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Hon. Honourable

MP Member of Parliament

Chairperson's Foreword

On 30th March, 2016, a petition was tabled before the House pursuant to Article 119 (1) of the Constitution and Standing Order No. 225 (2) (a) by the Hon Christopher Doye Nakuleu, MP on behalf of Laikipia Turkana Council of Elders regarding alleged discrimination of members of the Turkana Community in the issuance of national identity cards.

In considering the petition the Committee undertook a field visit to Laikipia County and held meetings with the Laikipia County Security Intelligence Committee, the petitioners and the Hon. Christopher Doye Nakuleu MP. The Committee also received written submissions from the Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Interior and Coordination of National Government.

The Committee is thankful to the Offices of the Speaker and the Clerk of the National Assembly for the logistical and technical support accorded to it during its sittings. The Committee is also thankful to the Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Interior and Coordination of National Government, the Hon. Christopher Doye Nakuleu MP, the petitioners and the Laikipia County Security Intelligence Committee for the submissions they made.

On behalf of the Committee, and pursuant to Standing Order, 227 it is my pleasant duty to table in the House the Report of the Departmental Committee on Administration and National Security on its consideration of a petition by Laikipia Turkana Council of Elders regarding the alleged discrimination of members of the Turkana Community in the issuance of national identity cards

The Hon. Asman Kamama, MGH, OGW, MP
Chairperson Departmental Committee Administration and National Security

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to respond to prayers made by Laikipia Turkana Council of Elders in a petition regarding alleged discrimination of members of the Turkana Community in the issuance of national identity cards. The Committee observed that delayed issuance of national identity cards has denied many Kenyans, particularly the youth access to government services, employment as well as access to socio-economic opportunities like Youth Enterprises Fund, Uwezo Fund and the Women Enterprises Fund. The Committee also noted that many applicants with waiting cards waited for a long period of time before they acquired national identity cards. Some of the petitioners were reported to hold of waiting cards dating back to 2010. The Committee further observed that since the Turkana community was only found in Kenya no foreigners of Turkana descent who would fraudulently acquire Kenyan national identity cards.

The Committee recommends that the National Registration Bureau should expeditiously process and issue national identification cards to all eligible persons in the Country by streamlining the production processes and acquisition of modern production technology. The Bureau should also exempt Kenyans with valid birth certificates who are born in non - border Counties from undergoing vetting before been issued with national identity cards.

Further the Government should allocate sufficient funds to the of National Registration Bureau to facilitate the purchase of motor vehicles and recruitment of staff to expedite the registration and issuance of national identification cards to all eligible persons in the Country.

Lastly the Ministry of Interior and Coordination of National Government should review the national identity card vetting regulations to provide for standardization of processes, specific timeliness and ensure that no Kenyan is discriminated in the exercise.

1.0 PREFACE

- On 30th March, 2016, a petition was tabled before the House pursuant to Article 119 (1) of the Constitution and Standing Order No. 225 (2) (a) by the Hon. Christopher Doye Nakuleu, MP on behalf of Laikipia Turkana Council of Elders regarding alleged discrimination of members of the Turkana Community in the issuance of national identity cards;
- The House, pursuant to Standing Order 227, referred the petition to the Departmental Committee on Administration and National Security for preparation of the Report;
- The Committee received the petition on 30th March, 2016 and set out a procedure for its consideration and to report to the House as set out in Standing Order No 227(2).

1.1 Mandate of the Committee

The Departmental Committee on Administration and National Security is established pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 216 (1) and (5) with the following terms of reference:-

- i. make reports and recommendations to the House as often as possible, including recommendation of proposed legislation;
- ii. to investigate, inquire into, and report on all matters relating to the mandate, management, activities, administration, operations and estimates of the assigned Ministries and departments;
- iii. to study the programme and policy objectives of Ministries and departments and the effectiveness of the implementation;
- iv. to study, access and analyze the relative success of the Ministries and departments as measured by the results obtained as compared with their stated objectives;
- v. to investigate and inquire into all matters relating to the assigned Ministries and departments as they may deem necessary, and as may be referred to them by the House or a Minister;
- vi. study and review all legislation referred to it

1.2 Committee subjects

The Committee is mandated to consider the following subjects:-

- i. National security
- ii. Police services
- iii. Public Administration
- iv. Public Service
- v. Prisons
- vi. Immigration
- vii. Management of natural disasters

1.3 Oversight

In executing its mandate, the Committee oversees the following Government Departments and agencies, namely:-

- i. The Presidency
- ii. The State Department of Interior
- iii. The State Department for Coordination of National Government
- iv. The Public Service Commission,
- v. The National Police Service Commission
- vi. The Independent Police Oversight Authority

1.4 Members of the Committee

Chairperson

The Hon. Asman Kamama, MGH, OGW, MP

Vice Chairperson

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The Hon. Samuel Moroto, MP

The Hon. (Dr.) Humphrey Njuguna, MP

The Hon. Francis K. Mwangangi, MP

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The Hon. David Gikaria, MP

The Hon. Mohamed Shidiye, MP

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The Hon. Ahmed Abdikadir Ore, MP

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1.5 Recommendations

- 1. The National Registration Bureau should expeditiously process and issue national identification cards to the Turkana community in Laikipia and all eligible persons in the Country by streamlining the production processes and acquisition of modern production technology.
- 2. The Government should allocate sufficient funds to the Registration Bureau to facilitate the purchase of motor vehicles and recruitment of staff to expedite the registration and issuance of national identification cards to all eligible persons in the Country.
- 3. The Ministry of Interior and Coordination of National Government should review the regulations and policy on issuance of identification documents so as to provide for specific timeliness, standardization of processes in all parts of the Country and ensure justice and fairness in the issuance and distribution of the national identification documents so that no Kenyan feels discriminated in the exercise.
- 4. The National Registration Bureau should exempt Kenyans with valid birth certificates who are born in non border Counties such as Laikipia from undergoing vetting before being issued with national identity cards.
- 5. The Ministry of Interior and Coordination of National Government should engage local elders and chiefs in the verification of citizenship before issuance of national identification documents.
- 6. The Ministry of Interior and Coordination of National Government should ensure that vetting when used as a security and control mechanism for citizenship is applied to all citizens without bias.

2.0 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 The petition by Laikipia Turkana Council of Elders regarding alleged discrimination of members of the Turkana Community in the issuance of national identity cards was tabled in the House pursuant to Standing Order 225 (2) (a) by the Hon. Christopher Doye Nakuleu, MP on Wednesday 30th March, 2016.
- 2.2 Pursuant to the House rules, the petition was referred to the Committee on Wednesday 30th March, 2016 for consideration and preparation of a report. The Committee considered the petition pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 227.
- 2.3 The petitioners wished to draw to the attention of the House to the following, that:
 - i. Article 12 of the Constitution entitles every citizen to equal rights and privileges and benefits of citizenship any document of registration or identification issued by the state;
 - ii. Article 14 of the Constitution entitles every person to citizenship by birth if on the day of the person's birth, either the father or mother of the person is a citizen;
 - iii. in spite of the members of Turkana Community in Laikipia County being citizens by birth, the National Government delays issuance of national identification cards through a biased vetting process, contrary to Article 27 of the Constitution that prohibits all forms of discrimination;
 - iv. The delayed issuance of national identity cards had denied the Turkana youth access to government services, employment as well as access to socio-economic opportunities like Youth Enterprises Fund, Uwezo Fund and the Women Enterprises Fund;
 - v. The lengthy vetting process had also disenfranchised the affected citizens and deprived them the enjoyment of rights and fundamental freedoms enshrined in the bill of rights, particularly Article 38 of the Constitution on political rights;
 - vi. Inordinately delaying the processing and issuance of national identification cards to Turkana youth in Laikipia County was breeding unemployment, marginalization and antisocial behavior among the disillusioned youth who cannot access means of economic empowerment;
 - vii. The lengthy vetting process had also disenfranchised the affected members of the Turkana community in Laikipia County and deprived them of their right to full enjoyment of the rights and fundamental freedoms as contained in the bill of rights, particularly political rights enshrined in Article 38 of the Constitution;
 - viii. Controlling registration and inordinately delaying the processing and release of national identification cards belonging to Turkana youth in Laikipia County was breeding unemployment, marginalization and antisocial behavior among the disillusioned Turkana youth who cannot access means of economic empowerment;
 - ix. The efforts by the community to seek redress from relevant offices on the matter have been in vain;
 - x. The issues raised in the petition were not pending in any Court of Law, Constitutional or

legal body.

The petitioners prayed that the National Assembly, through the Departmental Committee on Administration and National Security:-

- Investigates the circumstances and reasons for the inordinate delay and protracted vetting process of members of the Turkana community living in Laikipia County before issuance of national identification cards;
- ii. In ervenes with the Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Interior and Coordination of National Government to forthwith revoke any order(s) authorizing/directing the tedious vetting of the members of the Turkana Community in Laikipia County by the offices responsible for registration of the persons in the County; and
- iii. Ensures that the Directorate of Registration of Persons expeditiously processes and releases all national identification cards belonging to youths of Turkana origin that have been pending for the last three years, and immediately commences mass registration and issuance of national identification cards to all eligible Persons of Turkana ethnicity resident in Laikipia County;
- iv. Makes any other order(s) deemed fit in mitigating the plight of the petitioners.

3.0 EVIDENCE

3.1 Evidence from Hon Christopher Nakuleu, MP

The Honourable Member also informed the Committee that the elaborate vetting process undertaken by the National Registration Bureau before the issuance of identification cards to members Turkana Community in Laikipia County was unnecessary since the County did not border another country. Further members of Turkana community residing in Laikipia County are third or fourth generation and as such had no links to the Turkana Community in other parts of the Country.

He observed that Members Turkana Community residing in Laikipia County were not a security threat to the country therefore it was not necessary for them to undergo an elaborate vetting process before being issued with national identification cards.

He also stated that the perceived political threat posed by the Turkana Community in Laikipia County who were being viewed as challenging the political establishment of the County. Therefore the delay in the issuance of national identification cards would have been used by the political establishment in the area to contain the perceived threat.

The Committee observed that the matter registration and issuance of identification cards was a systemic problem which affected many citizens in the country.

3.2 Evidence by the Laikipia County Security Intelligence Committee

The Committee held a meeting with the Laikipia County Security Intelligence Committee on Wednesday, 28th September 2016 in the County Commissioner's boardroom. Hon. Christopher Nakuleu, MP informed the meeting that subjecting members of the Turkana community living in Laikipia County to rigorous vetting before issuing them with national identity cards was discriminatory and had contributed to many youth being unable to access their economic, political and social rights. He added that the youth would not be able to apply for loans from the youth Fund, the Women Enterprise Fund. The affected youth would also not register as voters and therefore were unable to exercise their political rights through seeking elective positions or electing representatives of their choice. He argued that the situation was tantamount to economic sabotage. He concluded that there was no valid justification for the vetting of applicants from the Turkana Community since the community was only found in Kenya and there were no foreigners of Turkana descent who would fraudulently acquire Kenyan national identity cards.

The County Commissioner explained that the vetting of applicants seeking national identity cards was anchored in law and the exercise is guided by a circular from the Cabinet Secretary Ministry of Interior. He stated that the Registration of Persons Act Cap 107 allows the Director of National Registration to set up identification committees where necessary. The composition, mandate and conduct of the vetting committees are regulated through rules issued by the cabinet secretary from time to time with the latest rules issued in June 2014. He added that applicants

from the Turkana community seeking national identity cards are vetted in all Counties in Kenya and therefore Laikipia County was not an exception.

The County Registration Officer stated that the decisions of the vetting committees are classified into three categories:-

- (i) Approvals such candidates are registered forthwith and usually make the largest proportion of the output of vetting committees.
- (ii) Deferrals such candidates are usually required to present themselves again during the following vetting meeting, this is mostly when some aspects of the information they provide is not immediately verifiable. They might for example be required to present a letter from their assistant chief verifying the claims. They are typically approved or referred during the next vetting meeting unless they fail to present themselves.
- (iii) Referrals such candidates are referred to another County/Sub-County for proper identification. This will typically be unknown persons who have no ties whatsoever to Laikipia and are either passing through or visiting. The elders are unable to identify them.

He further informed the Committee that in the past four years only 98 applications had been referred by the vetting committees due to information gaps. Only 41 of the referred applications were from persons of Turkana origin. Further the office of the County Registrar of person had also approved the issuance of a total of 5872 national identity cards over the past four year. 2351 of the approved applications were from applicants from the Turkana Community.

