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# DIRECTORATE OF DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEES

## DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND NATIONAL PLANNING

**REPORT ON:** 

# THE CONSIDERATION OF THE PRESIDENT'S MEMORANDUM ON THE FINANCE BILL, 2024 (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 30 OF 2024)

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#### LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

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CPA	-	Certified Public Accountant
CRA	-	Commission on Revenue Allocation
MP	-	Member of Parliament
ODM	-	Orange Democratic Movement
UDA	-	United Democratic Alliance
UDM	-	United Democratic Movement



#### ANNEXURES

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#### **CHAIRPERSON'S FOREWORD**

This Report contains the proceedings of the Departmental Committee on Finance and National Planning on the consideration of the President's Memorandum on the Finance Bill, 2024 (National Assembly Bills No. 30 of 2024).

The Bill was passed by the National Assembly on 25th June, 2024. The Bill sought to amend various laws relating to taxes and duties and for matters incidental thereto. The Speaker then presented the Bill to the President for assent pursuant to Standing Order 153.

In accordance with Article 115(1)(b) of the Constitution, the President, vide a memorandum dated 26th June, 2024, referred the Bill back to the National Assembly for reconsideration with reservations recommending deletion of all clauses of the Bill. The Memorandum cited the widespread expression of dissatisfaction by members of the public on the contents of the Bill as the basis for the President declining to assent to the Bill.

The Speaker referred the President's Memorandum of Referral in respect of the Bill to the Committee pursuant to Standing Order 154.

The Committee proceeded to consider the President's Memorandum in its meeting held on Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2024. The deliberations formed the basis on which the Committee made its decision.

On behalf of the Departmental Committee on Finance and National Planning and pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 199(6), it is my singular honour to present to this House the Report of the Committee on its consideration of the President's Memorandum on Finance Bill, 2024 (National Assembly Bills No. 30 of 2024). The Committee is grateful to the Offices of the Speaker and Clerk of the National Assembly for the logistical and technical support accorded to it during its consideration of the President's Memorandum to the Bill.

Finally, I wish to express my appreciation to the Honourable Members of the Committee and the Committee Secretariat for their diligence, expeditious consideration of the President's Memorandum, and production of this Report.

It is my pleasure to report that the Committee has considered the President's Memorandum and recommendations on the Finance Bill, 2024 (National Assembly Bills No. 30 of 2024) and wish to report to this august House with the recommendation that the House **ADOPTS** the President's reservations to the Bill.

Hon. CPA. Kuria Kimani, M.P. Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Finance and National Planning



#### CHAPTER ONE

#### **1 PREFACE**

#### **1.1 ESTABLISHMENT AND MANDATE OF THE COMMITTEE**

- The Departmental Committee on Finance and National Planning is one of twenty departmental committees of the National Assembly established under Standing Order 216 whose mandate pursuant to the Standing Order 216 (5) is as follows:
  - a) 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;
  - *b)* To study the programme and policy objectives of ministries and departments and the effectiveness of the implementation;
  - *c) To*, *on a quarterly basis, monitor and report on the implementation of the national budget in respect of its mandate;*
  - d) To study and review all legislation referred to it;
  - *e)* To study, assess and analyse the relative success of the ministries and departments as measured by the results obtained as compared with their stated objectives;
  - *f)* 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;
  - g) To vet and report on all appointments where the Constitution or any law requires the National Assembly to approve, except those under Standing Order 204 (Committee on Appointments);
  - *h)* To examine treaties, agreements and conventions;
  - *i)* To make reports and recommendations to the House as often as possible, including recommendations of proposed legislation;
  - *j)* To consider reports of Commissions and Independent Offices submitted to the House pursuant to the provisions of Article 254 of the Constitution; and
  - *k)* To examine any questions raised by Members on a matter within its mandate.



