

## REPUBLIC OF KENYA

# THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT— (FOURTH SESSION) THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

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# SUBMISSION OF SESSIONAL PAPER No. 1 ON THE FOREIGN POLICY OF THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA

### Honourable Members,

- 1. As you all know, the Republic of Kenya exists within a community of nations. To this end, the Ministry of Foreign and Diaspora Affairs, with the approval of the Cabinet, has prepared the Foreign Policy of the Republic of Kenya to guide the country's international affairs, including promoting, protecting and projecting Kenya's interest within the community of nations.
- 2. The Policy has now been submitted to the National Assembly as Sessional Paper No. 1 of 2025 and will be laid on the Table this afternoon when we reach order No. 5.
- **3. Honourable Members,** the Foreign Policy as contained in Sessional Paper No. 1 of 2025 was developed in an elaborate and highly participatory process. Indeed, part of the Leadership of this House and some Members from the Departmental Committee on Defence, Intelligence and Foreign Relations attended its unveiling by His Excellency the President on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2024, at the KICC.
- **4. Honourable Members,** you will agree with me that the primacy of the Foreign Policy in guiding our country's international relations cannot be gainsaid. I therefore urge the Departmental Committee on Defence and Foreign Relations to

consider Policy as a matter of priority and submit its report to the House soonest, for adoption.

- **5. Honourable Members,** since the policy will guide the conduct of the country's international affairs, its expedited approval by this House is necessary.
- **6.** The House is accordingly guided.

I thank you!

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

Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> February 2025