



REPUBLIC OF KENYA
THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT - (THIRD SESSION)
THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MESSAGES
MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

_____ (No. 006 of 2024) _____

ON

**NOMINATION OF PERSONS FOR APPOINTMENT AS ATTORNEY
GENERAL AND CABINET SECRETARY**


Honourable Members,

1. Standing Order 42(1) relating to 'Messages from the President' provides that-
"The Speaker shall read to the House any message from the President delivered to the Speaker for communication to the House".
2. In this regard, I wish to convey to the House that I have received two (2) Messages from His Excellency the President, notifying of the nomination of persons for appointment as the Attorney-General and as a Cabinet Secretary, respectively.
3. In the First Message, **Honourable Members**, His Excellency the President conveys that, in exercise of powers conferred on him by Article 156(2) of the Constitution, as read together with sections 3 and 5 of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act (Cap. 7F), he nominates **Ms. Dorcas Agik Odhong Oduor, SC, OGW** for appointment as the **Attorney-General of the Republic of Kenya**.

4. For clarity, Article 156(2) of the Constitution states, and I quote -
*"156. (2) The Attorney-General shall be nominated by the President and, **with the approval of the National Assembly**, appointed by the President."*
5. **Honourable Members**, in the Second Message, His Excellency the President conveys that, in exercise of powers conferred on him by Article 152(2) of the Constitution, as read together with sections 3 and 5 of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act (Cap. 7F), he nominates **Ms. Beatrice Askul Moe** for appointment as the **Cabinet Secretary for East African Community Affairs & Regional Development**.
6. For clarity, Article 152(2) of the Constitution states and I quote -
*"152. (2) The President shall nominate and, **with the approval of the National Assembly**, appoint Cabinet Secretaries."*
7. In view of the foregoing and pursuant to the provisions of section 8 of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, as read together with Standing Order 42(3), I hereby refer the Messages from the President, together with the *curriculum vitae* of the nominees, to the Committee on Appointments.
8. **Honourable Members**, section 8 of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act provides that, unless otherwise provided in law, the Committee to which such nomination is referred shall consider the matter and table a report in the House **within twenty-eight (28) days**. Conscious of the fact that the House is scheduled to proceed on recess next week, I hasten to clarify that the counting of days with respect to the consideration of the nominees will cease during the recess period and resume when the House first sits upon resumption.

9. It is therefore imperative that the Committee on Appointments commences the process of consideration of the nominees, alongside those already committed to it. In so doing, the Committee on Appointments is expected to expeditiously notify the nominees and the general public, commence the necessary approval hearings and table its report in the House soonest, to enable the House consider the nominees within the stipulated timelines.

I thank you!


THE RT. HON. (DR.) MOSES F. M. WETANG'ULA, EGH, MP
SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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