o	-	21
12. David ole Sankok	-	223
13. Sheikh Yasser Ali	-	17
14. Tomitom Lilian Cheptoo	-	23
15. Too Anne Cherono	-	17

The Azimio la Umoja-One Kenya Alliance Coalition:

1. Ali Fatuma Gedi	-	169
2. Bosire Timothy Moseti	-	79
3. Diriye Abdullahi Mohamed	-	56
4. Kalonzo Kennedy Musyoka	-	262
5. Kega James Mathenge Kanini	-	197
6. Kioni Jeremiah Ngayu	-	20
7. Mugali Justus Kizito	-	89
8. Mutua Winfred Syonindi	-	1
9. Nakusa Beatrice Askul	-	12
10. Ndeti Hellen Mueni	-	2
11. Odinga Irmgard Winnie	-	247
12. Shahbal Suleiman Said	-	181

Thank you, Hon. Members.

(Loud consultations)

Leader of the Majority Party, you are out of order. You cannot converse across with Hon. Junet and the Whip of the Minority Party.

Hon. Members, now that I have your attention, I wish to read out the names of the persons who will represent the Republic of Kenya in the EALA as follows:

Kenya Kwanza Coalition:

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1. Hassan Hassan Omar;
2. Kering Zipporah Chesang Kurgat;
3. David ole Sankok;
4. Mwangi Godfrey Maina; and
5. Iman Falhada Dekow;

(Applause)

The Members have been elected taking into account gender regulations.

Azimio la Umoja-One Kenya Alliance Coalition:

1. Kalonzo Kennedy Musyoka;
2. Odinga Irmgard Winnie;
3. Kega James Mathenge Kanini; and
4. Shahbal Suleiman Said.

(Applause)

Hon. Members, we are not done yet. I now wish to call upon the successful candidates to proceed to the Speaker's Row, which is the front row of the Speaker's Gallery.

(Loud consultations)

Hon. Members, let us wait for the successful candidates to proceed to the Speaker's Row and then you will have opportunity to congratulate them before we adjourn the House.

*(The EALA Members-elect (Kenya Chapter)
were ushered into the Speaker's Row)*

Hon. Members, you may now begin to congratulate them. I will start with the Leader of Majority Party.

Hon. Kimani Ichung'wah (Kikuyu, UDA): I am sorry, Hon. Deputy Speaker. I was just looking up at the Speaker's Row because I could not trace one of the successful candidates.

Allow me to take this opportunity to, first, thank all the Members of the 13th National Assembly for the peaceful conduct of this election. In a special way, I also congratulate all the 15 nominees from the Kenya Kwanza Coalition and the 12 nominees from the Azimio la Umoja-One Kenya Alliance Coalition, who presented themselves for election to the EALA. I also wish to congratulate the nine successful candidates. I particularly take note of the election of Hon. Kennedy Kalonzo Musyoka, who served in the previous EALA. This is in line with a request that had been made to this Assembly in order for our country to safeguard the institutional memory of the EALA Assembly. His election, indeed, serves the purpose of ensuring that we have institutional memory as a country in our representation in EALA.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, just like with any other election, which come with a lot of divisions, even this one was not any different. Members have exchanged ideas and views on who to support and who not to support across the political divide. Now that we have representatives at the EALA, I ask Members of the Parliament of Kenya to put this election behind us, and more so the divisions that may have emanated from this process. The people that we have elected, be they from Azimio la Umoja-One Kenya Alliance or Kenya Kwanza Coalition now carry the Kenyan Flag to the EALA. They will not go to Arusha to represent

any of the political parties that sponsored them during this election. They will go there to represent Kenya.

As I congratulate the EALA Members-elect (Kenya Chapter), I plead with them to carry the honour and dignity of our country to Arusha and represent us well. They should speak for, and on behalf of, Kenyans and help resuscitate our economy by opening up the borders of not just the East African Region but also the entire African Continent with the objective of establishing an African Free Trade Area.

Let me once again congratulate all the Members across the political divide who participated in this election for conducting themselves in a very orderly manner. I thank the Office of the Clerk. Maybe, this is what comes with youth. Our new Clerk is relatively young but he has ensured that this process flowed very smoothly. It was very well organised. We were able to conduct the election quickly, unlike the last time when we were here to almost past midnight.

I, once again, congratulate the Members-elect to EALA and wish them all the best as they represent Kenya in Arusha.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Leader of the Majority Party. Hon. Members, I hereby instruct the Chief Serjeant-at-Arms to collect these documents and deliver them to the Senate.

(The Chief Serjeant-at-Arms approached the Chair and collected the documents)

I now call upon the Deputy Leader of the Minority Party, Hon. Robert Mbui to congratulate the Members-elect.

Hon. Robert Mbui (Kathiani, WDM): Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker, for giving me this opportunity. I also join the Leader of the Majority Party in congratulating all the candidates who have managed to win the election. I thank the 27 candidates who chose to vie for these positions. I will single out my party candidate, Hon. Kennedy Musyoka, for receiving the highest number of votes from both sides of the political divide for the second time. That means he probably understands how to interact with people. I am very happy because he has individually demonstrated that it is not even about your parent. It is about an individual. That is why I am very happy about his performance.