The Officer further stated that:-

- (i) Identification (vetting) committees were constitutional and anchored in law;
- (ii) Applicants from the Turkana are not only vetted in Laikipia but countrywide. The standards are set centrally and are equally applied nationwide;
- (iii) The vetting exercise was not a lengthy process unless there were gaps in information provided, the committee makes its determination on the spot and where cases are deferred, the cases are usually prioritized during the next vetting meeting unless the concerned individuals fails to turn up;
- (iv) Vetting/ identification committees play a facilitative role and assist the Registration Officer to determine the merits of applications;
- (v) There is no evidence of disenfranchisement of Turkana youth due to lack of identity cards. Registration of Turkana youth for new identity cards had increased from 331 in 2013 to 1052 as at September, 2016. Further the registration had been initiated by the office of the County Registrar of Persons through mobile registration; and
- (vi) That there is no delay in issuance of national identity cards to Turkanas. Any unfortunate delays are usually at the production centre and the delay affected all applicants in the Country.

3.3 Submissions by residents of Ngare Nyiro

The Committee held a public meeting at Ngare Nyiro on Wednesday 28th September, 2016. During the meeting the residents informed the Committee as follows:-

- i. The Turkana Community settled in Laikipia in the early 1900s most of them worked for colonial settlers at the time. After independence they continued to reside in the County. Some members of the community have bought land in the area while others remained as squatters in the ranches;
- ii. Members of the Community were subjected to a stringent vetting process in order to acquire national identity cards;
- iii. The vetting process was elaborate and slow with referrals taking more than six months to be considered The issuance of national identity cards was also discriminatory as the delay only affected Turkana residents while applicants from others communities reportedly received identity cards on time;
- iv. Cases of issuance of Identity cards of with mismatched photos, incorrect names were rampant;
- v. Applicants with waiting cards waited for a long period of time to acquire national identity cards. Some applicants were reported to hold of waiting cards dating back to 2010:
- vi. Cases of corruption were rampant in the Laikipia Registration of Persons office with the residents reportedly paying Kshs. 300 as bribes during the vetting exercise; and
- vii. The Turkana youth experienced enormous challenges due to lack of identity cards that included inability to access employment opportunities, opening of bank accounts, ownership of property, access loans from the Higher Education Loans Board, access bursaries from the County, register for Mpesa services, opportunities to study abroad.

3.4 Submissions by Rumuriti Residents

The Committee held a public meeting at Rumuruti Catholic Church Hall on Thursday 29th September ,2016 .During the meeting the residents informed the Committee as follows

- i. The Turkana Community settled in Laikipia in 1900s as workers in the colonial settlers ranches. After independence there remained in the County as squatters or continued working in the ranches;
- ii. Members of the Turkana Community started being vetted in 2009;
- iii. The vetting process was elaborate and slow with referrals taking more than six months to be considered The issuance of national identity cards was also discriminatory as the delay only affected Turkana residents while applicants from others communities reportedly received identity cards on time;
- iv. Cases of issuance of Identity cards of with mismatched photos, incorrect names were rampant;

- v. Applicants with waiting cards waited for a long period of time to acquire national identity cards. Some applicants were reported to hold of waiting cards dating back to 2010;
- vi. Cases of corruption were rampant in the Laikipia Registration of Persons office with the residents reportedly paying Kshs. 300 as bribes during the vetting exercise;
- vii. Voter registration among the Turkana community in Laikipia West Sub County was low due to delayed issuance of national identity cards. Therefore limiting access to political rights;
- viii. Members of the vetting panels in the Sub County do not speak Turkana language and cannot therefore communicate effectively with elderly persons from the community seeking national identity cards;
- ix. The vetting process had no legal basis as the government had not availed the circular authorizing the vetting of members of the Turkana Community before they are issued with national identity cards;
- x. Lack of national identity card had perpetuated poverty among successive generations of members of the Turkana Community in Laikipia as they continued to work in the white own ranchers and could not access employment outside the County;
- xi. Member of the Turkana Community faced challenges in succession of deceased persons estate particularly shares in land buying companies due to lack of identification documents. Leading to loss of inheritance;
- xii. The Turkana youth experienced enormous challenges due to lack of identity cards that included inability to access employment opportunities, opening of bank accounts, access university education ownership of property, access loans from the Higher Education Loans Board, access bursaries from the County, register for Mpesa services, opportunities to study abroad.

3.5 Submissions by the Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Interior and Coordination of National Government

The Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Interior and Coordination of National Government in written submissions submitted to the Committee dated Monday 3rd October, 2016 stated as follows, that:-

- i. Article 12 (1) (b) of the Constitution confers citizens the right to a Kenyan passport and any document or identification issued by the state to citizens. Further Article 18(g) gives Parliament the power to enact legislation to give effect to the provisions of the chapter;
- ii. Article 14 of the Constitution entitles every person to citizenship by birth if on the day of the person's birth, either the father or mother of the person is a citizen;
- iii. The Ministry was not aware of any discrimination against members of the Turkana community in the issuance of identity cards in Laikipia County. Further the Turkana Community is not the only community that is subjected to vetting during the

- application of national identity cards in Laikipia County. Other communities that are vetted include the Maasai, Somali, Borana Luo and Luyha;
- iv. Vetting of applicants hailing from the above mentioned communities is necessitated by the fact that they hail from border areas. It is not therefore prudent to refer them back to their home counties for positive identification before they are registered;
- v. The Ministry was also not aware of any delays in the issuance of identity cards as applications were processed as they are received on a first in first out basis and there was no backlog of applications at the card production centre;
- vi. That the vetting process is not lengthy and had not disenfranchised the affected citizens and deprived them the enjoyment of rights and fundamental freedoms enshrined in the Bill of Rights, particularly as provided for in Article 38 of the Constitution on political rights. This is based on the fact that the vetting meetings are held regularly and are simple one stop process for the positive identification of applicants by vetting elders; and
- vii. The vetting of applicants seeking national identity cards is undertaken in all cosmopolitan, settlement and border areas where identification of eligible applicants is hampered by the presence of foreign nationals who have a tendency of posing as Kenyans in order to obtain Kenyan identity cards.

4.0 COMMITTEE OBSERVATIONS

The Committee made the following observations from evidence adduced in the meetings, that:-

- 1. Article 12 (1) (b) of the Constitution confers citizens the right to a Kenyan passport and any document or identification issued by the state to citizens. Further Article 18(g) gives Parliament the power to enact legislation to give effect to the provisions of the chapter;
- 2. Article 14 of the Constitution entitles every person to citizenship by birth if on the day of the person's birth; either the father or mother of the person is a citizen;
- 3. Delayed issuance of national identity cards has denied many Kenyans, particularly the youth access to government services, employment as well as access to socio-economic opportunities like the Youth Enterprises Fund, Uwezo Fund and the Women Enterprises Fund;
- 4. The vetting for issuance of identification documents when used for security reasons should be subjected to all Kenyans. In such instances government should use local elders and chiefs who know the applicants;
- 5. There is need for justice and fairness to all in the issuance of identification documents;
- 6. Many applicants with waiting cards waited for a long period of time to acquire national identity cards. Some of the petitioners were reported to be holding waiting cards dating back to 2010;
- 7. The Government has a responsibility of ensuring that all genuine Kenyan applicants are promptly issued with identity cards;
- 8. Since the Turkana community was only found in Kenya and therefore no foreigners of Turkana descent who would fraudulently acquire Kenyan national identity cards;
- In situations where vetting is applied to a section of the community it breeds a feeling of discrimination and ends up not achieving its intended purpose and instead divides Kenyans; and
- 10. There is need to streamline and standardize the policy on issuance of identification documents so as to facilitate and not restrict access to identification documents which is a constitutional right.

5.0 COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

In response to the prayers by the petitioners, the Committee recommends that:-

- 1. The National Registration Bureau should expeditiously process and issue national identification cards to the Turkana community in Laikipia and all eligible persons in the Country by streamlining the production processes and acquisition of modern production technology;
- 2. The Government should allocate sufficient funds to the Registration Bureau to facilitate the purchase of motor vehicles and recruitment of staff to expedite the registration and issuance of national identification cards to all eligible persons in the Country;
- 3. The Ministry of Interior and Coordination of National Government should review the regulations and policy on issuance of identification documents so as to provide for specific timeliness, standardization of processes in all parts of the Country and ensure justice and fairness in the issuance and distribution of the national identification documents so that no Kenyan feels discriminated in the exercise;
- 4. The National Registration Bureau should exempt Kenyans with valid birth certificates who are born in non border Counties such as Laikipia from undergoing vetting before being issued with national identity cards;
- 5. The Ministry of Interior and Coordination of National Government should engage local elders and chiefs in the verification of citizenship before issuance of national identification documents; and
- 6. The Ministry of Interior and Coordination of National Government should ensure that vetting when used as a security and control mechanism for citizenship is applied to all citizens without bias.

Signed January Lasucer V Date 21 03 2017

Hon. Asman Kamama, MGH, OGW, MP Chairman, Departmental Committee on Administration and National Security

APPENDIX 1

ADOPTION LIST

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APPENDIX II

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THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
ELEVENTH PARLIAMENT – FOURTH SESSION
<u>PUBLIC PETITION</u>

BY THE LAIKIPIA TURKANA COUNCIL OF ELDERS REGARDING ALLEGED DISCRIMINATION OF MEMBERS OF THE TURKANA COMMUNITY IN THE ISSUANCE OF NATIONAL IDENTITY CARDS IN LAIKIPIA COUNTY

I, the UNDERSIGNED, on behalf of LAIKIPIA TURKANA COUNCIL OF ELDERS and the entire Turkana Community resident in Laikipia County;

DRAW the attention of the House to the following:-

- 1. THAT, Article 12 of the Constitution entitles every citizen to equal rights, privileges and benefits of citizenship including any document of registration or identification issued by the state;
- 2. THAT, Article 14 of the Constitution entitles every person to citizenship by birth if on the day of the person's birth, either the father or mother of the person is a citizen;
- 3. THAT, in spite of members of the Turkana Community in Laikipia County being citizens by birth, the National Government delays issuance of national identification cards through a biased vetting process, contrary to Article 27 of the Constitution that prohibits all forms of discrimination:
- 4. THAT, the delayed issuance of national identity cards has denied the Turkana youth access to government services, employment as well as access to socio-economic opportunities like Youth Enterprise Fund, Uwezo Fund and the Women Enterprise Fund;
- 5. THAT, the lengthy vetting process has also disenfranchised the affected citizens and deprived them the enjoyment of rights and fundamental freedoms enshrined in the bill of rights, particularly Article 38 of the Constitution on political rights;
- 6. FURTHER THAT, inordinately delaying the processing and issuance of national identification cards to Turkana youth in Laikipia County is breeding unemployment, marginalisation and anti-social behavior among the disillusioned youth who cannot access means of economic empowerment;

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BY THE LAIKIPIA TURKANA COUNCIL OF ELDERS REGARDING ALLEGED DISCRIMINATION OF MEMBERS OF THE TURKANA COMMUNITY IN THE ISSUANCE OF NATIONAL IDENTITY CARDS IN LAIKIPIA COUNTY

- 7. THAT, the lengthy vetting process has also disenfranchised the affected members of the Turkana community in Laikipia County and deprived them of their right to full enjoyment of the rights and fundamental freedoms as contained in the bill of rights, particularly political rights enshrined in Article 38 of the Constitution;
- 8. FURTHER THAT, controlling registration and inordinately delaying the processing and release of national identification cards belonging to Turkana youth in Laikipia County is breeding unemployment, marginalisation and anti-social behavior among the disillusioned Turkana youth who cannot access means of economic empowerment;
- THAT, the efforts by the community to seek redress from relevant offices on the matter have been in vain;
- 10. AND FURTHER AVERRING that the issues raised in this petition are not pending in any Court of Law, Constitutional or legal body.

THEREFORE your humble petitioners pray that the National Assembly, through the Departmental Committee on Administration and National Security:-

- 1. Investigates the circumstances and reasons for the inordinate delay and protracted vetting process of members of the Turkana community living in Laikipia County before issuance of national identification cards;
- 2. Intervenes with the Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Interior and Coordination of National Government to forthwith revoke any order(s) authorizing/directing the tedious vetting of the members of the Turkana community in Laikipia County by the offices responsible for registration of persons in the County; and
- 3. Ensures that the Directorate of Registration of Persons expeditiously processes and releases all national identification cards belonging to youths of Turkana origin that have been pending for the last three years, and immediately commences mass registration and issuance of national identification cards to all eligible Persons of Turkana ethnicity resident in Laikipia County;
- 4. Makes any other order(s) deemed fit in mitigating the plight of the Petitioners.

And your humble PETITIONERS will ever pray.

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APPENDIX III

COMMITTEE MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE 5^{TR} SITTING OF THE DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION AND NATIONAL SECURITY HELD ON TUESDAY, 7THFEBRUARY, 2017 IN COMMITTEE ROOM, 4THFLOOR, CONTINENTAL HOUSE PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS AT 10.00 A.M.

