



## **REPUBLIC OF KENYA**

### **THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT - FOURTH SESSION THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

#### **MESSAGES**

#### **MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

\_\_\_\_\_ (No. 012 of 2025) \_\_\_\_\_

#### **ON**

#### **NOMINATION OF A PERSON FOR APPOINTMENT AS THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE KENYA NATIONAL COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS (KNCHR)**

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#### **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 as the Chairperson of the Kenya National Commission on Human Rights (KNCHR).
2. In the Message, **Honourable Members**, His Excellency the President conveys that, in exercise of the powers conferred by Article 250(2)(b) of the Constitution, section 11 of the Kenya National Commission on Human Rights Act, Cap. 7I as read together with section 5 of the Public Appointment (Parliamentary Approval) Act, Cap. 7F, he has nominated **Ms. Claris Awuor Onganga** for appointment as the Chairperson of the Kenya National Commission on Human Rights. His Excellency the President now therefore seeks the approval of the House.

3. **Honourable Members**, you will recall that on Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> August 2025, I notified the House about the **withdrawal by notice in writing to the Clerk**, of **Dr. Duncan Oburu Ojwang**, the nominee who had been nominated for appointment to the position. Consequently, pursuant to the provisions of Section 6(10) of the Public Appointment (Parliamentary Approval) Act, the candidate's nomination lapsed. The nomination of Ms. Claris Awuor Onganga is therefore consequent of the withdrawal.
4. In view of this, **Honourable Members**, I hereby refer the Message from His Excellency the President, together with the Curriculum Vitae, the Report of the Selection Panel and other testimonials of the nominee to **the Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs** for consideration in line with Standing Order 45.
5. **Honourable Members**, whereas section 8 of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, Cap 7F requires the House to make a decision on the nomination within twenty-eight (28) days, section 11(7) of the Kenya National Commission on Human Rights Act, Cap 7I provides for a lesser period, being **twenty-one (21) days**.
6. In this regard, **Honourable Members**, the Committee is expected to undertake the approval hearings and submit a report within the timelines provided for in the Kenya National Commission on Human Rights Act, Cap 7I.
7. To this end, the Committee should notify the nominee and the general public of the time and place for holding the approval hearing and thereafter, table its report soonest to enable the House to consider the matter within the set statutory timelines.

**I thank you!**

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

Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> August 2025