I want to mention one thing that I observed during this election that we may need to address going forward. When a number of Members were given opportunity to cast nine votes, they only chose to cast three or four votes. I also noted a tendency where some only voted for people from a specific region. My opinion is that in future, if you get nine ballots, cast all of them or your vote becomes a spoilt vote. It is very unfortunate because that is a way of undercutting other Members. It is important to note that if you vote for more than nine people, it becomes a spoilt vote. If you vote for less than nine people, it is also a spoilt vote. People should behave themselves and ensure that we vote for everybody.

Thank you for the opportunity, Hon. Deputy Speaker.

(Loud consultations)

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, you will have opportunity to debate the EALA Election (Election of Members of the Assembly) Rules and amend them. Moving forward, we shall reduce the amount of time for Members to contribute to two minutes so that as many Members as possible can participate.

I now call upon the Member for Dadaab, Hon. Farah Maalim.

Hon. Farah Maalim (Dadaab, WDM): Thank you very much, Hon. Deputy Speaker. I join the previous Members who had contributed to this Motion in congratulating the National Assembly and the Senate for conducting successful elections. I also congratulate the eminent personalities, seated on the Speaker's Row, who have won the election.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, I have interacted with a good number of these Members out there. I am convinced they will carry the flag of this country high and deliver. Right now, there is a challenge because other than one Member, the rest are fresh men and women. They have a task to hit the ground running. The EALA is supposed to build our advantage as a country and major power house in this region. So, we can develop in a big way.

In democracy everybody has a right to vote for as many people as he or she wants. It is your right to choose to vote for one person or all the nine. We should not constrict that space. There are many ways and methods of voting. I am very happy with the method used today.

As for now, these Members should understand they do not represent their political parties or regions but represent this country. They are very well distributed - they are from west, south, north, centre, east and coast regions. This is a balanced composition in terms of gender, regional representation, faith and every sense of our unity and diversity. So, they represent our diversity and we expect to assert ourselves in this region. As the National Assembly we must support EALA. It should not become some kind of...

Hon. Deputy Speaker: The Member for Nandi County, Hon. Cynthia Muge.

Hon. Cynthia Muge (Nandi County, UDA): Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker, for giving me this opportunity to sincerely congratulate all the representatives from Kenya to EALA. I congratulate them for the opportunity they have been accorded by the great people of Kenya through Members of the National Assembly and the Senate to represent us in EALA.

We wish them the very best as they execute their mandate to represent the interests of this country right from trade and anything else we deserve. I sincerely appreciate every Member who specifically voted for Zipporah Kering. On behalf of the people of Nandi, I say thank you for giving her an opportunity. She is very eloquent, up to the task and will do her job of representing the people of Kenya in EALA.

I also want to thank and congratulate Hon. Godfrey Maina famously known as Karobia for getting the opportunity to represent the youth of this country. I wish him the very best. Also, the institutional memory of EALA by the name Kennedy Kalonzo. He has the responsibility of ensuring the team going to EALA on behalf of Kenya is able to carry the face and aspirations of Kenyans. Congratulations and all the best.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: The Member for Suna East, Hon. Junet Mohammed.

Hon. Junet Mohamed (Suna East, ODM): Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker. I also want to join my colleagues in congratulating the Members who have been elected to EALA. I am sure these men and women have the capability and knowledge required to represent this country in that Parliament.

I also want to specifically congratulate the people elected on behalf of my party. I am sure Hon. Winnie Odinga and Hon. Suleiman Shahbal will immensely help this country to develop economically in the East African Region. I also want to congratulate other Members who have been elected from the other side of the coalition, Hon. Hassan Omar and Hon. Falhada. Also, those from my party Hon. Kalonzo and Hon. Kanini Kega. I want to mention them by name because they are my friends.

The hero of this election today is Godfrey Maina Karobia. This young man was rejected by his coalition that he did not deserve to go to that Parliament. I found him last evening on the corridors of this House...

Hon. Kimani Ichung'wah (Kikuyu, UDA): On a point of order, Hon. Deputy Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Junet there is a point of order.

Hon. Junet Mohamed (Suna East, ODM): Hon. Deputy Speaker, this young man who is 28 years old was terribly rejected.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Leader of the Majority Party, what is your point of order?

Hon. Junet Mohamed (Suna East, ODM): Last evening, he acted terribly when I found him in the corridors of this House.

(Hon. Kimani Ichung'wah rose on a point of order)

Hon. Deputy Speaker: What is your point of order, Leader of the Majority Party?

(Loud consultations)

Hon. Kimani Ichung'wah (Kikuyu, UDA): Hon. Junet, I am on a point of order. Hon. Deputy Speaker, this political posturing is typical and characteristic of Hon. Junet. It is completely out of order for him to purport that the Member Elect, Hon. Godfrey Mwangi Maina, was rejected by any coalition. The election, and in line with EALA rules, was to be held in this House. It is preposterous and tantamount to say... I would have said very unsavoury things about dynasties and the election of family Members to EALA, but I have restrained myself because as a leader, we are electing Members of the EALA to go and represent Kenya. Hon. Godfrey Maina Karobia is therefore duly elected by Members across the political divide: from Kenya Kwanza Alliance and Azimio la Umoja-One Kenya Alliance because he warrants, and he worked for us in the Kenya Kwanza Coalition.