- 2. The Second Schedule to the National Assembly Standing Orders assigns the Committee the mandate to consider matters in relation to public finance, public audit policies, monetary policies, financial institutions, economy, investment policies, competition, banking, insurance, national statistics, population, revenue policies including taxation, national planning and development, digital finance, including digital currency.
- 3. In executing its mandate, the Committee oversees the following Ministries/Departments:
  - a) The National Treasury and Planning.
  - b) State Department for Economic Planning.
  - c) The Commission on Revenue Allocation (CRA)
  - d) Office of the Controller of Budget

#### **1.2 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

 The Departmental Committee on Finance and National Planning was constituted by the House on 27<sup>th</sup> October, 2022 and comprises the following Members:

### Chairperson Hon. CPA Kuria Kimani, MP Molo Constituency <u>UDA Party</u>

Vice-Chairperson Hon. (Amb.) Langat Benjamin Kipkirui, MP Ainamoi Constituency <u>UDA Party</u>

#### Members

Hon. (Dr.) Keynan, Wehliye Adan,

MP

Eldas Constituency Jubilee Party Hon. Sunkuyia, George Risa, MP Kajiado West Constituency <u>UDA Party</u>



Hon. Oyula, Joseph H. Maero, MP Butula Constituency **ODM Party** 

Hon. Mboni, David Mwalika, MP Kitui Rural Constituency <u>WDM Party</u>

Hon. Okuome Adipo Andrew, MP Karachuonyo Constituency ODM Party

Hon. Kipkoros, Joseph Makilap, MP Baringo North Constituency UDA Party

Hon. CPA Rutto Julius Kipletting, MP Kesses Constituency <u>UDA Party</u>

Hon. Biego Paul Kibichiy, MP Chesumei Constituency <u>UDA Party</u> Hon. Joseph K. Munyoro, MP Kigumo Constituency <u>UDA Party</u>

Hon. Sheikh Umul K Kassim, MP Mandera County <u>UDM Party</u>

Hon. (Dr.) Ithinji Shadrack Mwiti, MP South Imenti Constituency Jubilee Party

Hon. (Dr.) Ariko John Namoit, MP Turkana South Constituency ODM Party

Hon. Machele M. Soud, MP Mvita Constituency ODM Party

#### **1.3 COMMITTEE SECRETARIAT**

5. The Committee is facilitated by the following staff:

Mr. Benjamin Magut Principal Clerk Assistant II /Head of Secretariat

> Mr. Douglas Katho Clerk Assistant I

Ms. Jennifer Ndeto Deputy Director Legal Services Mr. Benson Kamande Clerk Assistant III



Mr. Salem Lorot Legal Counsel I

Mr. George Ndenjeshe Fiscal Analyst III

Mr. Andrew Jumanne Shangarai Principal Serjeant-At-Arms

Mr. Benson Muthuri Assistant Serjeant-At-Arms

Ms. Nelly W. Ondieki Research Officer III Ms. Winfred Kambua Clerk Assistant III

Mr. James Macharia Media Relations Officer

Ms. Joyce Wachera Hansard Reporter III

Mr. Chelang'a Maiyo Research Officer I

Mr. Mwangi Muchiri Audio Officer .

#### **CHAPTER TWO**

# 2 CONSIDERATION OF THE PRESIDENT'S MEMORANDUM ON THE FINANCE BILL, 2024 (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 30 OF 2024)

#### 2.1 BACKGROUND

- The Finance Bill (National Assembly Bills No. 30 of 2024) was passed by the National Assembly on 25th June, 2024. The Speaker then presented the Bill to the President for assent.
- In accordance with Article 115(1)(b) of the Constitution, the President, vide a memorandum dated 26th June, 2024, referred the Bill back to the National Assembly for reconsideration with reservations recommending deletion of all clauses of the Bill.
- 8. The Speaker, through Notification No. 006 of 2024 on Presidential Memorandum on the Finance Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 30 of 2024) dated 27th June, 2024, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 42(2) and (3), referred the President's Memorandum of Referral in respect of the Finance Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 30 of2024) to the Committee.
- 9. The Memorandum cited the widespread expression of dissatisfaction by members of the public on the contents of the Bill as the basis for declining to assent to the Bill.
- 10. The Speaker further directed that the Committee expeditiously commences consideration of the President's Memorandum, its reservations and recommendation, and report to the House at the next regular sitting upon its resumption.



#### 2.2 CONSIDERATION OF THE PRESIDENT'S MEMORANDUM

- The Committee held a meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2024 to deliberate on the President's Reservations to the Finance Bill, 2024.
- Article 115 of the Constitution provides for President's reservations in the following terms—

Presidential assent and referral.

