

REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT - FOURTH SESSION THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MESSAGES

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

_____ (No. 007 of 2025) ____

NOMINATION OF A PERSON FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD OF THE CENTRAL BANK OF KENYA

Honourable Members,

- 1. Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 42(1), I wish to report to the House that I have received a Message from His Excellency the President, regarding the nomination of a person for appointment to the Board of the Central Bank of Kenya.
- 2. In the Message, Honourable Members, His Excellency the President conveys that, in exercise of the powers conferred by the provisions of section 11(2) of the Central Bank of Kenya Act, Cap. 491, he has nominated Mr. Pius Angása for appointment as a member of the Board of Directors of the Central Bank of Kenya, and seeks the approval by Parliament.
- 3. Honourable Members, it is important to note that the approval of the appointment of members of the CBK Board is by Parliament. Specifically, section 11(2) of the Central Bank of Kenya Act, Cap 491 states that, and I quote—
 - 11.(2) "The Chairperson and directors.... shall be appointed by the President with the approval of <u>Parliament</u>...."

- 4. In this regard, the nomination for appointment is to be considered by the two Houses of Parliament. The established practice in similar instances is that the relevant committees of the two Houses undertake the approval hearings jointly and report back to the respective Houses. Therefore, in keeping with this practice, I hereby refer the Message from H.E. the President, together with the curriculum *vitae* and other testimonials of the nominees to the Departmental Committee on Finance & National Planning, and **DIRECT**
 - (i) THAT, the vetting of the nominee for appointment as a member of the Board of the CBK be conducted by the **Departmental Committee on Finance & National Planning of the National Assembly** jointly sitting with the **relevant Committee of the Senate**;
 - (ii) **THAT**, the quorum of the joint sitting of the Committees will be the respective quorums of each of the Committees as stipulated in the Standing Orders of the respective Houses;
 - (iii) **THAT**, as contemplated under Rule 9(6) of the Joint Rules, unless a decision is reached by consensus, any vote to be taken in the joint sittings of the Committees shall be by separate Houses. This will ensure that the numerical differences of the individual Members representing the Houses in the joint sittings of the Committees has no effect on the decision of the joint sittings;
 - (iv) THAT, the joint committee shall, having conducted the vetting hearings, submit a joint report to the respective Houses in the manner contemplated by Paragraph 7 of Rule 9 of the Joint Rules; and
 - (v) **THAT**, the approval process should be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, Cap 7F.

- 5. Honourable Members, whereas the Central Bank of Kenya Act, Cap 491 does not provide specific timelines within which the House is to consider the nominee, section 8 of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, Cap. 7F requires the relevant House to undertake the exercise within twenty-eight (28) days. In this regard, the twenty-eight (28) days will lapse on Wednesday, 20th August 2025.
- **6. Honourable Members**, as you are aware the House will be on recess during the period when the Joint Committee is expected to table its report. Ordinarily, I would have ordered that the counting of days with respect to the consideration of the nominee ceases during the recess period and resumes when the House first sits upon resumption, being Tuesday, 15th September 2025.
- 7. However, **Honourable Members**, noting that the House will be proceeding on a long recess on 15th August 2025, I implore upon the Joint Committee to expedite the approval hearing and table its report by Tuesday, 12th August 2025 before the House proceeds on recess to enable conclusion of the matter on our end.
- **8.** To this end, the Committee should immediately proceed to commence the approval process, notify the nominee and the general public of the time and place for holding the approval hearing, and thereafter, upon conclusion, table their report to enable the Houses of Parliament to consider the matter.

I thank you!

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

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