I want to refrain myself from speaking about dynasties and children of the big men.

(Loud consultations)

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Junet, your time was over. Order, Members. The lights had flashed already.

(Hon. Junet Mohamed spoke off-record)

Order! Order, Members. Hon. Members, we are supposed to be congratulating the successful candidates and not having an altercation between Members. Hon. Junet, I have ruled. I am not debating from the Chair, Hon. Junet. I shall proceed. Order! Order, Hon. Junet. Had you asked politely and with decorum that you wanted an extra minute, I would have given it to you. The fact that you continued shouting, I will not. You have already spoken, and I will not give it to you.

Serjeant-at-Arms.

(Several Hon. Members walked out)

Hon. (Dr.) Robert Pukose, Member for Endebess.

Hon. (Dr.) Robert Pukose (Endebess, UDA): Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker, for giving me this opportunity to congratulate the newly elected Members of the EALA.

I was an agent of the Kenya Kwanza side together with the Deputy Whip. I want to congratulate the Clerks together with our Serjeant-at-Arms. They did a tremendous job; they were very professional.

Hon. Members, everybody might have been supporting someone but at the end of the day, all of us must come together. The team that we have elected is the one that will represent Kenya in EALA.

I come from a border constituency called Endebess bordering Kenya and Uganda and the most important thing is free movement of goods and services across the borders. I hope that they will be able to look into that, and assist our people to engage in businesses and other activities like farming. My constituents take their cows to graze on the other side of Uganda during the dry seasons. Kindly, allow them to move across freely.

With those few remarks, thank you. I want to wish them all the best.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Member for Gilgil, Hon. Martha Wangari.

Hon. Martha Wangari (Gilgil, UDA): Asante sana Naibu wa Spika. Ningependa kuchukua nafasi hii kuwapa kongole wale Wabunge ambao wamepata nafasi kutuwakilisha kwenye Jumuiya ya Afrika Mashariki. Vile wenzangu wamesema, wakienda huko hawaendi kama Azimio au Kenya Kwanza, wanaenda kuwakilisha nchi. Tumeweza kuonyesha kwamba huu uchaguzi haujakuwa rahisi. Tumeangalia mambo kadha wa kadha. Hao Wabunge wamechanganyika. Kuna wale ambao wamekuwa Wabunge kama Mhe. Sankok, Mhe. Falhada, Mhe. Kanini Kega na Mhe. Kering ambao walikuwa katika Bunge la 12. Nilikuwa na Mhe. Sarai Seneti ya kwanza ya 11. Nikiangalia, Mhe. Kalonzo, ana uzoefu kwa sababu amekuwa katika Bunge hilo la EALA kwa muhula mmoja. Lakini la muhimu zaidi ni kwamba kuna mchanganyiko wa umri. Tuna kijana barubaru, Mhe. Karobia, na ambaye hayuko hapa, hakudhani kwamba atapenya. Lakini Mungu naye anapanga mambo yake. Ameweza kuingia na watatuwakilisha na kuonyesha sura nzuri ya Kenya. Kwa hivyo, wakienda kule wakumbuke kwamba wanaweka nchi ya Kenya kwanza. Biashara na utalii inawiri hapa nchini na mambo ya nchi hizi saba yaende vizuri.

Kongole zangu. Asante.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Sabina Chege, Nominated Member.

Hon. Sabina Chege (Nominated, JP): Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I would like to congratulate all the people who have won today. Those who lost should not give up. Many of us have attempted many times. I congratulate the political parties for nominating those candidates. Specifically, I congratulate the young man, Maina Mwangi Karobia, who has fought his way. He was not a former Member of Parliament. I hope he will go and represent the youth well together with Winnie Odinga at the EALA. I will not forget to thank both sides of the divide from Kenya Kwanza and Azimio because we have shown unity in voting for our Members to go to the EALA. I congratulate the former Members. I know some of them lost but still put up a good fight. I want to mention Hon. Kanini Kega and all the other members and especially Hon. Kering who is a woman. She fought a fierce battle though she did not make it to the last Parliament, but she will now represent us at EALA. Congratulations to all. Go fly the Kenyan flag high. I hope next time these Members will be given equal opportunities to come and ask for votes in this House.

Thank you and congratulations to all the winners.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Irene Mayaka, Nominated Member to represent the youth.

Hon. Irene Mayaka (Nominated, ODM): Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I also take this opportunity to congratulate the EALA elected Members, in particular the youthful nominees Kennedy Musyoka, Winnie Odinga and the golden boy, Maina Mwangi Karobia. I congratulate them and tell them to represent the young people of this nation at the EALA. I also congratulate Kanini Kega and Suleiman Shahbal from the Azimio side. From the Kenya Kwanza side, I congratulate Hassan Omar, David Sankok and Kering and wish them the very best. To the other nominees who did not make it, you are also winners. We saw your determination when you were campaigning. I hope this is not the end of your journey. Congratulations once again. Represent our country well and we wish you the very best. Thank you.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Member for Baringo County, another youthful person who served at the EALA, Hon. Jematiah Sergon.