- (1) Within fourteen days after receipt of a Bill, the President shall—
  (a) assent to the Bill; or
  - (b) refer the Bill back to Parliament for reconsideration by Parliament, noting any reservations that the President has concerning the Bill.

(2) If the President refers a Bill back for reconsideration, Parliament may, following the appropriate procedures under this Part—

(a) amend the Bill in light of the President's reservations; or

(b) pass the Bill a second time without amendment.

(3) If Parliament amends the Bill fully accommodating the President's reservations, the appropriate Speaker shall re-submit it to the President for assent.

(4) Parliament, after considering the President's reservations, may pass the Bill a second time, without amendment, or with amendments that do not fully accommodate the President's reservations, by a vote supported—

- (a) by two-thirds of members of the National Assembly; and
- (b) two-thirds of the delegations in the Senate, if it is a Bill that requires the approval of the Senate.
- (5) If Parliament has passed a Bill under clause (4)—
  - *(a) the appropriate Speaker shall within seven days re-submit it to the President; and*

(b) the President shall within seven days assent to the Bill.

(6) If the President does not assent to a Bill or refer it back within the period prescribed in clause (1), or assent to it under clause (5)(b), the Bill shall be taken to have been assented to on the expiry of that period.

- 13. In accordance with Article 115(1)(b) of the Constitution, the President, vide a Memorandum dated 26th June, 2024, referred the Bill back to the National Assembly for reconsideration with reservations recommending **deletion of all clauses of the Bill.** The referral was informed by the voice of the people of Kenya who had rejected the Bill in its entirety.
- 14. In considering the President's reservations, the Committee had two options as contemplated in Article 115(2) of the Constitution. These were:
  - (a) Recommending that the House amends the Bill fully accommodating the President's reservations; or
  - (b) Recommending that the House passes the Bill a second time without amendment.

#### CHAPTER THREE

#### **3. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

15. The Committee, having considered the President's reservations to the Finance Bill, 2024 (National Assembly Bills No. 30 of 2024) and pursuant to Article 115(2) (a) of the Constitution, recommends that the House **adopts** the President's reservations to the Bill and amends the Bill as follows:

#### **CLAUSE 1**

**CLAUSE 2** 

THAT, clause 1 of the Bill be deleted.

**THAT,** clause 2 of the Bill be deleted.

**CLAUSE 3** 

THAT, clause 3 of the Bill be deleted.

**CLAUSE 4** 

THAT, clause 4 of the Bill be deleted.

CLAUSE 5

THAT, clause 5 of the Bill be deleted.

#### **CLAUSE 6**

THAT, clause 6 of the Bill be deleted.

#### **CLAUSE 7**

THAT, clause 7 of the Bill be deleted.

#### **CLAUSE 8**

THAT, clause 8 of the Bill be deleted.

CLAUSE 9 THAT, clause 9 of the Bill be deleted.

CLAUSE 10 THAT, clause 10 of the Bill be deleted.

CLAUSE 11 THAT, clause 11 of the Bill be deleted.

CLAUSE 12 THAT, clause 12 of the Bill be deleted.

CLAUSE 13 THAT, clause 13 of the Bill be deleted.

CLAUSE 14 THAT, clause 14 of the Bill be deleted.

**THAT,** clause 15 of the Bill be deleted.

#### CLAUSE 16

**CLAUSE 15** 

THAT, clause 16 of the Bill be deleted.

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CLAUSE 17 THAT, clause 17 of the Bill be deleted.

CLAUSE 18 THAT, clause 18 of the Bill be deleted.

CLAUSE 19 THAT, clause 19 of the Bill be deleted.

CLAUSE 20 THAT, clause 20 of the Bill be deleted.

CLAUSE 21 THAT, clause 21 of the Bill be deleted.

CLAUSE 22 THAT, clause 22 of the Bill be deleted.

CLAUSE 23 THAT, clause 23 of the Bill be deleted.

CLAUSE 24 THAT, clause 24 of the Bill be deleted.

CLAUSE 25 THAT, clause 25 of the Bill be deleted.

#### **CLAUSE 26**

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THAT, clause 26 of the Bill be deleted.