PRESENT

- 1. The Hon. AsmanKamama, MGH, OGW, MP
- Chairperson

2. The Hon. AloisLentoimaga, MP

Vice Chairperson

- 3. The Hon. Dr. MakaliMulu, MP
- 4. The Hon. ProtusAkuiaEwesit, MP
- 5. The Hon. Charles Nyamai, MP
- 6. The Hon, Alice Wahome, MP
- 7. The Hon. George Theuri, MP
- 8. The Hon. WanjikuMuhia, MP
- 9. The Hon. ZakayoCheruiyot, MP
- 10. The Hon. Samuel Moroto, MP
- 11. The Hon. Shaaban Ali Isaack, MP
- 12. The Hon. Francis Mwangangi, MP

APOLOGIES

- 1. The Hon. Joseph Ndiege, MP
- 2. The Hon. James Bett, MP
- 3. The Hon. Ibrahim Abdi Saney, MP
- 4. The Hon. Patrick Ole Ntutu, MP
- 5. The Hon. Dr. Humphrey Njuguna, MP
- 6. The Hon, Joseph Kahangara, MP
- 7. The Hon. Mohamed Shidiye, MP
- The Hon. Joseph Lekuton, MP
- 9. The Hon. Grace Kiptui, MP
- 10. The Hon, BenardShinali, MP
- 11. The Hon. Fatuma Ibrahim Ali, MP
- 12. The Hon. Rashid Bedzimba, MP
- 13. The Hon. Jane Machira, MP
- 14. The Hon. Timothy Wetangula, MP
- 15. The Hon. David Gikaria, MP
- 16. The Hon. Peter Kaluma, MP
- 17. The Hon. Opiyo Wandayi, MP

IN ATTENDANCE -COMMITTEE SECRETARIAT

Mr. Leonard Machira
 Ms. Rose Wanjohi
 Ms. Hellen Lokwang
 Ms. Fiona Musili
 Clerk Assistant II
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MIN.NO.020/ANS/2017 - PRELIMINARIES

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 10.30 a.m.A prayer was said. Thereafter, he conveyed apologies from the Cabinet Secretary Ministry of Interior and Coordination of National Government who was unable attend the meeting as scheduled.

MIN.NO.021/ANS/2017 - CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The agenda was deferred to the next meeting.

MIN.NO.022/ANS/2017 - RESPONSES SUBMITTED BY THE CABINET SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF INTERIOR AND COORDINATION OF NATIONAL GOVERNMENT ON PETITIONS PENDING BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

The Committee proceeded to consider written responses submitted by the Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Interior and Coordination of National Government regarding various petitions pending before the Committee.

Response to a public petition by Hon. Abbass Sheikh, MP on behalf of residents
of Wajir East Constituency on the right to acquire National Identification Cards.

The Cabinet Secretary stated as follows:-

- That Article 12(1) of the Constitution provides that every Kenyan citizen is entitled to the rights, privileges and benefits of citizenship, subject to the limits provided by the Constitution specifically right to acquire a Kenyan passport and any document of registration by the State to citizens. The national Registration Bureau has been carrying o registration and issuance of identity cards in line with the provisions of the Constitution;
- The government was committed to ensure that all applicants for national identity cards are processed within the shortest time possible to enable all eligible persons to exercise and enjoy their rights;
- There were no delays in the issuance of identity cards at the moment;
- The government is not aware of hindrances and tedious processes that have violated and denied citizens the right to freedom as outlined in the Constitution;

- That the processes involved in issuance of National Identification Cards were not complex and unnecessary. The need to have parents avail themselves for finger prints when their children apply for National Identification Cards is not mandatory as it is an administrative measure aimed at creating family links in the database:
- The government was further aware that in as much as the necessity of parents availing themselves for thumb printing when their children apply for identification cards had noble intention, the nomadic lifestyle of the residents of Wajir County and other areas have made this requirement difficult to implement despite the requirement being not made mandatory.

The Committee noted that:-

- i. The issuance of identity cards was slow due to technical problems experienced in the applications processing;
- ii. Many identity cards remain uncollected fromNational Registration Bureau and Chief's offices countrywide;
- iii. The delay in the processing and issuance of identity cards mainly affected the youth.

The Committee resolved that the National Registration Bureau should fast track the processing of identity cards and should use an effective mode to distribute the identity card to far flung Counties. The Committee also recommended that the National Registration Bureau should develop an SMS platform to alert applicants to collect their identity cards.

ii. Response to a public petition by Hon. Peter Kaluma, MP on behalf of Mr. Fredrick Ojwanda, next of kin to the student regarding accidental shooting of a student of St. Albert's Ulanda Girls' High School by a prison warder.

The Cabinet Secretary stated that investigations on the commenced immediately after the incident. The prison warden who shot the student had been interdicted and his firearm had been withdrawn and forwarded for ballistics examination. However the Cabinet Secretary regretted that the Ministry had no expenditure vote to cater for the compensation of the victim.

The Committee resolved to request the Ministry of Health to assist the victim in footing the medical bills for the eye transplant and also advised the victim to seek Court redress in compensation of the victim.

iii. Response to a public petition by Hon. Christopher DoyeNakuleu, MP on behalf of Laikipia Council of Elders regarding alleged discrimination of members of the Turkana community in the issuance of National Identity cards in Laikipia County.

The Cabinet Secretary stated that:-

- The Constitution of Kenya Article 12(1) (b) confers on Kenyan citizens the right 'to a Kenyan passport and any document of registration issued by the State to citizens.' To actualize this right and other provisions of Chapter 3, the Constitution in 18 (g) gives Parliament the power to enact legislation generally giving effect to the provisions of the Chapter.
- The Ministry was not aware of any form of discrimination against members of the Turkana community in the issuance of IDs. Other communities subjected to vetting during the application of national identity cards in Laikipia County include the Maasais, Somalis, Boranas, Luos and Luhyas.
- The vetting of applicants is necessitated by the fact that they hail from border areas and vetting is carried out to identify eligible applicants in their places of origin.
- Ministry was not aware of any delays in the issuance of identity cards since there is no backlog at the card production centre.
- There were no inordinate delays in the processing ad issuance of national cards to Turkana youths in Laikipia County as all applications are processed as soon as they are received.

The Committee noted that the issuance of national identification cards should not be discriminatory and the processing of the same should be prompt. However, the Committee recommended that the vetting exercise should continue in view of the current terrorism threat to prevent the possibility of aliens acquiring Kenyan identity cards.

MIN.NO.023 /ANS/2017

ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 12.40 p.m. and the next meeting will be held on Thursday, 9thFebruary 2017 at 10.00 a.m.

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MINUTES OF THE 10TH SITTING OF THEDEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION AND NATIONAL SECURITY SITTING HELD ON SATURDAY18TH FEBRUARY 2017 IN WHITESANDS HOTEL MOMBASA AT 10:00AM.

PRESENT

- I. Hon. AsmanKamama, MP Chairperson
- 2. Hon. Tirnothy Wanyonyi, MP
- 3. Hon. BenardShinali, MP
- 4. Hon. Joseph Lekuton, MP
- 5. Hon. Joseph Ndiege, MP
- 6. Hon. Charles Nyamai, MP
- 7. Hon. ProtusAkuja, MP
- 8. Hon. A ice Wahome, MP
- 9. Hon. Fatuma Ali Ibrahim, MP
- 10. Hon. Dr.MakaliMulu, MP
- 11. Hon. Mohamed Shidiye, MP
- 12. Hon. Rashid Bedzimba, MP
- 13. Hon. Francis Mwangangi, MP
- 14. Hon. George Theuri, MP
- 15. Hon. Samuel Moroto, MP

APOLOGIES

1. Hon. AloisLentoimaga, MP

Vice Chairperson

- 2. Hon. Wanjiku Muhia, MP
- 3. Hon. Ibrahim Saney, MP
- 4. Hon. Grace Kiptui, MP
- 5. Hon. David Gikaria, MP

- 7. Hon. Patrick Ole Ntutu, MP
- 8. Hon. Jane Machira, MP
- 9. Hon. Shaaban Isaack Ali, MP
- 10. Hon. Peter Kaluma, MP
- 11. Hon. Opiyo Wandayi, MP
- 12. Hon. Joseph Kahangara, MP
- 13. Hon. Zakayo Cheruiyot, MP
- 14. Hon. James Bett, MP

COMMITTEE SECRETARIAT

- 1. Mr. Nicholas Emejen Principal Clerk Assistant I
- 2. Mr. Leonard Machira First Clerk Assistant I
- 2. Ms. Rose Wanjohi Clerk Assistant II
- 3. Ms. Hellen Lokwang Clerk Assistant II
- 4. Ms. Christine Odhiambo Legal Counsel II
- 5. Ms. Fiona Musili Researcher III

MIN. 044 NO./ANS/2017 - PRELIMINARIES

The chairperson called the meeting to order at 10.20 am. A prayer was said.

MIN. NO.045/ANS/2017 - CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The agenda was deferred to the next meeting.

MIN.NO.046/ANS/2017 ADPOTION OF A REPORT ON THE CONSIDERATION OF A PETITION BY LAIKIPIA TURKANA COUNCIL OF ELDERS REGARDING ALLEGED DISCRIMINATION OF MEMBERS OF THE TURKANA COMMUNITY IN THE ISSUANCE OF NATIONAL IDENTITY CARDS -

Committee unanimously adopted the report with the following recommendations:-

1. The National Registration Bureau should expeditiously process and issue national identification cards to the Turkana community in Laikipia and all eligible persons in the

Country by streamlining the production processes and acquisition of modern production technology.

- 2. The Government should allocate sufficient funds to the Registration Bureau to facilitate the purchase of motor vehicles and recruitment of staff to expedite the registration and issuance of national identification cards to all eligible persons in the Country.
- 3. The Ministry of Interior and Coordination of National Government should review the regulations and policy on issuance of identification documents so as to provide for specific timeliness, standardization of processes in all parts of the Country and ensure justice and fairness in the issuance and distribution of the national identification documents so that no Kenyan feels discriminated in the exercise.
- 4. The National Registration Bureau should exempt Kenyans with valid birth certificates who are born in non border Counties such as Laikipia from undergoing vetting before being issued with national identity cards.
- 5. The Ministry of Interior and Coordination of National Government should engage local elders and chiefs in the verification of citizenship before issuance of national identification documents.
- 6. The Ministry of Interior and Coordination of National Government should ensure that vetting when used as a security and control mechanism for citizenship is applied to all citizens without bias.

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ADJOURNMENT

There be	ng no other business the meeting was adjourned at 12.15p.m. and next meeting will be
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MINUTES OF THE 65TH SITTING OF THE DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION AND NATIONAL SECURITY HELD ON THURSDAY, 29TH SEPTEMBER 2016 IN NGARE NYIRO COMMUNIY HALL IN LAIKIPIA COUNTY AT1.30 P.M.

PRESENT

1. The Hon. Dr. Makali Mulu, MP - Chairing

- 2. The Hon. James Bett, MP
- 3. The Hon. (Maj. Rtd.) John K. Waluke, MP
- 4. The Hon. Jane Machira, MP
- 5. The Hon. Protus Akuja, MP
- 6. The Hon. Grace Kiptui, MP

IN-ATTENDANCE

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

The Hon. Christopher Nakuleu, MP

LAIKIPIA WEST SUB - COUNTY SECURITY INTELLIGENCE

1. Mr. Joseph Koech D/OCPD

Mr. Ali Nakasepan NIS
 Mr. Geoffrey Nyamari DCI

Ms. Joyce Kimani
 Mr. J. F. Macharia
 Sub County Registrar of Persons
 Assistant County Commissioner

6. Mr. A. Daudi KWS

7. Mr. Michael Koskei Prisons

8. Mr. SAMUEL Kiarie Assistant County Commissioner

TURKANA COUNCIL OF ELDERS

1. Mr. Wilson Remoi - Chairperson of Elders

2. Mr. Ernest Epupu - V/Chair of Elders

3. Mr. Peter Loris - Chairperson

4. Mr. Moses Elim - Elder

5. Mr. Salim Edung - Former Councilor

6. Mr. Jeremiah Nanei - Member
7. Ms. Sarah Areman - Member

8. Mr. Peter Lokwamor - Youth Chairperson – Segera Ward

9. Mr. Marchollo Alexander - Youth Representative

10. Mr. James Erupe - Member 11. Mr. James Lowasa - Member

COMMITTEE SECRETARIAT

Mr. Leonard Machira
 Ms. Rose Wanjohi
 Ms. Hellen Lokwang
 Third Clerk Assistant

4. Mr. Nickson Mutai - Audio Officer

MIN.NO.298/ANS/2016

PRELIMINARIES

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 1.10 p.m. A prayer was said.