Hon. Jematiah Sergon (Baringo, County, UDA): Thank you so much, Hon. Speaker. Let me take this opportunity to congratulate my colleagues starting with Hon. Kalonzo, Hon. Karobia, Hon. Shahbal and everyone else. I want to tell them that this is the only opportunity that God has given you to represent Kenya in the region. East Africa is one of the fastest growing blocs within the continent and the only thing you need to do is run away with it. Take Kenya and the region's interests to heart and make sure that anything that happens on the Floor will always be considered as an interest of the people of East Africa.

I enjoyed my time when I was a Member of the East African Legislative Assembly. It is one of the opportunities especially for young leaders who are now joining to take time and learn how to make laws as well as build their career in politics. Being in EALA gave me the platform I currently have here today. It is only at EALA that you can learn and get such exposure.

I thank you Hon. Deputy Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Next is the Member for Marsabit County, Hon. Naomi Waqo.

Hon. Naomi Waqo (Marsabit County, UDA): Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker, for this opportunity to congratulate the Members who will be representing us in EALA. I would like to congratulate *Waheshimiwa* Hassan Omar, Sankok, Kering, Falhada, Mwangi Maina, Kalonzo, Winnie, Kanini Kega and Shahbal. We are proud of you and we know that you have worked very hard to be where you are. As you go, team up and represent the country in the best possible way. I encourage each one of you that as you go, be active in whatever happens around there so that you become one of the great leaders and make a mark. Ensure that people remember you for good things and the legislations that you have passed. We are proud of you, we know a majority of you have good leadership skills and capabilities. Go there and represent us as you put aside our party differences and represent Kenya in the best possible way. Congratulations and we wish you all the best.

I thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: We will now have the Member for Emgwen, Hon. Josses Lelmengit.

Hon. Josses Lelmengit (Emgwen, UDA): Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker, for this opportunity. I take this time to congratulate the nine Members who have been elected to the East African Legislative Assembly. I urge them that their win is a win for this country. We might have had different ideas but there should not be any indifference in this House. We trust their representation and that is why we elected them. I want to single out the great woman in this House; Hon. Zipporah Kering who was loyal to the party and as we all know, loyalty pays. I also congratulate our fellow youth especially Karobia for the win. We feel like the youth are being represented. Once you are there, please come up with legislations so that we can have a slot for the youth in future to guarantee their space in EALA.

I thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: The Member for Embakasi South.

Hon. Julius Mawathe (Embakasi South WDM): Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker, for this opportunity. I want to take my time to congratulate the Members who have been elected to represent Kenya in EALA. I would like to start off with Hon. Kennedy Kalonzo for having garnered the highest votes for the second time in a row. I wish to congratulate Hon. Hassan Omar, Winnie Odinga, Mwangi Karobia, Hon. Sankok, Hon. Kering, Hon. Kanini Kega Goalkeeper No. 1, Hon. Shahbal and Hon. Falhada. When you go out there, we know that you will go and represent the country well because now you will not be representing any side of the aisle but the country. While campaigning, you made some wonderful promises and observations. You have indicated that you will also get us to one currency and try to improve business among the countries.

Thank you and kudos!

Hon. Deputy Speaker: The Member for Mandera North.

Hon. Abdullahi Sheikh (Mandera North, UDM): Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker. I wish to congratulate all the nine Members who have just been elected to represent us as Members of the East African Legislative Assembly. I know you all came from different parties and coalitions but at the end of day as you represent Kenya, you are one team. As you go and settle down to your new roles, please represent Kenya very well. I know that you all have capacities and capabilities. You were 27 Members fighting for these positions but you emerged victorious and winners. You belong to one entity called Kenya. I am sure that you are equal to the task. What happened today was a democratic process that determined who won and who lost but at the end of the day, all of you are winners because we have sent some to EALA and others will also have opportunities to serve Kenya in other capacities.

This was an apex of democracy and I congratulate the team especially the Clerk of the National Assembly and his staff for managing it very well. I remember last time in the last Parliament, we were here until past midnight but I think that shows that we are actually maturing and things are gearing up well. As you take up your role in the new Assembly in EALA, I wish you all the best and God bless you.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Member for Naivasha, Hon. Jayne Kihara.

Hon. Jayne Kihara (Naivasha, UDA): Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker. Just like everybody else, I would like to congratulate the team of Members of EALA for their win. We are happy for them. I happened to be one of the people who escorted the last team to Arusha and there happened to be a stand-off in the election of the speaker and by the time they were settling down to vote, a Member from this country was already on his way to the border coming back to Kenya. Hon. Members, you represent Kenya. Please, go stick there and talk out our issues. Just like it has been said, we are Kenyans and you represent us all. Take care of our issues. Please be present because that election was very vicious and even now, I know there are issues of electing the Speaker because they alternate and some countries sometimes do not want to follow the rule. Please, represent us well and we are happy for you. God bless you.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: The Hon. Member for Kiminini, Hon. Kakai Bisau.