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CLAUSE 27 THAT, clause 27 of the Bill be deleted.

CLAUSE 28 THAT, clause 28 of the Bill be deleted.

CLAUSE 29 THAT, clause 29 of the Bill be deleted.

CLAUSE 30 THAT, clause 30 of the Bill be deleted.

CLAUSE 31 THAT, clause 31 of the Bill be deleted.

CLAUSE 32 THAT, clause 32 of the Bill be deleted.

CLAUSE 33 THAT, clause 33 of the Bill be deleted.

CLAUSE 34 THAT, clause 34 of the Bill be deleted.

#### CLAUSE 35

THAT, clause 35 of the Bill be deleted.

#### **CLAUSE 36**

THAT, clause 36 of the Bill be deleted.

CLAUSE 37

THAT, clause 37 of the Bill be deleted.

CLAUSE 38 THAT, clause 38 of the Bill be deleted.

CLAUSE 39 THAT, clause 39 of the Bill be deleted.

CLAUSE 40 THAT, clause 40 of the Bill be deleted.

CLAUSE 41 THAT, clause 41 of the Bill be deleted.

CLAUSE 42 THAT, clause 42 of the Bill be deleted.

CLAUSE 43 THAT, clause 43 of the Bill be deleted.

#### **CLAUSE 44**

THAT, clause 44 of the Bill be deleted.

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#### **CLAUSE 45**

THAT, clause 45 of the Bill be deleted.

#### CLAUSE 46

THAT, clause 46 of the Bill be deleted.

#### CLAUSE 47

THAT, clause 47 of the Bill be deleted.

CLAUSE 48 THAT, clause 48 of the Bill be deleted.

CLAUSE 49 THAT, clause 49 of the Bill be deleted.

CLAUSE 50 THAT, clause 50 of the Bill be deleted.

CLAUSE 51 THAT, clause 51 of the Bill be deleted.

CLAUSE 52 THAT, clause 52 of the Bill be deleted.

# CLAUSE 53

THAT, clause 53 of the Bill be deleted.

#### **CLAUSE 54**

THAT, clause 54 of the Bill be deleted.

CLAUSE 55 THAT, clause 55 of the Bill be deleted.

CLAUSE 56 THAT, clause 56 of the Bill be deleted.

CLAUSE 57 THAT, clause 57 of the Bill be deleted.

CLAUSE 58 THAT, clause 58 of the Bill be deleted.

CLAUSE 59 THAT, clause 59 of the Bill be deleted.

CLAUSE 60 THAT, clause 60 of the Bill be deleted.

**THAT,** clause 61 of the Bill be deleted.

#### CLAUSE 62

**CLAUSE 61** 

THAT, clause 62 of the Bill be deleted.

#### **CLAUSE 63**

THAT, clause 63 of the Bill be deleted.



#### **CLAUSE 64**

THAT, clause 64 of the Bill be deleted.

#### **CLAUSE 65**

THAT, clause 65 of the Bill be deleted.

CLAUSE 66 THAT, clause 66 of the Bill be deleted.

CLAUSE 67 THAT, clause 67 of the Bill be deleted. THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY PAPERS LAID DATE: 23 JUL 2021 DAY. TUETDAY TABLED HOM. JULIUS RUTTO, MP BY: MEMBER OF THE GMMITTEE CLERK-AT THE-TABLE: INZOFU MWALE

CLAUSE 68 THAT, clause 68 of the Bill be deleted.

#### CLAUSE 69

THAT, clause 69 of the Bill be deleted.

DATE. 23.07.24 SIGNED.

# HON. CPA KURIA KIMANI, MP

#### CHAIRPERSON

#### DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND NATIONAL PLANNING

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#### MINUTES OF THE 68<sup>TH</sup> SITTING OF DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND NATIONAL PLANNING HELD ON TUESDAY, 23<sup>RD</sup> JULY 2024 IN COMMITTEE ROOM 21, BUNGE TOWER, AT 12.00 NOON.