MIN.NO.299/ANS/2016 - MEETING WITH RESIDENTS OF RUMURUTI ON A PETITION BY TURKANA COUNCIL OF ELDERS REGARDING DELAYED ISSUANCE ON NATIONAL IDENTITY CARDS

The residentsinformed the Committee as follows, that:-

- i. The Turkana Community settled in Laikipia in 1900s as workers in the colonial setters ranches. After independence there remained in the County as squatters or continued working in the ranches.
- ii. Members of the Turkana Community started being vetted in 2009
- iii. The vetting process was elaborate and slow with referrals taking more than six months to be considered. The issuance of national identity cards was also discriminatory as the delay only affected Turkana residents while applicants from others communities reportedly received identity cards on time;
- iv. Cases of issuance of Identity cards of with mismatched photos, incorrect names were rampant;
- v. Applicants with waiting cards waited for a long period of time to acquire national identity cards. Some applicants were reported to hold of waiting cards dating back to 2010;
- vi. Cases of corruption were rampant in the Laikipia Registration of Persons office with the residents reportedly paying Kshs. 300 as bribes during the vetting exercise.
- vii. Voter registration among the Turkana community in Laikipia West Sub County was low due to delayed issuance of national identity cards. Therefore limiting access to political rights;
- viii. Member of the vetting panels in the Sub County do not speak Turkana language and cannot therefore communicate effectively with elderly persons from the community seeking national identity cards;
- ix. The vetting process had no legal basis as the government had not availed the circular authorizing the vetting of members of the Turkana Community before they are issued with national identity cards;

- x. Lack of national identity card had perpetuated poverty among successive generations of members of the Turkana Community in Laikipia as they continued to work in the white own ranchers and could not access employment outside the County.
- xi. Member of the Turkana Community faced challenges in succession of deceased persons estate particularly shares in land buying companies due to lack of identification documents. Leading to loss of inheritance.
- xii. The Turkana youth experienced enormous challenges due to lack of identity cards that includedinability to access employment opportunities, opening of bank accounts, access university education ownership of property, access loans from the Higher Education Loans Board, access bursaries from the County, register for Mpesa services, opportunities to study abroad.

MIN.NO.300/ANS/2016

ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 4.30 pm.

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MINUTES OF THE 64TH SITTING OF THE DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION AND NATIONAL SECURITY HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 28TH SEPTEMBER 2016 IN NGARE NYIRO COMMUNIY HALL IN LAIKIPIA COUNTY AT 1.30 P.M.

PRESENT

- 1. The Hon. Dr. MakaliMulu, MP Chairing
- 2. The Hon. James Bett, MP
- 3. The Hon. (Maj. Rtd.) John K. Waluke, MP
- 4. The Hon. Jane Machira, MP
- 5. The Hon. Protus Akuja, MP
- 6. The Hon. Grace Kiptui, MP

IN-ATTENDANCE

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

The Hon. Christopher Nakuleu, MP

LAIKIPIA COUNTY SECURITY INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE

- 1. Mr. Chege Mwangi Laikipia County Commissioner
- Mr. Joseph Kungu
 County Registrar Officer
 Mr. Joseph Osike
 Deputy CIC Laikipia
- Mr. Joseph Osike Deputy CIC Laikipia
 Mr. Angelus Karuru NPS Coordinator
- 5. Mr. Wilfred Kati OC Nanyuki Prison
- 6. Mr. Isaac M. Musyoki County CID Commander
- 7. Mr. Daud Mohamed County AP Commander
- 8. Mr. Paul R. Ouko NIS Laikipia County
- 9. Lt. Gideon M. Mutunga KDF Laikipia Airbase
 10. Mr. Alexander M. Mwangi Sub County Administrator Laikipia East

TURKANA COUNCIL OF ELDERS

- 1. Mr. Wilson Remoi Chairperson of Elders
- 2. Mr. Ernest Epupu V/Chair of Elders
- 3. Mr. Peter Loris Chairperson
- 4. Mr. Moses Elim Elder
- 5. Mr. Salim Edung Former Councilor
- 6. Mr. Jeremiah Nanei Member 7. Ms. Sarah Areman - Member

8. Mr. Peter Lokwamor - Youth Chairperson – Segera Ward

9. Mr. Marchollo Alexander - Youth Representative

10. Mr. James Erupe - Member 11. Mr. James Lowasa - Member 12. Mr. Amos Ekal - Member 13. Mr. Ernest Loochimoi - Member 14. Mr. James Elain - Member

15. Mr. WarioHalakhe - Elder Laini Moja

16. Mzee Ekitela - Elder/Member of Vetting Committee

17. Mr. Salim Edung - Youth 18. Mr. EbongonNgawosa - Elder

19. Mr. A. Akaale - MCA Laikipia County

COMMITTEE SECRETARIAT

Mr. Leonard Machira
 Ms. Rose Wanjohi
 Second Clerk Assistant
 Ms. Hellen Lokwang
 Mr. Nickson Mutai
 Audio Officer

MIN.NO.295/ANS/2016

PRELIMINARIES

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 1.10 p.m. A prayer was said.

MIN.NO.296/ANS/2016 - MEETING WITH RESIDENTS OF NGARE NYIRO ON A PETITION BY TURKANA COUNCIL OF ELDERS REGARDING DELAYED ISSUANCE ON NATIONAL IDENTITY CARDS

The residents informed the Committee as follows, that:-

- i. The Turkana Community settled in Laikipia in the early 1900s and most of the community members worked for colonial setters at the time. After independence they continued to reside in Laikipia County. Some members of the community have bought land while others remained as squatters in the ranches;
- ii. Members of the Community were subjected to a stringent vetting process in order to acquire national identity cards;
- iii. The vetting process was elaborate and slow with referrals taking more than six months to be considered. The issuance of national identity cards was also discriminatory as the delay only affected Turkana residents while applicants from others communities reportedly received identity cards on time;
- iv. Cases of issuance of Identity cards of with mismatched photos, incorrect names were rampant;

- v. Applicants with waiting cards waited for a long period of time to acquire national identity cards. Some applicants were reported to hold of waiting cards dating back to 2010;
- vi. Cases of corruption were rampant in the Laikipia Registration of Persons office with the residents reportedly paying Kshs. 300 as bribes during the vetting exercise.
- vii. The Turkana youth experienced enormous challenges due to lack of identity cards that includedinability to access employment opportunities, opening of bank accounts, ownership of property, access loans from the Higher Education Loans Board, access bursaries from the County, register for Mpesa services, opportunities to study abroad.

Committee recommendations

- (i) The Chairperson of Turkana Council of Elders was asked to provide the Committee with a list of national identity card applicants who had been issued with waiting cards, cases of referrals, residents without identity cards and those issued with identity cards with mismatched photos;
- (ii) The Members requested the County Government of Laikipia to initiate dialogue with the ranches owners to address the issue of exploitation of Turkana squatters employed in the ranches;
- (iii) The residents were advised to report bribery cases to the County Commissioner's office and other relevantgovernment. bodies

MIN.NO.297/ANS/2016

ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 4.30 pm.

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MINUTES OF THE 63RD SITTING OF THE DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION AND NATIONAL SECURITY HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 28TH SEPTEMBER 2016 IN THE LAIKIPIA COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S BOARDROOM 10.00 A.M.

Chairing

PRESENT

- 1. The Hon. Dr. Makali Mulu, MP
- 2. The Hon. James Bett, MP
- 3. The Hon. (Maj. Rtd.) John K. Waluke, MP
- 4. The Hon. Jane Machira, MP
- 5. The Hon. Protus Akuja, MP
- 6. The Hon. Grace Kiptui, MP

IN-ATTENDANCE

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

The Hon. Christopher Nakuleu, MP

LAIKIPIA COUNTY SECURITY INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE

1. Mr. Chege Mwangi - County Commissioner

2. Mr. Joseph Kungu - County Registrar Officer

3. Mr. Joseph Osike - Deputy County Intelligence Coordinator

4. Mr. Angelus Karuru - County Police Coordinator

Mr. Wilfred Kati - In - charge Nanyuki Prison
 Mr. Isaac M. Musyoki - County CID Commander

6. Mr. Isaac M. Musyoki - County CID Commander
 7. Mr. Daudi Mohamed - County AP Commander

8. Mr. Paul R. Ouko - NIS Laikipia County

9. Lt. Gideon M. Mutunga - KDF Laikipia Airbase

10. Mr. Alexander M. Mwangi - Deputy County Commissioner Laikipia East

COMMITTEE SECRETARIAT

Mr. Leonard Machira
 Ms. Rose Wanjohi
 Ms. Hellen Lokwang
 Clerk Assistant II
 Clerk Assistant III

4. Mr. Nickson Mutai - Audio Officer - Intern

MIN.NO/292./ANS/2016

PRELIMINARIES

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at half past ten o'clock. A prayer was said.

MIN.NO.293/ANS/2016 - MEETING WITH LAIKIPIA COUNTY SECURITY INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE ON A PETITION BY LAIKIPIA TURKANA COUNCIL OF ELDERS ON ALLEGED DISCRIMINATION OF MEMBERS OF THE TURKANA COMMUNITY IN ISSUANCE OF NATIONAL IDENTIFICATION CARDS IN LAIKIPIA COUNTY

TheHon. Christopher Nakuleu, MP informed the meeting that subjecting members of the Turkana community living in Laikipia County to rigorous vetting before issuing them with national identity cards was discriminatory and had contributed to many youth being unable to access their economic, political and social rights. He added that the youth would not be able to apply for loans from the youth Fund, the Women Enterprise Fund. The affected youth would also not register as voters and therefore were unable to exercise their political rights through seeking elective positions or electing representatives of their choice. He argued that the situation was tantamount to economic sabotage. He concluded that there was no valid justification for the vetting of applicants from the Turkana Community since the community was only found in Kenya and there were noforeigners of Turkana descent who wouldfraudulentlyacquire Kenyan national identity cards.

The County Commissioner explained that the vetting of applicants seeking national identity cards was anchored in law and the exercise is guided by a circular fromthe Cabinet Secretary Ministry of Interior. He stated that the Registration of Persons Act Cap 107 allows the Director of National Registration to set up identification committees where necessary. The composition, mandate and conduct of the vetting committees are regulated through rules issued by the cabinet secretary from time to time with the latest rules issued in June 2014. He added that applicants from the Turkana community seeking national identity cards are vetted in all Counties in Kenya and therefore Laikipia County was not an exception.

The County Registration Officer stated thatthe decisions of the vetting committees are classified into three categories:-

- (i) Approvals such candidates are registered forthwith and usually make the largest proportion of the output of vetting committees.
- (ii) Deferrals such candidates are usually required to preset themselves again during the following vetting meeting, this is mostly when some aspects of the information they provide is not immediately verifiable. They might for example be required to present a letter from their assistant chief verifying the claims. They are typically approved or referred during the next vetting meeting unless they fail to present themselves.
- (iii) Referrals such candidates are referred to another County/Sub-County for proper identification. This will typically be unknown persons who have no ties whatsoever to Laikipia and are either passing through or visiting. The elders are unable to identify them.

He informed the Committee that in the past four years only 98 applications and been referred by the vetting committees. Only 41 of the referred applications were from applicants of Turkana origin. Further the office of the County Registrar of person had also approved the issuance of a total of 5872 national identity cards through the vetting exercise over the past four year. 2351 of the approved applications were from applicants from the Turkana Community.

The Officer further stated that:-

- (i) Identification (vetting) committees were constitutional and anchored in law;
- (ii) Applicants from the Turkana are not only vetted in Laikipia but countrywide. The standards are set centrally and are equally applied nationwide;
- (iii) The vetting exercise was not a lengthy process unless there were gaps in information provided, the committee makes its determination on the spot and where cases are deferred, the cases are usually prioritized during the next vetting meeting unless the concerned individualsfails to turn up;
- (iv) Vetting/ identification committees play a facilitative role and assist the Registration Officer to determine the merits of applications;
- (v) There is no evidence of disenfranchisement of Turkana youth due to lack of identity cards. Registration of Turkana youth for new identity cards had increased from 331 in 2013 to 1052 as at September, 2016. Further the registration had been initiated by the office of the County Registrar of Persons through mobile registration; and
- (vi) That there is no delay in issuance of national identity cards to Turkanas. Anyunfortunate delays are usually at the production centre and the delay affected all applicants in the Country.

The Committee resolved to hold a meeting with the Cabinet Secretary for Interior and Coordination of National Government to consider the issues raised by the petitioners-

MIN.NO.294/ANS/2016

ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING

Signed (Chairperson) (Chairperson)

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 12.00 noon.

