

REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT - (FIRST SESSION) THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

(No. 030 of 2022)

ON

ON SUSPENSION OF COMMITTEE SITTINGS DURING THE LONG RECESS

Honourable Members,

- 1. As notified in today's Order Paper, at the rise of this Sitting, the House is scheduled to proceed on its long recess from tomorrow, Friday, 2nd December, 2022 to resume its sittings on Tuesday, 14th February, 2023 in accordance with its Calendar as approved on 12th October, 2022. Today's sittings therefore mark the conclusion of regular Sittings of this Part of the First Session of the Thirteenth Parliament. Tomorrow will be the beginning of a well-deserved break, after the smooth take off of the Thirteenth Parliament.
- Honourable Members, during this session, we have managed to transact key businesses of the House, including swearing in of Members, establishment of Committees, vetting and approval of Cabinet Secretaries and vetting of Principal Secretaries, among other business.

A more comprehensive report on the activities of the House will be contained in the Session Report on Business of the Assembly, which is being prepared by the Clerk.

- 3. **Honourable Members,** as an established practice, committee activities are usually interrupted during this long recess. In this regard, the House is notified that all committee activities shall stand suspended from Monday, 19th December, 2022 to Monday, 16th January, 2023. Consequently, no committee activities shall be conducted during the said period unless special consideration is granted by my office upon written request.
- 4. In order to safeguard business with statutory timelines from lapsing during the period, the counting of days for such businesses shall cease and resume when the House first sits for the Second Session on 14th February 2023. I hasten to remind Members that should need arise for the House to be recalled to transact any urgent business pursuant to Standing Order 29, you will be notified accordingly.
- 5. Honourable Members, I wish to sincerely thank the Leadership of the House, Members of this House and staff for the diligence and commitment exhibited with during processing and transaction of business, both in plenary and in Committees throughout the Session.

- 6. I also wish to thank you, Honourable Members for settling down pretty fast and for focusing on the collective duty of this House notwithstanding the divergent political shades of opinion that defined the hotly contested general election.
- 7. In conclusion, **Honourable Members**, as you proceed to attend to your constituents and spend time with your families during the holiday season, I take this early opportunity to wish you all a happy festive season as well as a prosperous new year, 2023.

I thank you!

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

Thursday, 1st December, 2022

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