



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – (FOURTH SESSION)

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR

(No. 006 of 2025)

ON


**ELECTION FOR THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE AFRICAN UNION
COMMISSION**

Honourable Members,

1. As you are aware, the election of the Chairperson of the African Union Commission (AUC) is scheduled to take place on Saturday, 15th February 2025 at the AU Headquarters in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Kenya has fronted a candidate in the person of the Rt. Hon. Raila A. Odinga, EGH, former Prime Minister of the Republic of Kenya.
2. From the onset **Honourable Members**, I take this opportunity to wish the Rt. Hon. Raila Odinga success in the election. I have previously worked with the Hon. Raila both here in Parliament as well as in Cabinet over the last two decades and I am convinced that in Raila Odinga, Africa will have a great and visionary leader as we gear up to the actualization of the AU Agenda 2063. Certainly, a win for the Hon. Raila will be a win not only for the country and Africa, but also for the larger international fraternity given his proven track record on human rights, democracy and integration.
3. As the National Assembly, and following a request from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, we have a delegation of four Members travelling to Addis Ababa in solidarity with the Kenya candidate. The delegation is being led by the **Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Defence, Intelligence & Foreign Relations, the Hon. Nelson Koech, CBS, MP,** and include—

- (1) The Hon. Haika Mizighi, CBS, MP, the Chairperson, Diaspora Affairs & Migrant Workers Committee;
 - (2) The Hon. Maj. (Rtd) Abdullaih Bashir Sheikh, MP, Vice-Chairperson Departmental Committee on Defence, Intelligence & Foreign Relations; and
 - (3) The Hon. Millie Odhiambo, CBS, MP, the Minority Party Whip, who joins the team in her capacity as a **Member of the Departmental Committee on Defence, Intelligence & Foreign Relations**
4. I am also aware that other Members of the National Assembly will be travelling to Addis Ababa as part of the leadership and citizens of the country in solidarity and support of the candidature of the Hon. Raila Odinga. Indeed, in line with the provisions of the Standing Orders, I have received around forty (40) notifications from Members intending to attend the activity. For clarity, these Members will be travelling in their private capacities as citizens and leaders, and therefore will be **self-sponsored**. It is important to note that it is not unusual for citizens of a country, including Members of Parliament, to sponsor themselves to such high level international fora.
5. In conclusion **Honourable Members**, we wish our candidate success in the forthcoming election.

I thank you


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SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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