#### **PRESENT**

- 1. Hon. Julius Kipletting Rutto, MP
- 2. Hon. George Sunkuyia Risa, MP
- 3. Hon. CPA. Joseph Maero Oyula, MP
- 4. Hon. Joseph Munyoro, MP
- 5. Hon. Paul Kibichiy Biego, MP
- 6. Hon. Umul Ker Sheikh Kassim, MP
- 7. Hon. (Dr.) John Ariko Namoit, MP
- 8. Hon. Mohamed Soud Machele, MP
- 9. Hon. Joseph Makilap Kipkoros, MP
- 10. Hon. (Dr.) Shadrack Mwiti Ithinji, MP

#### ABSENT WITH APOLOGY

- 1. Hon. CPA. Kuria Kimani, MP
- 2. Hon. (Amb.) Benjamin Kipkirui Langat, CBS, MP
- 3. Hon. (Dr.) Adan Keynan Wehliye, CBS, MP
- 4. Hon. David Mwalika Mboni, MP
- 5. Hon. Andrew Adipo Okuome, MP

#### **COMMITTEE SECRETARIAT**

1. Mr. Douglas Katho	-	Clerk Assistant I
2. Mr. Salem Lorot	-	Legal Counsel I
3. Mr. Benson Kamande	-	Clerk Assistant III
4. Ms. Winfred Kambua	-	Clerk Assistant III
5. Ms. Peninanh Naisiae	-	Legal Counsel II
6. Ms. Nelly Ondieki	-	Research Officer III
7. Ms. Joyce Wachera	-	Hansard Officer
8. Mr. Muchiri Mwangi	-	Audio Officer
9. Mr. Benson Muthuri	-	Serjeant-At-Arms
10. Mr. Ian Kinuthia	-	Intern
11. Mr. Allan Kimani	-	Intern, Audio Services

#### AGENDA

- 1. Prayers
- 2. Preliminaries/Introductions
- 3. Confirmation of Minutes/Matters Arising

# Consideration and adoption of the Report on the President's Memoranda on the Finance Bill, 2024 (National Assembly Bills No. 30 of 2024)

- 4. Any other Business
- 5. Adjournment/Date of the Next Sitting.

Chairperson

Vice-Chairperson

#### MIN No. NA/F & NP/2024/266: PRELIMINARIES

The meeting was called to order at 12.16 p.m with a word of prayer by the Hon. Joseph Maero Oyula, MP. The Chairperson then invited the meeting to deliberate on the day's agenda.

#### MIN No. NA/F & NP/2024/267: Agenda deferred

# MIN No. NA/F & NP/2024/268:

#### **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF H.E PRESIDENT'S MEMORANDUM ON THE FINANCE BILL, 2024 (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 30 OF 2024)

The meeting deliberated at length and agreed on the observations and recommendations contained in Chapter three of the Report.

The Report was then adopted having been proposed by Hon. (Dr.) John Ariko, MP and seconded by Hon. Joseph Makilap, MP.

#### **Committee Resolution.**

The Committee, having considered the President's reservations to the Finance Bill, 2024 (National Assembly Bills No. 30 of 2024) and pursuant to Article 115(2) (a) of the Constitution, recommends that the House **adopts** the President's reservations to the Bill by deleting all the clauses thereof.

#### MIN No. NA/F & NP/2024/269:

# ADJOURNMENT/DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 2.00 p.m. The next meeting will be held on notice.

SIGNED:

DATE: 23.07.2024

HON. CPA. KURIA KIMANI, MP CHAIRPERSON, DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND NATIONAL PLANNING.



#### THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT - THIRD SESSION - 2024

## DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND NATIONAL PLANNING. <u>ADOPTION LIST</u>

# REPORT ON THE CONSIDERATION OF THE PRESIDENT'S MEMORANDUM ON THE FINANCE BILL, 2024.

We, the Members of the Departmental Committee on Finance and National Planning have pursuant to Standing Order 199, adopted this Report and affix our signatures to affirm our approval and confirm its accuracy, validity and authenticity today, **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2024**.

