

## THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT (SECOND SESSION) MESSAGES

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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## SUBJECT: MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT ON NOMINATION OF A PERSON FOR APPOINTMENT AS THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS

## **Honourable Members**,

- **1.** Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 42, I wish to convey a Message from His Excellency the President regarding nomination of a person for appointment as the Director of Public Prosecutions.
- 2. In the Message, Honourable Members, His Excellency the President conveys that, in exercise of powers conferred on him by Article 157(2) of the Constitution and section 8(5) of the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions Act, 2013, he nominates Mr. Renson Mulele Ingonga, OGW as the Director of Public Prosecutions. The President now seeks the approval of the appointee by this House.
- 3. Honourable Members, Standing Order 45 provides that, upon receipt of notification of a nomination for appointment, such nomination shall stand committed to the relevant Departmental Committee for consideration. In this regard, I hereby refer the Message from H.E. the President, together with the Curriculum Vitae, the report of the selection panel, and other testimonials of the nominees to the Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs for consideration.

- 4. Honourable Members, whereas section 8(6) of the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions Act, 2013 provides that the National Assembly shall consider the matter and table a report in the House within twenty-one (21) days, section 8 of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, 2011, requires the National Assembly to undertake the exercise within twenty-eight (28) days.
- **5.** In this regard, **Honourable Members**, the Committee should undertake approval hearings and submit its report within the timelines provided for in the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, 2011.
- **6. Honourable Members**, concious of the fact that the House is scheduled to proceed for recess next week, I hasten to clarify that the counting of days with respect to the consideration of the nominee will cease during the recess period and resume when the House first sits upon resumption from recess.
- 7. The Committee is therefore expected to immediately commence the approval process and notify the nominee and the general public of the time and place for holding the approval hearing and upon conclusion of the hearing, table its report within the set timelines as guided.

I thank you!

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

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