Hon. Bisau Kakai (Kiminini, DAP-K): Thank you, Hon Deputy Speaker. Having been the agent for the Azimio side, I would like to congratulate the Speaker and his team, and the Clerk for a very well-organised election. I wish to congratulate all the nine winners of this election. They need to give priority to the issue of the skewed business by-laws that have been put in place. As a country, we are the biggest loser in terms of the existing business laws. So, they look at it as a priority.

On social challenges, most of the persons living with disabilities that we see on our streets are actually from Tanzania. Those are some of the things that will be looked at. Lastly, coming from a border county of Trans Nzoia, we would like to see the issues of common borders like Malaba being addressed.

Congratulations to all of you and I wish you all the best. Be good ambassadors of our country. Thank you.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: The Member for Kiharu, Ndindi Nyoro.

Hon. Ndindi Nyoro (Kiharu, UDA): Thank you very much, Hon. Deputy Speaker, for this opportunity. First, I want to thank Members of this House for the long day. I also thank the Clerks of the National Assembly for the great organisation. I take this opportunity to congratulate all the nine Members of the East African Legislative Assembly. When you look at the composition, it is very well balanced in terms of region, age, gender and PWDs. It is well balanced and it reflects the face of Kenya.

I want to congratulate in a special way the young man called Karobia. The grandfather of the young man is called Ndindi Karobia and he comes from my village. I therefore, congratulate my villagemate for making it to be a Member of Parliament for EALA. There is a

great task of integration in the region ahead of them even as we look forward to the Africa Continental Free Trade Area. The basis of that integration is the East African Community (EAC). I request that as they look at the strategic interest of Kenya, they should know that Kenya is the lion of the region and taking the interest of the region at heart in so far as trade and all other interests are concerned is taking the interests of Kenya forward because Kenya is in the lead role in the region. When we place the regional interest first...

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Member for Magarini, Hon. Harrison Kombe.

Hon. Harrison Kombe (Magarini, ODM): Ahsante Mhe. Naibu wa Spika. Nami ningependa kuchukua nafasi hii pia kuwapongeza ndugu na dada ambao wamepata fursa ya kuchaguliwa kuweza kutuwakilisha katika Bunge la Afrika Mashariki.

Kunayo mengi tunayoyahitaji katika hilo Bunge la Afrika Mashariki ili tuweze kuwa na umoja wa Afrika Mashariki. Ni matumaini yetu kuwa wale tuliowachagua watakuwa mabalozi wema katika Bunge hilo. Vilevile, ningependa kuchukua nafasi hii kuwapongeza Wabunge wote ambao wameshiriki katika uchaguzi wa leo. Hakika hatukuangalia upande wa Azimio la Umoja-One Kenya ama upande wa Kenya Kwanza. Sote tumeshirikiana kuchagua viongozi ambao watatuwakilisha vyema katika Bunge la Afrika Mashariki. Nisisahau kupongeza Ndugu Shahbal na Binti Odinga kwa zile juhudi zote ambazo wamekuwa wakifanya haswa huko nyuma na wamepata hiyo nafasi kama zawadi kutoka mrengo huo. Vilevile, ningependa kupongeza Wakenya wote na hasa kijana yule ambaye amechaguliwa. Ni kijana mdogo na atatumia ujasiri wake katika Bunge hilo la Afrika Mashariki kuweza kutuunganisha sote.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Member for Taita Taveta, Hon. Haika Mizighi.

Hon. Haika Mizighi (Taita Taveta County, UDA): Ahsante sana Bi Naibu wa Spika kwa kunipa fursa hii nami niweze kuweka sauti yangu.

Nawapongeza wote walioingia kwa mchakato huu mzima wa kuomba fursa ya kwenda kutuwakilisha katika Bunge la Afrika Mashariki. Nawapongeza zaidi walioshinda leo. Kutoka Pwani, ninampongeza sana Mhe. Hassan Omar na Mhe. Shahbal kwa kupata fursa hiyo. Pia, nawapongeza wote hata wale wametoka kwa mrengo wetu wa Kenya Kwanza: Mhe. Sankok, Mhe. Falhada na Mhe. Zipporah. Najua mnaweza kuwa mumetoka mirengo na sehemu mbalimbali, lakini sasa munaenda kuwakilisha Kenya na sisi sote. Muna nguvu na uwezo wa kuweza kutuwakilisha pale. Basi unganeni na muende mutuwakilishe vyema. Tunawatakiya kila la heri katika haya majukumu yenu mapya. Mhe. Sankok, pongezi sana. Kama mtu anayeishi na ulemavu, unajikakamua sana, hata kuingia kwa uchaguzi kama huu na kushinda.

Nawapongeza sana wote.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Member for Busia County, Hon. Catherine Omanyoo.

Hon. Catherine Omanyoo (Busia County, ODM): Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker. I am very excited. I want to warn those people who use youths, women and people living with disabilities to fulfil their agendas. I am so happy this time for the Azimio la Umoja - One Kenya Coalition side for teaching some people a lesson. They have made sure that we have women and somebody living with disability, but he is very able. We also have women in both sides of the coalitions. So, it is very okay to take people who have potential and understand what we need.