S/NO.	NAME	SIGNATURE
1.	HON. (CPA). KURIA KIMANI, MP -	
	CHAIRPERSON	
2.	HON. (AMB). BENJAMIN KIPKIRUI LANGAT, MP – <b>VICE CHAIRPERSON</b>	
3.	HON. DR. ADAN KEYNAN WEHLIYE, MP	
4.	HON. GEORGE SUNKUYIA RISA, MP	Juluniint
5.	HON. (CPA) JOSEPH MAERO OYULA, MP	Molli-
6.	HON. ANDREW ADIPO OKUOME, MP	$\mathcal{C}$
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9.	HON. JOSEPH KAMAU MUNYORO, MP	
10.	HON. (CPA) JULIUS KIPLETTING RUTTO,	
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13.	HON. DR. SHADRACK MWITI ITHINJI, MP	All S
14.	HON. DR. JOHN ARIKO NAMOIT, MP	E Char
15.	HON. MOHAMED SOUD MACHELE, MP	



#### THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT - (THIRD SESSION)

#### THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

NOTIFICATION FROM THE SPEAKER

[Pursuant to Standing Order 42(2) and (3)]

\_\_\_\_\_ (No. 006 of 2024) \_\_\_\_\_

ON

# PRESIDENT'S MEMORANDUM ON THE FINANCE BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 30 OF 2024)

**WHEREAS,** in accordance with the provisions of Article 109(3) of the Constitution, the National Assembly considered and passed the Finance Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 30 of 2024) on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2024, following which I presented the Bill to the President for Assent;

**FURTHER WHEREAS,** in accordance with Article 115(1)(b) of the Constitution, H.E. the President, vide a Memorandum dated 26<sup>th</sup> June 2024, referred the Finance Bill, 2024 back to the National Assembly for reconsideration with **reservations recommending DELETION OF ALL CLAUSES of the Bill**;

**COGNIZANT THAT,** the President's Memorandum constitutes a **REJECTION OF THE BILL IN ITS ENTIRETY;** and that the decision is informed by the need to reflect the voice of the people of Kenya who have **REJECTED** the Bill;

**AWARE THAT,** in accordance with Article 115(4)(a) of the Constitution, any Member desirous of negating the President's reservations or reviving any of the 69 Clauses of the Bill is required to marshal the votes of at least twothirds of the Members of the National Assembly, being 233 Members;

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**NOTING THAT,** Standing Order 42(3) provides that a Message received from the President at a time when the House is not in session is to be transmitted to every Member and reported to the House on the day the House next sits;

**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS NOTIFIED** to all Members of the National Assembly and the general public–

- THAT, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 42(2) and (3), I hereby refer the President's Memorandum of Referral in respect of the Finance Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 30 of 2024) to the Departmental Committee on Finance and National Planning;
- **2. THAT,** the Committee is required to expeditiously commence consideration of the President's Memorandum, its reservations and recommendation, and report to the House at the next regular sitting upon its resumption; and
- 3. THAT, the Clerk is directed to
  - a) circulate this Notification to all Members of the National Assembly, and accordingly facilitate the Committee to undertake the exercise; and
  - b) prepare the necessary Message for formal conveyance to the House upon its resumption.

I thank you.

THE RT. HON. (DR.) MOSES F.M. WETANG'ULA, EGH, MP SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY Thursday, 27th June 2024



THE CONSTITUTION OF KENYA

REFERRAL *of* THE FINANCE BILL, 2024

# PRESIDENTIAL MEMORANDUM OF REFERRAL

By HIS EXCELLENCY, THE HONOURABLE WILLIAM SAMOEI RUTO, Ph.D., President and Commander-in-Chief of the Kenya Defence Forces.

Submitted to the HON. SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY.

**WHEREAS** a Bill titled "*An Act of Parliament to amend the law relating to various taxes and duties and for connected purposes*", the short title of which is the "Finance Bill, 2024", was passed by the National Assembly on the 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2024;

**AND WHEREAS** the Finance Bill, 2024, was presented to me for **Presidential Assent** in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of the month of June in the year 2024;

**TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION** the widespread expression of dissatisfaction by members of the public on the contents of the Finance Bill, 2024;

**NOW THEREFORE**, in exercise of the powers conferred to me by Article 115(1)(b) of the Constitution and having reservations on the contents of the Bill in its entirety, **I decline to assent** to the Finance Bill, 2024, and refer the Bill for **reconsideration** by the National Assembly with the **recommendation** for the deletion of all the clauses thereof;

our LORD TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY-FOUR.



WILLIAM SAMOEI RUTO, <u>President.</u>

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