



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

**THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – (FOURTH SESSION)
THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR**

_____ (No. 12 of 2025) _____

ON

**COMMENCEMENT OF THE RESOLUTION WITH RESPECT TO
RECONSTITUTION OF COMMITTEES**

Honourable Members,

- 1.** You will recall that during yesterday's afternoon sitting of Wednesday, 5th March 2025, the House approved the appointment of Members to forty-one Committees. As you are aware, Standing Order 179(2) requires that whenever a vacancy arises in the office of Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson of a select committee, the Clerk shall, within seven days, appoint a place and time for the meeting of a Committee to elect its Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson. In that regard, I instructed the Clerk to prepare a schedule for the affected committees to convene and conduct the said elections.
- 2. Honourable Members,** a concern has arisen regarding whether Members who were appointed to the respective Departmental Committees may participate in the legislative business that was already before the Committees.
- 3. Honourable Members,** you will note that in today's order Paper there a rectification being made to correct the Resolution of the House with respect to three Committees. Further, it's notable that the Departmental Committees are engaged in the process of considering the 2025 Budget Policy Statement and Supplementary Estimates for FY2024/25. These processes which have statutory timelines are not to be interrupted by the changes made to Committees yesterday.

4. In this regard, **Honourable Members**, it is hereby clarified that the Resolution of the House with respect to reconstitution of Committees and indeed the changes to be made today will commence on **Wednesday, 12th March 2025**. The Clerk is therefore directed to circulate a consolidated schedule showing the place and time of election of Chairpersons and Vice-Chairpersons of all affected Committees before the rise of the House today.
5. For clarity, **Honourable members**, the counting of the Seven-day period contemplated under Standing Order 179(2) shall commence tomorrow, Friday, 7th March 2025. This implies that the elections for Chairpersons and Vice-Chairpersons of the specified Committees will be held on **Wednesday, 12th March 2025**, or **Thursday, 13th March 2025**.
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, 6th March 2025