



**REPUBLIC OF KENYA**

**THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – (THIRD SESSION)  
THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR**

\_\_\_\_\_ (No. 064 of 2024) \_\_\_\_\_

**ON**

**SUSPENSION OF COMMITTEE SITTINGS DURING THE LONG  
RECESS**

**Honourable Members,**

- 1.** As notified in today's Order Paper, at the rise of this Sitting, the House is scheduled to proceed on its long recess from tomorrow, Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> December 2024 to Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> February 2025 in accordance with the approved Calendar for the Third Session. This sitting therefore will mark the conclusion of regular Sittings of the Third Session of the Thirteenth Parliament and the beginning of a well-deserved break.
- 2. Honourable Members,** during this Session, the House transacted various key businesses including critical Bills, Treaties, inquiries and approvals for appointments. The House also undertook its oversight and representation role through Statements, and Questions to Cabinet Secretaries which continue to elicit great interest not just in the House but also from the general public. In keeping with established practice, the Clerk is preparing a more comprehensive report detailing the activities of the House in the Third Session which will be made available in due course.
- 3. Honourable Members,** in line with the approved Calendar for Regular Sittings of the House, Committees ought to suspend sittings from 16<sup>th</sup> December 2024 until 26<sup>th</sup> January 2025. However, I wish to direct an earlier suspension of Committee sittings effective tomorrow, Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> December 2024.

This variation is intended to allow Members to attend the East African Community–Inter-Parliamentary Games to be held in Mombasa County from 7<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> December 2024 and thereafter to attend to their constituency duties. This will also allow time for parliamentary staff to take their annual leave in preparation for the Fourth Session. In this regard, any committee that may need to conduct any committee business during the said period must obtain express permission from my office, upon a written request.

4. **Honourable Members**, in order to safeguard business with statutory timelines from lapsing, the counting of days for such business shall cease effective today and continue when the House sits for the Fourth Session on Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> February 2025. I hasten to remind Members that should need arise for the House to transact any urgent matter, Members will be recalled for Special Sittings pursuant to Standing Order 29.
5. **Honourable Members**, I wish to thank the Leadership and Members of the House, as well as staff for the diligence and commitment exhibited during the Session, which enabled the House to transact business, both in plenary and in Committees. Specifically, I wish to commend Members for their active participation which has seen the consideration and conclusion of key priority business by the House.
6. In conclusion, **Honourable Members**, as you proceed to spend valuable time with your families and constituents during this season, I take this early opportunity to wish you all a happy festive season and a prosperous New Year, 2025.

**I thank you**

  
**THE RT. HON. (DR.) MOSES F. M. WETANG'ULA, E.G.H, MP**  
**SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

*Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> December 2024*