MINUTES OF THE 61ST SITTING OF DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION AND NATIONAL SECURITY HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER, 2016 IN THE BAOBAB CONFERENCE ROOM, SERENA BEACH HOTEL AT 10:00 AM

Vice- Chairperson

PRESENT:

- 1. The Hon. AsmanKamama, MGH,OGW, MP- Chairperson
- 2. The Hon. Alois M. Lentiomaga, MP
- 3. The Hon. Alice Wahome, MP
- 4. The Hon. David Gikaria, MP
- 5. The Hon. Zakayo K. Cheruiyot, MP
- 6. The Hon. George Theuri, MP
- 7. The Hon. Charles Nyamai, MP
- 8. The Hon. AkujaProtusEwesit, MP
- 9. The Hon. James Bett, MP MP
- 10. The Hon. Timothy W. Wetangula, MP
- 11. The Hon. (Dr.) MakaliMulu, MP
- 12. The Hon. Francis K. Mwangangi, MP
- 13. The Hon.(Dr.) Humphrey Njuguna, MP
- 14. The Hon. (Maj. Rtd) John K. Waluke, MP
- 15. The Hon. Grace Kiptui, MP
- 16. The Hon. Bernard Shinali, MP
- 17. The Hon. Fatuma Ibrahim Ali, MP
- 18. The Hon. Joseph Lekuton, MP

APOLOGIES

- 1. The Hon. AbabuNamwamba, EGH, MP
- 2. The Hon. Joseph O. Ndiege, MP
- 3. The Hon. Joseph Kahangara, MP
- 4. The Hon. Patrick Ole Ntutu, MP
- 5. The Hon. WanjikuMuhia, MP
- 6. The Hon. Mohamed Shidiye, MP
- 7. The Hon. Shabaan Ali Isaack, MP
- 8. The Hon. Jane Machira.
- 9. The Hon. Samuel Moroto, MP
- 10. The Hon. Rashid J. Bedzimba, MP
- 11. The Hon. Ibrahim Abdi Saney, MP

IN ATTENDANCE - NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

1. Mr. Leonard Machira - Clerk Assistant I

2. Ms. Rose Wanjohi - Clerk Assistant II

3. Ms. Hellen Lokwang - Clerk Assistant III

4. Ms. Christine Odhiambo - Legal Counsel II

5. Ms. Fiona Musili

Research & Policy Analyst III

MIN.NO.280/ANS/2016: PRELIMINARIES

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at half past ten o'clock. A prayer was said.

MIN.NO. /ANS/2016: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Confirmation of minutes was deferred to the next sitting.

MIN.NO.281 /ANS/2016: ADOPTION OF REPORT ON A PETITION BY HON. SUNJEEV K. BIRDI, MP ON BEHALF OF CONCERNED IMMIGRANTS RESIDING IN KENYA REGARDING THE DELAYED ISSUANCE OF CITIZENSHIP

The Committee unanimously adopted the report on a petition by Hon. Sunjeev K. Birdi, MP on behalf of concerned immigrants residing in Kenya regarding the delayed issuance of citizenship as proposed by Hon. Alice Wahome, MP and seconded by Hon. (Dr.) MakaliMulu, MP.

Committee Observation

The Committee observed that the determination of applications for citizenship should be digitized to reduce avenues of corruption and delays.

Committee Recommendations

The Committee recommended that:-

- 1. The Ministry of Interior and Interior and Coordination of National Government should digitize the processing of acquisition of citizenship applications to enable applicants track the status of their applications and reduce systemic corruption.
- 2. The Ministry of Interior and Coordination of National Government should amend the Kenya Citizenship and Immigration Regulations, 2012 to provide for transparency, accountability and a timeframe for determination of applications for citizenship.
- 3. The Ministry of Interior and Coordination of National Government should within sixty days submit a comprehensive response on the status of the applications for Kenyan citizenship of 45 applicants as contained in a list submitted to the Committee by the petitioners and forwarded to the Cabinet Secretary.

MIN. NO.282ANS/2016: ADOPTION OF A REPORT ON A PETITION BY HON. KIMANI ICHUNG'WAH, MP ON BEHALF OF RESIDENTS OF KIKUYU CONSTITUENCY REGARDING THE ALLEGED RE-EMERGENCE OF MILITIA AND MUNGIKI IN KIAMBU COUNTY

The Committee after reviewing evidence submitted and the report of the security meeting between the Cabinet Secretary for Interior and the elected leaders from Kiambu County held on 27th July, 2016, observed that:-

- 1. It appears that the matter of insecurity and emergence of militia in the County was not strongly presented or articulated to the Cabinet secretary by the elected leaders;
- 2. The issues relating to the unrest at Madaraka market were pending before the High Court in Petition No. 529 of 2015, Petition No. 569 of 2015 and Petition No. 42 of 2015 The issue that a militia group attacked two Members of Parliament who were proceeding to Ndumberi, stoning their cars and attempted to draw guns at the in the presence of Administration police officers was also pending in court in criminal case No. 1079/16. Therefore provisions of Standing Order 89 on the sub judice rule apply.
- 3. Although the government and residents of Kiambu County had invested resources in the construction of police stations and posts, police officers were engaged in other subsidiary duties during day time such as each escort. Thus adversely affecting provision of security to the residents.
- 4. The reported re emergence of militia groups in the Country, particularly in Kiambu, Nakuru and Nairobi Counties would compromise security. Therefore there is need for security agencies to contain the situation to ensure public safety.
- 5. Kibichoi police station in Githunguri Sub County which also services parts of Juja Sub County had no police vehicle.

In response to the prayers by the petitioners, the Committee recommended that:-

- The issues relating to the unrest at Madaraka market in Thika town are pending before the High Court in petition No. 529 of 2015, petition No. 569 of 2015 and petition No. 42 of 2015. Therefore the provisions of Standing Order 89 on the sub judice rule apply.
- 2. The Government should urgently investigate the re emergence of militia groups in the Country, particularly in Kiambu, Nakuru and Nairobi Counties with a view to dealing with the issue firmly and conclusively.
- 3. The Government should urgently establish a police station in Kagwe, Lari Sub County and upgrade Juja farm, Kalamaini, Mungai inn and Theta (Ha Mundia) police posts into police stations. It should also establish police posts in Kimuchu, Athi Zone T and Ma-arce.
- 4. The National Police Service urgently should deploy more officers to Nazareth and Redhill Administration Police posts in Kiambu County.
- 5. The Directorate of Criminal Investigations should ensure that leaders found culpable of funding illegal gangs should are investigated and prosecuted to ensure that peace prevailed in the County particularly during the 2017 general elections period.
- 6. The National Police Service should ensure that police officers are engaged in their core function of protecting citizens and maintaining law and order by limiting engagement in other subsidiary duties such as cash escort and guarding private business.
- 7. The Government should allocate a police vehicle to Kibichoi police station in Githunguri Sub County.

The Committee unanimously adopted the report as proposed by Hon. Francis Mwangangi, MP and seconded by Hon. Charles Nyamai, MP.

MIN.NO. 283ANS/2016: CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF A DRAFT REPORT OF THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY PRINTER BILL (SENATE BILL NO. 4 OF 2014)

The Committee noted that the Parliamentary Budget Office in its evaluation of the Office of the County Printer Bill (Senate Bill No. 4 of 2014) indicated that both the National and County Governments pay for their documents to be printed by the Government Printer, the proceeds of which are deposited in the Government Printer Fund. Further the Government Printer is allocated funds from the exchequer. Establishment of the Office of the County Printer will lead to loss of business to the Government Printer. Therefore the proposal to establish these offices also involve an additional function to the County Government and since resources follow functions counties may require additional functions which will lead to a charge against nationally raised revenue.

The Committee was also informed that following the assessment of the key provisions of the Bill, the Parliamentary Budget Office advised that the Office of the County Printer (Senate Bill No.4 of 2014) is a "Money Bill".

Committee Observation

The Committee observed that the Office of the County Printer (Senate Bill No. 4 of 2014) is a "Money Bill" as envisaged by Article 114 of the Constitution and is thus un-procedurally before the Committee for consideration.

Committee Recommendation

The Committee recommends that the National Assembly does not proceed with the process of concurrence on the Bill since constitutional questions may arise if the process continues.

The Committee unanimously adopted the report as proposed by Hon. (Dr.) Humphrey Njuguna, MP and seconded by Hon. Fatuma Ibrahim Ali, MP.

MIN NO.284 ANS/2016: CONSIDERATION OF THE COUNTY HALL OF FAME BILL, 2014(SENATE NO. 33 OF 2014)

The Committee was noted that the Parliamentary Budget Office in its evaluation of the legislative proposal observed that the proposal wishes to establish a County Hall of Fame in each county as an avenue through which the County Governments shall bestow honor on individuals within their respective counties acclaimed as being outstanding, exceptional or illustrious in any profession or activity.

The Parliamentary Budget Office further observed that the 47 county governments may erect a plaque or collect memorabilia in honour of the honorees. It is also clear in the Bill that the governor may choose to designate a permanent public site or public building or a part of it according to his choice. Either way it may not have a significant implication to the national budget save for marginal allocation to facilitate such arrangements which might be borne or occasioned within the budget of the relevant county departments such as culture and heritage

or as may be decided. This could also mean prioritization of activities with planned expenditure, in which the department can accommodate the same within the current budget levels.

Clause 22 (2) and (3) provide for the establishment of a fund which shall consist of monies raised through such gifts, grants or donations as may be given or Such monies as may, in the future, be provided by the National Assembly for defraying the expenses incurred in the implementation of this Bill and such other monies that may lawfully accrue in the discharge of the functions under this Bill, not being monies accruing pursuant to Article 114 of the Constitution.

In this context 'gifts, grants or donations' may be implied to mean gift, grants or donations given to county governments but at the same time it 'therefore open to various interpretations because of its silence on the unspecified gifts, grants or donations. Further, the Bill states that the National Assembly shall in future provide for defraying the expenses incurred in the implementation of the Bill. The Bill therefore does constitute a charge on the public fund according to Article 114 of the Constitution.

After evaluation of the key provisions of the amendment Bill, the Parliamentary Budget Office stated that the Bill is 'Money Bill'

Committee Observation

The Committee observed that the County Hall Bill, 2014 Fame (Senate Bill No. 33 of 2014) is a "Money Bill" as envisaged by Article 114 of the Constitution and is thus un-procedurally before the Committee for consideration.

Committee Recommendation

The Committee recommended that the National Assembly does not proceed with the process of concurrence on the County Hall Bill, 2014 Fame (Senate Bill No. 33 of 2014) since constitutional questions may arise if the process continues.

MIN.NO. 285ANS/2016: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman informed the Committee that a sub-committee had been formed to undertake a site visit to Laikipia County from Tuesday 27th September, 2016 to Friday 30th September, 2016 to consider a petition by Hon. Christopher DoyeNakuleu MP on behalf of Laikipia Turkana Council of Elders on alleged discrimination of members of the Turkana community in issuance of National Identification cards in Laikipia County. The following members were nominated to form the sub - committee:-

- 1. The Hon. (Dr.) MakaliMulu, MP- Delegation Chairman
- 2. The Hon. Alice Wahome, MP
- 3. The Hon. Charles Nyamai, MP
- 4. The Hon, James Bett, MP MP
- 5. The Hon. Francis K. Mwangangi, MP
- 6. The Hon.(Dr.) Humphrey Njuguna, MP
- 7. The Hon. Jane Machira, MP
- 8. The Hon. Grace Kiptui, MP
- 9. The Hon. Bernard Shinali, MP

10. The Hon. Fatuma Ibrahim Ali, MP

MIN.NO. 286ANS/2016: ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned half past twelve o'clock until Tuesday 20th September, 2016 at 10:00am.

SIGNED: CHAIRPERSON)

DATE: 16 11 2016

MINUTES OF THE 55TH SITTING OF THE DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION AND NATIONAL SECURITY HELD ON TUESDAY, 16TH AUGUST 2016 IN COMMITTEE ROOM, 4TH FLOOR, CONTINENTAL HOUSE PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS AT 10.00 A.M.