Our fishermen in Busia County were arrested by soldiers from Uganda. I have looked at this team that has made it. I know that they will go and put some things right. We cannot talk of bilateral and multilateral trade, or peace when we are pretending. We need them to go there and start handling these problems, so that we can live in peace in East Africa. I congratulate all of them. This young man, Mr. Maina, is the one who has really given us the breaking news. I heard that somebody was not comfortable with him leading because he is young. Experience is gained by starting there, where someone else doubts, because God has done it.

Thank you.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Wanjiku Muhia.

Hon. Wanjiku Muhia (Kipipiri, UDA): Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker. First, I wish to congratulate all the 27 nominees, and in a special way, the nine who made it to the finals this evening. I was the Chairperson of this process. In that case, I congratulate the Joint Select Committee which has now come to an end. I can see our work has come to an end peacefully and successfully. I congratulate the Members. We wish you the best.

You are very lucky to go to the fifth East African Legislative Assembly because you will facilitate the third pillar of East African Community which is the Monetary Union. I wish to inform you that everything is done. All Bills are done. We did the last one which is the Statutory Bill. In this case, you will fine-tune very little legislation and ensure that we do not extend the term. Let us have the common currency by 2024 as it was aimed to be.

Finally, the fifth EALA will have persons living with disabilities like Hon. Sankok who is an able Member. I left a Private Member Bill there similar to the one that I moved here. Go, take it and make it see the light. East African Legislative Assembly has challenges because it is not autonomous. As the Chairperson of the Committee on Regional Integration, I want you to help me. We need to help these Members because they will be suffering just like we did because they are not autonomous.

With those very few remarks, I think you have a hand to be holding you all the time—myself and the Members here. We shall ensure that you do the best. Congratulations.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Member for Manyatta, Hon. John Gitonga.

Hon. Gitonga Mukunji (Manyatta, UDA): Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker.

Like the other Members, I take this chance to congratulate the elected Members of EALA. I also congratulate Members of this House. We are normally used to being the people asking for votes but this time we were the voters. We carried ourselves in the best manner possible. We did not give our candidates a hard time. I believe they also got the experience to ask for votes from Members.

The task ahead of these Members of EALA is huge because EAC can change the status of the countries we have in East Africa. For us to get to the First World level, the developed world level, we have to utilise the East African platform. I believe the Members given the chance are well experienced to get the countries of East Africa to those levels. We have a good combination of Members: young, PWDs, bold, and experienced. I believe in them. We will join hands together with this House to ensure they succeed.

I take this chance to congratulate them again. Thank you.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Member for Emurua Dikirr, Hon. Johana Ng'eno.

Hon. Johana Kipyegon (Emurua Dikirr, UDA): Asante Mhe. Naibu wa Spika kwa kunipa nafasi hii kuwashukuru wote ambao walishiriki katika kinyang'anyiro hiki cha kuwania viti vya EALA. Najua kwamba walikuwa wengi sana—kumi na tano kutoka upande wa Kenya Kwanza na wengine kutoka upande wa Azimio. Nawaambia wale tisa ambao wamepata nafasi hizo kuwakilisha Kenya huko kwamba wao sasa ni sura za Kenya. Mahali mnaenda, mjue kwamba Kenya inajulikana kama *Europe* ya Afrika Mashariki. Mfikapo huko, msioneshe vitu ambavyo havistahili. Huko mtakutana na Watanganyika, Wanyarwanda, Waburundi, na hata wale watu wafupi wafupi kutoka Congo. Wakilisheni Kenya vizuri.

Kuna marafiki wetu ambao wamechaguliwa, haswa wale ambao tumekuwa nao hapa Bungeni. Kama akina Sankok kutoka kaunti yangu, shukrani rafiki yangu; akina Hassan Omar, rafiki yetu ambaye tumekuwa naye; dada wetu, Winnie, binti wa rafiki yetu wa zamani, Raila Odinga; na hata pia kijana wa Kalonzo, shukrani sana. Siku moja nilisema hapa kwamba wawakilishi wa Kenya huko wanatakiwa kuwa watu walio na roho ama wale ambao wanajua Kenya ni nini. Hii ni ili wakituwakilisha huko wajue wanawakilisha Kenya, sio mambo yenu ya kibinafsi. Mnaenda kuwakilisha Kenya yetu. Mkienda huko peperusheni bendera yetu.

Wakati wowote haujavaa mavazi kama rafiki yetu Sankok, beba hata kitambaa cha Kenya mkononi.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Member for Bomet County.

Hon. Linet Chepkorir (Bomet County, UDA): Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker, for giving me this chance to join fellow Members in congratulating the elected Members of EALA. First of all, congratulations to Hon. Sankok who is from a county neighbouring mine. Congratulations to Hon. Karobia, Hon. Kanini, Winnie Odinga, Zipporah Kering, Hassan Iman, Shahbal and Kalonzo. We believe in you people and that you are going to represent and deliver for the people of Kenya. We believe in them and trust they are going to deliver to the people of Kenya. We trust that they are going to represent the interests of Kenyans. May our good Lord who has given them this opportunity continue blessing them and giving them a chance, favour, knowledge and even wisdom to continue serving this great nation.

Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: The Member for Chesumei.

Hon. Paul Biego (Chesumei, UDA): Thank you Hon. Deputy Speaker for giving me this opportunity.