PRESENT

1. The Hon. Alois Lentoimaga, MP

2. The Hon. Francis Mwangangi, MP

3. The Hon. James Bett, MP

4. The Hon. Joseph Ndiege, MP

5. The Hon. Zakayo Cheruiyot, MP

6. The Hon. Rashid Bedzimba, MP

7. The Hon. Grace Kiptui. MP

8. The Hon. Joseph Lekuton, MP

9. The Hon. Protus Akuja Ewesit, MP

10. The Hon. Fatuma Ibrahim Ali, MP

11. The Hon. Dr. Humphrey Njuguna, MP

12. The Hon. Ibrahim Abdi Saney, MP

13. The Hon. Mohamed Shidiye, MP

14. The Hon. Wanjiku Muhia, MP

APOLOGIES

1. The Hon. Asman Kamama, MGH, OGW, MP

2. The Hon. Dr. Makali Mulu, MP

3. The Hon. George Theuri, MP

4. The Hon. Samuel Moroto, MP

5. The Hon. Joseph Kahangara, MP

6. The Hon. (Maj. Rtd.) John K. Waluke, MP

7. The Hon. Alice Wahome, MP

8. The Hon. Shaaban Ali Isaack, MP

9. The Hon. Benard Shinali, MP

10. The Hon. Jane Machira, MP

11. The Hon. Timothy Wetangula, MP

12. The Hon. David Gikaria, MP

13. The Hon. Patrick Ole Ntutu, MP

14. The Hon. Charles Nyamai, MP

15. The Hon. Ababu Namwamba, MP

Vice Chairperson

Chairperson

IN ATTENDANCE - COMMITTEE SECRETARIAT

Mr. Leonard Machira
 Ms. Rose Wanjohi
 Ms. Hellen Lokwang
 Ms. Christine Odhiambo
 Clerk Assistant II
 Clerk Assistant III
 Legal Counsel II

MIN.NO.255/ANS/2016

PRELIMINARIES

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 10.30 am. A prayer was said.

MIN.NO.256/ANS/2016

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Confirmation of minutes was deferred to the next sitting.

MIN.NO.257/ANS/2016 - CONSIDERATION OF THE COUNTY HALL OF FAME BILL, 2014 (SENATE BILL NO. 33 OF 2014)

The Committee was informed that the Bill seeks to provide a framework for the recognition of persons who have made significant contributions to the county or country, as well as to provide a framework for the preservation of the history, heritage and culture of the county. Its purpose shall be to honour the achievements of persons who have made contributions to the county or country, to educate members of the public and to preserve historical documents on the history, heritage and culture of the county.

The Members observed that the Bill seemed to duplicate the functions of the national government with those of the county governments and recommended that the criteria and mode of recommendation of persons to the Hall of Fame should be limited and anchored on the national values and principles of governance as stipulated in Article 10 of the Constitution. These includes:-

- (a) Patriotism, national unity, sharing and devolution of power, the rule of law, democracy and participation of the people;
- (b) Human dignity, equity, social justice, inclusiveness, equality, human rights, non-discrimination and protection of the marginalized;
- (c) Good governance, integrity, transparency and accountability; and
- (d) Sustainable development.

The Committee also recommended that the County Hall of Fame Selection Committee provided for in the Bill should recommend persons from the county level to national level for consideration to receive the awards.

MIN.NO 258/ANS/2016

ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 12.40 pm and the next meeting will be held on Thursday, 18th August, 2016 at 10.00 a.m.

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MINUTES OF THE 43RD SITTING OF DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION AND NATIONAL SECURITY HELD ON THURSDAY 16TH JUNE, 2016 IN THE MEDIA CENTRE, MAIN PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS AT 10:00 AM

PRESENT:

- . The Hon. Asman Kamama, MGH, OGW, MP Chairperson
- 2. The Hon. Ababu Namwamba, EGH, MP
- The Hon. Patrick Ole Ntutu, MP
- . The Hon. Joseph Lekuton, MP
- . The Hon. Samuel Moroto, MP
- The Hon. Zakayo K. Cheruiyot, MP
- 7. The Hon. Bernard Shinali, MP
- 8. The Hon. Humphrey Njuguna, MP
- . The Hon. Grace Kiptui, MP
- 0. The Hon. James Bett, MP
- 1. The Hon. Akuja Protus Ewesit, MP
- 2. The Hon. (Maj. Rtd.) John K. Waluke, MP
- 3. The Hon. Jane Machira, MP
- 4. The Hon. David Gikaria, MP
- 5. The Hon. George Theuri, MP
- 6. The Hon. Timothy W. Wetangula, MP
- 7. The Hon. Joseph O. Ndiege, MP
- 8. The Hon. (Dr.) MakaliMulu, MP
- 9. The Hon. Shabaan Ali Isaack, MP
- 20. The Hon. Fatuma Ibrahim Ali, MP
- 21. The Hon. Charles Nyamai, MP

APOLOGIES

- I. The Hon. Alois M. Lentiomaga, MP
- 2. The Hon. Alice Wahome, MP
- B. The Hon. Francis K. Mwangangi, MP

Vice-Chairperson

ABSENT

- The Hon. Joseph Kahangara, MP
- 2. The Hon. Rashid J. Bedzimba, MP
- B. The Hon. Wanjiku Muhia, MP
- 4. The Hon. Mohamed Shidiye, MP
- 5. The Hon. Ibrahim Abdi Saney, MP

IN ATTENDANCE

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

- 1. The Hon. Ferdinand Wanyonyi, MP
- 2. The Hon. Christopher Naluleu, MP

COMMITTEE SECRETARIAT

Mr. Leonard Machira
 Ms. Rose Wanjohi
 Ms. Hellen Lokwang
 Ms. Christine Odhiambo

 Clerk Assistant II
 Clerk Assistant III
 Legal Counsel II

MIN.NO. 200/ANS/2016: PRELIMINARIES

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at half past ten o'clock. A prayer was said.

MIN.NO. 201/ANS/2016: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the 28th Sitting were confirmed as true records of the proceedings as proposed by the Hon. James Bett, MP and seconded by the Hon. Joseph O. Ndiege, MP.

The Minutes of the 29th Sitting were confirmed as true records of the proceedings as proposed by the Hon. Protus Ewesit Akuja, MP and seconded by the Hon. Davis Gikaria, MP.

The Minutes of the 30th Sitting were confirmed as true records of the proceedings as proposed by The Hon. Patrick Ole Ntutu, MP and seconded by the Hon. Zakayo K. Cheruiyot, MP.

The Minutes of the 31st Sitting were confirmed as true records of the proceedings as proposed by The Hon. Joseph Lekuton, MP and seconded by the Hon. Bernard Shinali, MP.

The Minutes of the 32ndSitting were confirmed as true records of the proceedings as proposed by The Hon. Timothy-Wetangula, MP-and-seconded by the Hon-Charles Nyamai, MP.

The Minutes of the 33rd Sitting were confirmed as true records of the proceedings as proposed by The Hon. James Bett, MP and seconded by the Hon. ProtusEwesitAkuja, MP.

The Minutes of the 34th Sitting were confirmed as true records of the proceedings as proposed by The Hon. (Maj. Rtd.) John Waluke, MP and seconded by the Hon. Charles Nyamai, MP.

MIN.NO.202 /ANS/2016: SUBMISSION BY HON. FERDINAND WANYONYI, MP ON THE PROPOSED PREVENTION, PROTECTION AND ASSISTANCE TO INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS AND AFFECTED COMMUNITIES (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2016

The Hon. Ferdinand Wanyonyi, the sponsor of the Legislative Proposal, informed the Committee that the principal object of the proposed amendment was to allow the Fund established by the principal Act toassist persons internally displaced from the year 1990

onwards and not just the victims of the post-election violence of 2007/2008 as the Act currently provided.

The Committee was further informed that during the 1992 ethnic clashes 52 families were evicted from the Mango Mt. Elgon region. They were squatting in the farm in the process of acquiring it when they were displaced. They are not able to return back to the land because it was currently occupied. There also had documents to support their claims to the land. They were currently staying in a small parcel of land which was purchased for them in Bosnia, Chechnya and Rwanda in Kwanza Constituency They have no source of income and many of them are old. The government was unable to resettle the families as the Prevention, Protection and Assistance to internally displaced persons and affected communities Act 2012 in its current form only allows for compensation to those persons and communities affected by the Post-election 2007/2008 violence.

The Hororable Member further stated that victims of ethnic conflict in the South Rift region faced the same fate and urged the Committee to recommend that the Legislative Proposal be published to remedy the situation.

The Committee recommended that the Governmentshould compile acomprehensive list of all Internally Displaced Persons in Kenya and verifies its authenticity.

MIN. NO.203 ANS/2016: SUBMISSION BY HON. CHRISTOPHER DOYE NAKULEU, MP ON THE PETITION BY THE LAIKIPIA TURKANA COUNCIL OF ELDERS REGARDING ALLEGED DISCRIMINATION OF MEMBERS OF THE TURKANA COMMUNITY IN THE ISSUANCE OF NATIONAL IDENTITY CARDS IN LAIKIPIA COUNTY

The Hon. Christopher Doye Nakuleu MP informed the Committee, on behalf of Laikipia Turkana Council of Elders, the petitioners, that:-

- i. Article 12 of the Constitution entitles every citizen to equal rights and privileges and benefits of citizenship any document of registration or identification issued by the state;
- ii. Article 14 of the Constitution entitles every person to citizenship by birth if on the day of the person's birth, either the father or mother of the person is a citizen;
- iii. in spite of the members of Turkana Community in Laikipia County being citizens by birth, the National Government delays issuance of national identification cards through a biased vetting process, contrary to Article 27 of the Constitution that prohibits all forms of discrimination;
- iv. The delayed issuance of national identity cards had denied the Turkana youth access to government services, employment as well as access to socio-economic opportunities like Youth Enterprises Fund, Uwezo Fund and the Women Enterprises Fund;
- v. The lengthy vetting process had also disenfranchised the affected citizens and deprived them the enjoyment of rights and fundamental freedoms enshrined in the bill of rights, particularly Article 38 of the Constitution on political rights;
- vi. Inordinately delaying the processing and issuance of national identification cards to Turkana youth in Laikipia County was breeding unemployment, marginalization and anti-

- social behavior among the disillusioned youth who cannot access means of economic empowerment;
- vii. The lengthy vetting process had also disenfranchised the affected members of the Turkana community in Laikipia County and deprived them of their right to full enjoyment of the rights and fundamental freedoms as contained in the bill of rights, particularly political rights enshrined in Article 38 of the Constitution;
- viii. Controlling registration and inordinately delaying the processing and release of national identification cards belonging to Turkana youth in Laikipia County was breeding unemployment, marginalization and anti-social behavior among the disillusioned Turkana youth who cannot access means of economic empowerment;
- ix. The efforts by the community to seek redress from relevant offices on the matter have been in vain;
- x. The issues raised in the petition were not pending in any Court of Law, Constitutional or legal body.

Thepetitioners prayed that the National Assembly, through the Departmental Committee on Administration and National Security:-

- Investigates the circumstances and reasons for the inordinate delay and protracted vetting process of members of the Turkana community living in Laikipia County before issuance of national identification cards;
- ii. Intervenes with the Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Interior and Coordination of National Government to forthwith revoke any order(s) authorizing/directing the tedious vetting of the members of the Turkana Community in Laikipia County by the offices responsible for registration of the persons in the County; and
- iii. Ensures that the Directorate of Registration of Persons expeditiously processes and releases all national identification cards belonging to youths of Turkana origin that have been pending for the last three years, and immediately commences mass registration and issuance of national identification cards to all eligible Persons of Turkana ethnicity resident in Laikipia County;
- iv. Makes any other-order(s) deemed fit in mitigating the plight of the petitioners.

The Honourable Member also informed the Committee that the long vetting process before the issuance of identification cards to the Turkana Community in Laikipia County was unnecessary since the County did not border another country. Further the Turkana community in Laikipia are third or fourth generation and as such may not have links to the Turkana Community in other parts of the Country.

Committee Observations

The Committee observed that:-

i. Members Turkana Community residing in Laikipia County were not a security threat to the country therefore it was not necessary for them to undergo an elaborate vetting process before being issued with national identification cards.

- ii. The perceived political threat posed by the Turkana Community in Laikipia County who were being viewed as challenging the political establishment of the County. Therefore the delay in the issuance of national identification cards would have used by the political establishment in the area to contain the perceived threat.
- iii. The delay in the registration and issuance of identification cards was a systemic problem which affected many citizens in the country.

The Committee resolved to:-

- i. Undertake a field visit to Laikipia County to meet with the petitioners and familiarize itself with the situation on the ground in relation to matters raised in the said petition.
 - ii. Invite the Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Interior and Coordination of National Security to attend a meeting to deliberate on the petition.

MIN.NO. 204ANS/2016: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business before the Committee.

MIN.NO. 205ANS/2016: ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at fifteen minutes to one o'clock until Tuesday 21st June, 2016 at 10:00am.

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SIGNED

CHAIRPERSON)

DATE:



MINUTES OF THE 42ND SITTING OF THE DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION AND NATIONAL SECURITY HELD ON TUESDAY, 14TH JUNE 2016 AT THE MEDIA CENTRE, MAIN PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS AT 10.00 A.M.

PRESENT

- 1. The Hon. Asman Kamama, MGH, OGW, MP
- 2. The Hon. Alois Lentoimaga, MP
- 3. The Hon. Zakayo Cheruiyot, MP
- 4. The Hon. (Maj. Rtd.) John K. Waluke, MP
- 5. The Hon. Ababu Namwamba, MP
- 6. The Hon. Fatuma Ibrahim Ali, MP
- 7. The Hon. Protus Akuja Ewesit, MP
- 8. The Hon. Dr. Humphrey Njuguna, MP
- 9. The Hon. George Theuri, MP
- 10. The Hon. Charles Nyamai, MP
- 11. The Hon. Joseph Lekuton, MP
- 12. The Hon. Samuel Moroto, MP
- 13. The Hon. Patrick Ole Ntutu, MP
- 14. The Hon. Mohamed Shidiye, MP

ABSENT WITH APOLOGIES

- 1. The Hon. Grace Kiptui, MP
- 2. The Hon. Alice Wahome, MP
- 3. The Hon. Benard Shinali, MP
- 4. The Hon. James Bett, MP
- 5. The Hon. Joseph Ndiege, MP
- 6. The Hon. Ibrahim Abdi Saney, MP
- 7. The Hon. Joseph Kahangara, MP
- 8. The Hon. Shaaban Ali Isaack, MP
- 9. The Hon. Francis Mwangangi, MP
- 10. The Hon. Rashid Bedzimba, MP
- 11. The Hon. Dr. MakaliMulu, MP
- 12. The Hon. Jane Machira, MP
- 13. The Hon. WanjikuMuhia, MP
- 14. The Hon. Timothy Wetangula, MP
- 15. The Hon. David Gikaria, MP

Chairperson

Vice Chairperson

IN ATTENDANCE - COMMITTEE SECRETARIAT

Mr. Leonard Machira
 Ms. Rose Wanjohi
 Second Clerk Assistant
 Ms. Hellen Lokwang
 Ms. Christine Odhiambo
 Legal Counsel II

5. Ms. Maureen Mwende - Intern

MIN.NO.195 /ANS/2016 - PRELIMINARIES

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 10.30 am. A prayer was said.

MIN.NO.196 /ANS/2016 - CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Confirmation of minutes was deferred to the next meeting.

MIN.NO.197 /ANS/2016 - CONSIDERATION OF A PETITION BY HON. CHRISTOPHER DOYE NAKULEU, MP ON BEHALF OF LAIKIPIA COUNCIL OF ELDERS REGARDING ALLEGED DISCRIMINATION OF MEMBERS OF THE TURKANA COMMUNITY IN THE ISSUANCE OF NATIONAL IDENTITY CARDS IN LAIKIPIA COUNTY.

The apologies of Hon. Nakuleu were conveyed citing the ongoing meeting of equalization fund which was concurrently conducted by the Budget and Appropriations Committee. He was rescheduled to brief the Committee on Thursday, 16th June 2016.

The Members were brief on the issues raised in the petition and made the following comments:-

- (i) The Committee acknowledged that the concerns raised by the petitioners regarding the issuance of national identity cards affected many Kenyans;
- (ii) The issuance of national identity cards had been politicized in various regions depending on the dominant ethnic community in a given area resulting in the marginalization of the subsidiary communities. The most affected Counties included Laikipia, Marsabit, Samburu, Isiolo and Turkana.
- (iii) Lack ofnational identity cards had made many youths to be susceptible to radicalization. They had alsobeen rendered stateless and would not access employment opportunities, enrollment in higher learning institutions and access to government services etc.
- (iv) The issues ofnational identity cards is prone to corruption given that card are issued to non-locals who bribe government officers leaving the deserving locals desperate as they lack of resources to give bribes.
- (v) The locals residing in areas hosting refugees had been forced to enter into the refugees' database as an alternative of hiding their frustrations.

(vi) The Committee proposed that the issuance ofnational identity cards should be decentralized to the Counties and appropriate mechanisms be instituted tovet applicants and promptly issue the cards to genuine Kenyans.

MIN.NO.198 /ANS/2016 - ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Committee was informed that the delegation scheduled toaccompany the Independent Policing Oversight Authority on a benchmarking visit to South Africa woulddepart for Johannesburg on Saturday, 18th June 2016. The delegation comprised the following:-

- (i) Hon. Alois Lentoimaga, MP Vice Chairperson and Head of delegation
- (ii) Hon. James Bett, MP
- (iii) Hon. Timothy Wetangula, MP
- (iv) Hon. Joseph Kahangara, MP

MIN.NO.199/ANS/2016 - ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 11.30 am and the next meeting will be held on Thursday, 16th June 2016 at 10.00 am.

Signed	- Marin
S	(Chairperson)
Date	1st september 2016

APPENDIX IV

SUBMISSION BY PETITIONERS

LAIKIPIA COUNTY APPLICANTS WITH WAITING CARDS

NO	NAME	SERIAL NUMBER	DATE OF ISSUE	PLACE OF RESIDENCE
1.	LUKAS FROTI EKENO	2287313244	22/9/2010	NYAHURURU DIVISION
2.	MARY APOO LOKORIO	2309088695	12/6/2012	NYAHURURU DIVISION
3.	PAULINAH APEYONON	23874116221	7/10/2011	NYAHURURU DIVISION
4.	JOSEPH KAMUNYA MAPLOR	2309082851	3/5/2012	NYAHURURU DIVISION
5.	JULUIS LOKUTAN EKITELA	2309088196	12/6/2012	NYAHURURU DIVISION
6.	EKUNOIT LOPEYOK	2287313165	22/9/2010	NYAHURURU DIVISION
7.	MARY NAANJI	2287411707	7/10/2011	NYAHURURU DIVISION
8.	LONGORI KENO EWATON	2287312167	22/9/2010	NYAHURURU DIVISION
9.	PETER KOKUL LOKARON	2309085021	24/5/.2012	NYAHURURU DIVISION
10.	ESTHER OME BEYIAN	2383967942	16/02/2015	RUMURUTI DIVISION
11.	SUSAN ETUR RABATA	2386196845	14/04/2015	RUMURUTI DIVISION
12.	PAULINA ALIMLIM WAUGONJI	242638697	27/07/2016	RUMURUTI DIVISION
13.	JOHN HKIRU ESOKONI	2426386697	27/07/2016	RUMURUTI DIVISION
14.	ALICE EMATHE ESOKON	2426386751	27/07/2016	RUMURUTI DIVISION
15.	PAUL LOKUWAM LONGOR	2426383136	27/07/2016	RUMURUTI DIVISION
16.	MOSES JOMBA BUKIO	2346828312	06/02/2014	RUMURUTI DIVISION
17.	DAVID LOKAKA LOTIO	2287462922	03/11/2011	RUMURUTI DIVISION
18.	VERONICA ASINGELA EKOMWA	2386197423	14/04/2016	RUMURUTI DIVISION



NGARUA DIVISION OVER 18 YEARS APPLICANTS WITHOUT IDENTIFICATION CARDS

NO	NAME	NGARUA DIVISION		
1.	JOHN LOSIKE DIDA	NGARUA DIVISION		
2.	KILEMEN ANIITA EKAI	NGARUA DIVISION		
3.	DANIEL ANOMAT MELO	NGARUA DIVISION		
4.	JOHN M. LOPUTIR MELO	NGARUA DIVISION	1107467	LOST
5.	MARGRET LOKIDOPOI MELO	NGARUA DIVISION		LOST
6.	JOHN MELO ANOMAT	NGARUA DIVISION		
7.	NICHOLAS G. SALESIO	NGARUA DIVISION		
8.	JOHN ETHEKON SALESIO	NGARUA DIVISION		
9.	AGNES KAREMI SALESIO	NGARUA DIVISION		
10,	STEPHEN LOTOME ATHEKON	NGARUA DIVISION		
11.	JOHN N. ELIMLIM	NGARUA DIVISION		
12.	JOHN NGILIMO ATHEKON	NGARUA DIVISION		
13.	PETER LOCHODA ATHEKON	NGARUA DIVISION		
14.	PETER KAMAIS LOWOTON	NGARUA DIVISION		
15.	SUSAN NAKAMURI	NGARUA DIVISION		LOST
16.	STEPHEN ADOME EREGAE	NGARUA DIVISION		
17.	LEA AKAI EREGAE	NGARUA DIVISION		
18.	MARY NAKIDONGOI EKAI	NGARUA DIVISION		
19.	PATRICK LOKARACH NGASIKE	NGARUA DIVISION		
20.	FAITH W.LOKORIO	NGARUA DIVISION		
21.	ANN NATODOK EKIRU	NGARUA DIVISION		
22.	SIMON KALIO NANGIRO	NGARUA DIVISION		
23.	MONICA AWOI EKAI	NGARUA DIVISION		
24.	JOHN ERUPE ELOSI	NGARUA DIVISION		

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43.	LUCY TIKOL LOKENO	NYAHURURU DIVISION
44.	VERONICAH ARUNYE INGOLE	NYAHURURU DIVISION
45.	EDOKETA LOTIENO	NYAHURURU DIVISION
46.	ESTHER EKINOIT EOWOI	NYAHURURU DIVISION
47.	LUCAS KIMATI EMEKWO	NYAHURURU DIVISION
46.	JAMES MELEYO MERKUT	NYAHURURU DIVISION
47.	FRANCIS AMANA NAKURON	NYAHURURU DIVISION
48.	GABRIEL YUNO EPEYO	NYAHURURU DIVISION
49.	MARGRET ALIMLIM KANAPKURU	NYAHURURU DIVISION
50	GRACE JINYEI KIKALU	NYAHURURU DIVISION
51.	MARY EMANIKOR LOKWAWI	NYAHURURU DIVISION
52.	STEPHENE KAMATE EKWAT	NYAHURURU DIVISION
53.	EUNICE KUKUI ACHAKAN	NYAHURURU DIVISION
54.	TERESIA NARUNYEI KIHARA	NYAHURURU DIVISION
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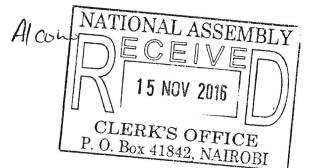
SUBMISSION BY CABINET SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF INTERIOR AND COORDINATION OF NATIONAL GOVERNMENT

PETITION REGARDING ALLEGED DISCRIMINATION OF MEMBERS OF THE TURKANA COMMUNITY IN THE ISSUANCE OF NATIONAL IDENTITY CARDS IN LAIKIPIA COUNTY

Mr. Chairman, Honourable Christopher Nakuleu, on behalf of the Turkana community members residing in Laikipia County has petitioned the Government regarding the alleged discrimination in the issuance of identity cards. The Petitioners have drawn the attention of the House on;

- 1. That, Article 12 of the Constitution entitles every citizen to equal rights, privileges and benefits of citizenship including any document of registration or identification issued by the State,
- 2. That, Article 14 of the Constitution entitles every person to citizenship by birth if on the day of the person's birth, either the father or mother of the person is a citizen,
- 3. That, in spite of members of the Turkana Community in Laikipia County being citizens by birth, the National Government delays in issuance of national identification cards, through a biased vetting process, contrary to Article 27 of the Constitution that prohibits all forms of discrimination,
- 4. That, the delayed issuance of national identity cards has denied the Turkana youth access to government services, employment as well as access to socio-economic opportunities like Youth Enterprise Fund, Uwezo Fund and the Women Enterprise Fund,
- 5. That, the lengthy vetting process has also disenfranchised the affected citizens and deprived them the enjoyment of rights and fundamental freedoms enshrined in the Bill of Rights, particularly Article 38 of the Constitution on political rights,
- 6. Further that, inordinately delaying the processing and issuance of national identification cards is breeding unemployment, marginalisation and anti-social behaviour among the disillusioned youth who cannot access means of economic employment.

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Mr. Chairman, I wish to respond as follows:

- 1. The Constitution of Kenya article 12. (1) (b) confers on Kenyan citizens the right "to a Kenyan passport and any document of registration or identification issued by the State to citizens." To actualize this right and other provisions of Chapter three, the Constitution in 18. (g) gives Parliament the power to enact legislation generally giving effect to the provisions of the chapter.
- 2. That it is true that the Article 14 of the Constitution entitles every person to citizenship by birth if on the day of the person's birth, either the father or mother of the person is a citizen.
- 3. That I am not aware of any discrimination against members of the Turkana community in the issuance of identity cards in Laikipia County. It is worth noting that Turkanas are only one of the border communities that are subjected to vetting during the application of national identity cards in Laikipia County. Other community members include the Maasais, Somalis, Boranas, luos and luhyas.