First and foremost, I would like to congratulate the elected Members and the Members who played a very good role. This has been a hectic day but we have done it well. I would like to single out the Member from my constituency, Zipporah Kering. I congratulate her. She is a tough lady who has managed to be number two in the race. I also congratulate Sankok and the young man and the institutional memory that Kalonzo has and all the other Members like Kanini. Congratulations. Thank you so much for having put up a spirited fight. It was literally not easy. These people have been campaigning a whole week. For the very first time it was a good feeling for me as a Member of Parliament to just know how it feels to be asked for votes. We were asking our people for votes and it was a very good experience this time round. Congratulations and *peperusheni bendera ya Kenya*.

Ahsante.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Let us have the Member for Lamu East, Captain Ruweida Obo.

Hon. Ruweida Mohamed (Lamu East, JP): Ahsante Mhe. Naibu Spika kwa kunipatia nafasi. Moja kwa moja ningependa kupongeza wote tisa waliochaguliwa. Ninawapongeza sana Mhe. Shahbal, Omar na wengine wote. Hapa usawa umefanyika. Vyama vimewakilishwa vizuri, hata walemavu wamewakilishwa kwa hivyo sasa ni wakati wao wa kufanya kazi.

Nilikuwa Mwenyekiti wa Regional Integration Committee Bunge lililopita. Nilikuwa nawaomba sana wale waliochaguliwa, ndugu zetu mliochaguliwa, wakienda wajue kuna kazi nyingi. Jumuiya hii iko na taasisi karibu kumi. Katika taasisi hizi kuna mambo mengi ambayo wanafaa kwenda kuyafanya.

Taasisi ya kwanza ni Community Civil Aviation Safety and Security Oversight Agency (CASSOA), East African Community Competition Authority (EACA), East African Development Bank (EADB), East African Health Research Commission (EAHRC), East African Kiswahili Commission (EAKC), Air Steco, Lake Victoria Basin Commission (LVBC), Lake Victoria Fisheries Organisation (LVFO) na Inter-University Council of East Africa (IUCEA). Hapa, nataka kuzungumzia sana Swahili Commission. Kuna mambo mengi ya kufanya. Kuna nchi zingine za Jumuiya ambazo mengi wamesawazisha lakini kwingine bado hayajasawazishwa. Ni jukumu lao wakienda wasawazishe kisawasawa. Yale yamefanywa Kenya na hayajafanywa kule kwingine wahakikishe yamefanywa. Yale yamefanywa kwingine na Kenya hayajafanywa, mhakikishe tumefanya.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Let us have Member for Jomvu, Hon. Bady Bady.

Hon. Twalib Bady (Jomvu, ODM): Ahsante Mhe. Naibu Spika. Naungana na wenzangu kuwapongeza sana hawa Wajumbe ambao wameweza kuchaguliwa katika Bunge hili la Afrika Mashariki haswa kutoka Mombasa niko na furaha kubwa sana kumpongeza

mwanzo Mheshimiwa Suleiman Shahbal. Kule Mombasa huwa tunasema Jembe Shahbal. Kwa hivyo, jembe leo limelima.

Halafu pia jambo la pili nataka kumpongeza rafiki na ndugu yangu Mheshimiwa Omar na vilevile rafiki yangu Kalonzo. Pia nataka kuwapongeza wote kina Winnie, Falhada, Godfrey na Sankok ambaye tumekuwa naye. Kitu cha muhimu, nimekuwa na Mheshimiwa Shahbal wakati wa kufanya kampeini hizi na moja ya kitu ambacho alisema ni kuna mtu anayeitwa David Lang'at aliekeza kule Tanzania na baada ya kukeza, akapata shida. Nina imani kuwa hawa viongozi wataenda kule kututetea kwa mambo ya biashara na vile vile kwa mambo ya Muungano wa Afrika Mashariki.

Kama Mjumbe wa Jomvu, nawapongeza na kuwatakia kila la heri kule Arusha wanapofanya kazi yao.

Asante, Mheshimiwa Naibu Spika. Mungu awabariki wote.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. James Nyikal, Member for Seme, you have one minute.

Hon. (Dr.) James Nyikal (Seme, ODM): Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker, for giving me this opportunity. Let me congratulate all the nine Members. They are going there as Kenyans representing the interests of Kenya. However, the bigger interest that the people of the larger East Africa are looking at is an area where we all move and get services freely.

The first election in the East African Community was in 1948 when it was known as the East African Central Legislative Assembly (EACLA) and not the East African Legislative Assembly. Of the 23 Members, only three were Africans and the rest were colonialists. In less than 12 years, they created a thriving community with the East African Railways and Harbours Corporation, the University of East Africa and the East African currency that is now the East African shilling. It was one unit. You could move from Mtwara to Gulu. We expect them to create a bigger unit so that we can move from Mombasa to Kinshasa and from Mtwara to Gulu, without being asked anything as it happened in those days. We shall have achieved a lot. Represent us but build a bigger community and a bigger market that makes Africa what it should be and not small and divided.

With that, I once more congratulate all of you. Build a bigger future.

Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. James Nyikal, for that historical context. I now call upon the Member for Dagoretti North, Hon. Beatrice Elachi.

Hon. Beatrice Elachi (Dagoretti North, ODM): Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker. I also join my colleagues in congratulating all the Hon. Members. We believe in you. We have walked the journey with all of you. I have walked the journey with all of you and I know you will change many things.

I went to Tanzania the other day and realized that their trucks and *matatus* have cameras. The Deputy Speaker also mentioned that their police are now wearing body cameras. Very soon, our people will experience challenges as they move there.

We need you to go. We bless you as you go but more importantly, remember to improve trade relations between Kenya and Tanzania. Also, open up the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) so that Kenyans can go and trade there. Ensure that you address the challenges we face with other countries. I know you will do a lot for us.

Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Member for Kajiado West, Hon. George Sunkuyia. Finally, I will give an opportunity to the Member for Kiambaa, Hon. John Kwanjiku. You each have one minute, kindly.

Hon. George Sunkuyia (Kajiado West, UDA): Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker. I take this opportunity to congratulate the nine elected Members of the East African Legislative Assembly led by Hon. Omar, Hon. Sankok, Hon. Mwangi, the young man and the rest. As you go there, kindly deal with the issues affecting our region. There was the issue of auctioning off

of livestock that happened last time, the issue of chicken sellers and the frequent arrests of people. Kindly represent us. Do not stop talking. Make sure our people are represented.

Thank you.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Kawanjiku. Hon. Mishi, I saw you rushing in, but you are late. You are time-barred. I will only allow the Member for Ijara because I thought he had spoken. After that, the House will rise.

Hon. Njuguna Kawanjiku (Kiambaa, UDA): Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I take this opportunity to congratulate the elected Members to the East African Legislative Assembly. I also want to congratulate the Office of the Clerk for conducting a successful election this afternoon.

I want to assure and tell the Members who have been elected today that we have confidence in their capacity to deliberate, and also, represent our country in the East African Legislative Assembly. We have Members who have really performed very well in this House. We have Nominee 001 Hon. Sankok who has been a serious Member in this House. He has debated and pushed for so many Bills.

We have Hon. Hassan Omar, Hon. Kanini Kega and my friend, Hon. Maina Karobia, a very young hustler whom we started working together in 2017 in supporting the Kenya Kwanza Coalition under the United Democratic Alliance fraternity. I am very happy that he is the youngest Member going to East African Legislative Assembly, and I have a lot of confidence in him. I am sure that he is going to perform his duty, and represent our country in accordance with the laws; and that he is also going to benefit and bring Motions that will help the young people of this country on how we can integrate the youths of our country, the ones from the East African Legislative Assembly and also, from the East African Community.

I congratulate this team: you have our support and we have confidence in you. We know that you are going to do the job that you have been given by this honourable House.

Hon Deputy Speaker: The Member for Ijara, Hon. Abdi Ali.

Hon Abdi Ali Abdi (Ijara, NAP-K): Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker, for giving me this opportunity to participate in the congratulatory messages.

First of all, I want to congratulate the nine East African Legislative Assembly Elect Members of Parliament.

Secondly, I want to congratulate the Office of the Clerk, the entire staff and our Serjeant-at-Arms for doing good work. We are happy with the progress and how you have conducted the election.

Thirdly, I want to congratulate the Members for showing maturity by electing the right people. With this team, I believe that they can deliver and become good ambassadors for Kenya.

I also thank the Members for electing Hon. Falhada. She comes from Ijara Constituency which is my area. On behalf of Ijara Constituency, Garissa County and the entire northern Kenya, we say thank you for giving us one nominee to represent us in the East African Legislative Assembly. May God bless all Hon. Members in both Houses. Thank you.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Now closing is the Member for Runyenjes, Hon. Eric Muchangi.

Hon. Muchangi Karemba (Runyenjes, UDA): Thank you, Hon Deputy Speaker.

I congratulate all the Members who have been elected to represent us in the East African Legislative Assembly. I saw a lot of hope in Hon. Karobia; I saw a lot of hard work in Hon. Sankok, the aggression in Hon. Kanini Kega, the patience in Hon. Suleiman and the hard work in all of you. We wish you well. Go well. Go and legislate; get opportunities for the Kenyan people, and represent the best interests of our country, Kenya in the East African Legislative Assembly. Always remember that Kenya comes first before anything else. We have a very

robust and growing population that requires the East African Community and you are the people to make it happen for this country.

We thank all the Members for the peaceful campaigns that we had and congratulations to you, once again. Thank you very much

Hon Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, this brings us to the end of the elections of the Members to the East African Legislative Assembly.

May I also, take this opportunity to thank all the Members of the National Assembly for the manner in which they conducted the election and making it go on smoothly.

I also wish to thank the Members of the Office of the Clerk of the National Assembly who tirelessly worked to make sure that this election went on well. Thank you for your patience Members. I know it has been a long night and I did exercise my discretion to expand the time a little further than we thought, because I knew that many of you wanted a chance to congratulate your colleagues.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, the time being 8.35p.m., this House stands adjourned until Tuesday, 22nd November 2022, at 2.30 p.m.

The House rose at 8.35 p.m.

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