Vetting of applicants hailing from these communities is necessitated by the fact that they hail from border areas. It is not prudent to refer them back to their home counties for positive identification before they are registered. Further to this, vetting is carried out to identify eligible applicants in their places of origin.

- 4. That I am not aware of any delays in the issuance of identity cards at the moment because applications are being processed as they are received. Further, there is no backlog of applications at the card production centre.
- 5. That the vetting process is not lengthy and has not disenfranchised the affected citizens and deprived them the enjoyment of rights and fundamental freedoms enshrined in the Bill of Rights, particularly Article 38 of the Constitution on political rights. This is based on the fact that the vetting meetings are held on regular basis and are a simple one- stop process for those who are positively identified by the vetting elders.

It is important to point out that the vetting of persons applying for identity cards takes place in all cosmopolitan, settlement and border areas where identification of eligible applicants is hampered by the presence of foreign nationals who have a tendency of posing as Kenyans.

6. That there are no inordinate delays in the processing and issuance of national identification cards to Turkana youths in Laikipia County as all applications are processed as soon as they are received and on the basis of first- in first-out during the peak seasons.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.

HON. MALGEN. (RTD) JOSEPH NKAISSERRY, MGH, CBS

Cabinet Secretary Ministry of Interior and

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3rd October, 2016

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MINISTRY OF INTERIOR AND COORDINATION OF NATIONAL GOVERNMENT

LAIKIPIA COUNTY

REPORT ON ALLEGED DISCRIMINATION OF TURKANAS IN THE ISSUANCE OF ID CARDS IN THE COUNTY

TO

THE PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION AND NATIONAL SECURITY

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THE COUNTY SECURITY AND INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE

BY THE COUNTY REGISTRATION OFFICER LAIKIPIA

28TH SEPT., 2016

THE REPORT IN SUMMARY

This report provides support for the following summarised facts:

- (i) That Identification (vetting) committees far from being unconstitutional are anchored in law.
- (ii) That the Turkana are not only vetted in Laikipia but countrywide. Further, it is not the "resident" Registration Officer who decides whom to vet and whom not to. The standards are set centrally and are applied equally nationwide.
- (iii) That identification committees far from being prohibitive as has been argued are meant to be facilitative. They help the Registration Officer to make calls that would otherwise be too difficult for one individual.
- (iv) That vetting is not lengthy unless there are gaps in information provided, the committee makes its determination on the spot and where cases are deferred, they are prioritized during the next vetting meeting unless the individual concerned fails to turn up.
- (v) That there is no evidence of disenfranchisement of Turkana youth due to lack of ID cards. Registration of Turkana Youth for new ID cards has increased from 331 in 2013 to 1052 so far in 2016. Further, these youths are registered through office driven mobile registration initiatives.
- (vi) That there is no delay in issuance of ID Cards to Turkana's. In the unfortunate instances when there are delays, these are usually at the production center and have a national outlook.

INTRODUCTION

The Constitution of Kenya article 12. (1) (b) confers on Kenyan citizens the right "to a Kenyan passport and any document of registration or identification issued by the State to citizens." To actualize this right and other provisions of Chapter three, the Constitution in 18. (g) gives Parliament the power to enact legislation generally giving effect to the provisions of the chapter.

In exercise of this power, Parliament has enacted The Registration of Persons Act (CAP 107 Laws of Kenya) to guide and regulate the registration and issuance of ID cards to all persons who are citizens of Kenya and who have attained the age of eighteen years and above. Registration for a Kenyan ID card is therefore limited to Kenyan Citizens above eighteen years of age.

The registration of persons Act 8 (1) gives the Registration Officer power to require of those who seek registration under the Act or rules made thereunder to furnish such documentary or other evidence of the truth of the information they provide as it is within their power. Traditionally therefore Kenyans who seek registration for issuance of ID cards are required to provide:

- 1. Proof of Kenyan Citizenship- usually through a parent's ID card
- 2. Proof of age-through an array of alternative documents but preferably by way of birth certificate where available.

KENYAN CITIZENSHIP- PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP

The Constitution of Kenya article 12. (2) Provides that Kenyan "Citizenship may be acquired by birth or registration." Since the matters before this Parliamentary Committee have to do with one of Kenya's indigenous communities, we shall limit ourselves to Citizenship by birth.

Constitutionally, Kenyans by birth fall into two sub-categories:

- 1. Persons who on the day of their birth, whether or not they were born in Kenya, either the mother or father of the person was a citizen. [Article 14. (1)]
- 2. By presumption, where a child is found in Kenya who is, or appears to be, less than eight years of age, and whose nationality and parents are not known [article 14. (4)]

It is imperative to note that Citizenship by birth is not acquired through being born in Kenya but rather through one's biological relationship to a Kenyan parent. To determine whether one is a Kenyan therefore, the Registration Officer is actually looking at the Citizenship of the Parent at the time the person applying for an ID card was born. He/she needs to be satisfied that:

- 1. The (claimed) parent of the person applying for the ID card was a Kenyan when the person was born.
- 2. The (claimed) parent is the actual BIOLOGICAL parent of the person applying for an ID card.

While this appears a straightforward enough call to make, it is in practice not so easy and is especially difficult in the following circumstances:

- 1. Among communities living along Kenya's porous border especially given that Kenya due to eco-socio-political stability compared to her neighbours is an attractive destination for illegal migrants, foreigners have sufficient motivation to mislead Registration Officers.
- 2. The above is compounded where; members of certain ethnic communities spill over Kenyan borders. The Turkana for example are domiciled in Kenya, while the Toposa and Nyangatom, with whom they share a common language are domiciled in neighbouring South Sudan and Ethiopia respectively.
- 3. The fact that a lot of Kenyan births are undocumented, or are documented late, provides a loophole that has in the past being exploited by foreigners to acquire the Kenyan ID card through mis-representation of parents.

To address this challenge, the Kenyan parliament has enacted legislation that allows the director of National Registration to set up Identification committees where necessary. Under CAP 107 8 (1A) "The Director may establish identification committees or appoint

persons as identification agents to assist in the authentication of information furnished by a parent or guardian." These committees are the ones that are commonly referred to as vetting committees. Their composition, mandate and conduct are regulated through rules issued by the minister as per CAP 107 16(F). The rules regulating these committees are reviewed from time to time with the latest issued in June, 2014. It is my understanding that the application of this rules among the Turkana living in Laikipia is the subject of this parliamentary enquiry.

NATIONAL IDENTIFICATION (VETTING) COMMITTEES IN LAIKIPIA COUNTY

Given the foregoing, one could easily assume that Identification Committees only work in Border Counties, this is however not so. For registration purposes, Kenyan Counties are categorised into three:

- 1. Rural Counties- Ussually in Kenya's interior, their population are homogeneous, identification in such counties is quite easy since typically everybody knows each other. The chief for example will typically know every family in their area of jurisdiction.
- 2. Urban Counties- Kenya's main cities and Municipalities.

 Typically have heterogeneous populations living in rental properties and moving from time to time. In such Counties, estate based Identification committees are necessary to "Vet"

people who might not have the necessary documentation to support direct registration and people whose original domicile is a border county.

3. Settlement Counties- These are Counties with huge populations of people who have emigrated from other Counties. Their populations are quite heterogeneous. Laikipia County is a perfect example of a settlement County. In Laikipia youth presenting themselves for registration will typically present parents ID cards indicating their home particulars as the Counties from which they emigrated. In settlement Counties, identification committees are necessary for the categories of people who are "vetted" in urban Counties.

It is important to note that the Turkanas are only one of the communities that are registered through National Identification Committees in Laikipia. Others include:

- 1. The Maasai
- 2. The Somali and
- 3. The Borana

It is also noteworthy that there are no special sittings for each of these communities. Identification Committees in Laikipia, mandatorily have representatives from each of these communities and hold a common meeting where all applicants are from these communities are registered if passed.

VETTING OF TURKANAS IN LAIKIPIA COUNTY

The question that then arises is why the Turkana go through National Identification Committees in Laikipia County. These include:

- 1. Their original County of domicile is a border County: The unfairness is not in Vetting Turkana's rather it would be unfair if we were to vet the Borana originally from Marsabit, or the Somali originally from Wajir, and leave out a Turkana who is originally from Turkana County, which is a border County. The Turkana also share a common language with the Toposa and Nyangatom of South Sudan and Ethiopia respectively.
- 2. Lack of supportive documents: Compounding the above is the fact that a lot of the Turkana who present themselves for registration in Laikipia County do not have the documents necessary under the Registration of Persons Act 8 (1) to support their claims. An examination of the vetting minutes in the past five years, will show that a majority of them had their applications supported by an Apparent Age Declaration document. This is an innovation we have applied in Laikipia to help those who might not have the necessary proof of age documents. The document is anchored on clause 2 of The Registration of Persons Act of which states that the Act shall apply to all persons who are citizens of Kenya and who have attained the age of eighteen years or over or where no proof of age exists, are of the apparent age of eighteen years or over.

3. They are not only vetted in Laikipia County but in Turkana as well as all Urban and other Settlement Counties. The Penal Code (Cap 63)128A. states that "A public officer commits an offence and is liable, upon conviction, to imprisonment for a term of not less than FIFTEEN YEARS where in the course of his or her employment he or she- (d) IRREGULARLY issues identification documents," as discussed in the introduction, use of identification committees in identification is provided for in CAP 107, the use of these committees to identify applicants from border counties is regulated by rules issued under CAP 107. The registration officer has no discretionary power to determine who is and is not vetted. Doing so would be IRREGULAR and would lead to the penalty stated herein.

CHALLENGES OF VETTING TURKANAS IN LAIKIPIA COUNTY

The main challenge that is raised by those who challenge the vetting of Turkanas in Laikipia County is that the Samburu who are the traditional socio-political rivals (in Laikipia) of the Turkana are not vetted. While it is true that the Samburu are not vetted, it is equally true that they do not fit the criteria that is set for people to be vetted. They neither spill over Kenya's borders no is their "home" county along the Kenyan border.

It is also wrongly assumed that Identification Committees are meant for people from North Eastern and those of the Muslim faith.

This is not true. This argument has gained traction with the increase in the challenge of terrorism. Typically, you will hear people arguing that they should not be vetted because they are not terrorists. As explained earlier, vetting is meant to help distinguish between Kenyans and non-Kenyans in communities that live along the Kenyan border and is undertaken without discrimination in registration of persons who come from border counties.

Another common argument is that applications that go through the Identification process take too long before they are processed at the headquarters. This argument had some merit in the past but is no longer valid. Most applications which were processed during the month of July-including through vetting- had been received by end of August. When such delays occur, they are National and are not limited to vetting applications.

The petition before this committee also raises the issue of disenfranchisement. This is grossly inaccurate, appended to this brief is a summary of vetting activities since January 2013, right after the general election. It shows clearly the number of people who have appeared before ID committees and the decision reached by the committee. ID committees' decisions are classified into three:

1. Approvals- such candidates are registered forthwith and usually make the largest proportion of the output of vetting committees.

- 2. Deferrals- Such candidates are usually required to present themselves again during the following vetting meeting, this is mostly when some aspects of the information they provide is not immediately verifiable. They might for example be required to present a letter from their assistant chief verifying their claims. They are typically approved or referred during the next vetting meeting unless they fail to present themselves.
- 3. Referrals- such candidates are referred to another County/ Sub-County for proper identification. This will typically be unknown persons who have no ties whatsoever to Laikipia and are either passing through or visiting. The elders are unable to identify them.

The vetting summary (appendix 1) shows that between January 2013 and August 2016, 5,872 persons have been approved by Identification committees in Laikipia County, of these Turkanas at 2,351 are the second highest to have been approved compared to Maasais at 2,910. This I belief reflects the proportion of these communities in Laikipia County. Only 41 Turkanas, representing about 1.7% of those who have presented themselves for vetting since 2013 have been referred. If there are eligible Turkana voters who are as yet not issued with ID cards, it is because they have not presented themselves for registration.

CONCLUSION

The issue of issuance of ID cards to Turkanas has been discussed in parliament in the past. On wed. 18th Oct., 2000 for example, Hon.

John Munyes sought to know whether the minister was aware that the people of Turkana were unable to meet the conditions necessary for issuance of ID cards. In response then assistant minister in the office of the President, Hon. Samoei replied: "we have made provisions because we understand that we have a committee of elders who help in vetting to determine true Kenyans. To a great extent, we have seen success of that effort."

As far as I can tell, the factors that informed the policy of vetting of Turkanas back then have not changed. It is however important to underscore that should the regulations/laws change as is within the power of parliament to do, the vetting of Turkanas would be discontinued. It is for this committee and parliament to assess the issues raised in this report, weigh them against the concerns raised in the petition and chart a way forward.

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