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THE DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT,
PUBLIC WORKS AND HOUSING

STUDY VISIT TO KUWAIT CITY, KUWAIT

30TH JANUARY – 6TH FEBRUARY, 2015

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1.0 PREFACE

Hon. Speaker,

On behalf of the Members of the Departmental Committee on Transport, Public Works and Housing, and pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 199, it is my pleasure to present to the House the Committee's Report on the study visit to Kuwait City, State of Kuwait which was undertaken from 30th January to 6th February, 2015.

1.1 Committee Mandate

The Departmental Committee on Transport, Public Works & Housing is established under Standing Order No. 216, and its functions among others include:-

- (i) Investigate, inquire into and report on all matters relating to the mandate, management, activities, administration, operations and estimates of the assigned Ministries and Departments;
- (ii) Study the programme and policy objectives of Ministries and Departments and effectiveness of implementation;
- (iii) Study and review all legislation referred to it;
- (iv) Study, assess, and analyze the relative success of the Ministries and Departments as measured by the results obtained compared with the stated objectives;
- (v) Make reports and recommendations to the House as often as possible including recommendation of proposed legislation

The Committee's subjects, under the Second Schedule of the Standing Orders are: - Transport, roads and public works, construction and maintenance of roads, rails and buildings, air and seaports, and housing. The Committee is mandated to oversee the following Ministries and Departments:

- (a) Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure and
- (b) Department of Housing and Directorate of Public Works in the Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development.

1.2 Committee Membership

The Committee on Transport, Public Works & Housing comprises the following Members:-

1. The Hon. Maina Kamanda, M.P. – (**Chairperson**)
2. The Hon. Eng. Mahamud M. Mohamed, M.P.–(**Vice Chairperson**)
3. The Hon. Eng. Stephen Ngare, M.P.
4. The Hon. Ali Wario, M.P.
5. The Hon. Arch. David Kiaraho, M.P.
6. The Hon. Cecily Mbarire, M.P.
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25. The Hon. Chachu Ganya, M.P.
26. The Hon. Omar Mwinyi, M.P.
27. The Hon. Ahmed Abbas Ibrahim, M.P.
28. The Hon. Omulele Christopher, M.P.
29. The Hon. Mukwe James Lusweti, M.P.

1.3 Objective of the Study Visit

The main objective of the Committee's visit was to provide Members with an opportunity to familiarize themselves with the transport and infrastructure system of Kuwait City and the country at large and specifically to:-

- (i) Share experiences on road safety with the counterpart Assembly Committee;
- (ii) Appraise Members on the Management of Ports in Kuwait;
- (iii) Enable Members to learn best practices on the management of the Civil Aviation Industry and Maritime transport among others.

1.4 Composition of the Delegation

The delegation that undertook the visit comprised of the following Members:-

1. The Hon. Eng. Mahamud M. Mohamed, M.P.–(**Leader of the Delegation**)
2. The Hon. Ali Wario, M.P.
3. The Hon. Cecily Mbarire, M.P.
4. The Hon. Eng. John Kiragu, M.P.
5. The Hon. Mathias Robi, M.P.
6. The Hon. Ahmed Abbas Ibrahim, M.P.
7. The Hon. Omulele Christopher, M.P.
8. The Hon. Johnson Many Naicca, M.P.

During the study visit, the Committee held meetings with the following:-

- (i) Officials of the Kuwait Parliament
- (ii) The Kuwait Fund for Development
- (iii) Officials of Kuwait Port
- (iv) City Group
- (v) Al-Bader International Development Company (AIDCO)

1.5 Committee Observations

The delegation made the following observations, that:-

- i) The public Transport system in Kuwait is well organized, with a wide road network.
- ii) The government of Kuwait has financed several infrastructural projects in Kenya and all negotiations for financing development projects need to be finalized forthwith.
- iii) The Port of Kuwait is very effective in terms of cargo handling and clearance.

1.6 Committee Recommendations

Consequently, the Committee recommends that:-

- i) The management of the Kenya Airport Authority should invest in modern equipment for cargo handling to increase its efficiency in terms of port operations.
- ii) The Government of Kenya should consider investing in public transport in order to help streamline the public transport sector.

1.7 Acknowledgment

Hon. Speaker,

The Committee is grateful to the offices of the Speaker and the Clerk of the National Assembly for the support accorded to it in the implementation of its mandate and the opportunity given to its Members to undertake the visit to Kuwait. The Committee also expresses its gratitude to the Kenyan Ambassador in Kuwait and his Staff for facilitating the visit. On behalf of the Committee, it is my pleasant duty and privilege to present the Committee's report on the study visit to the State of Kuwait.

Signed:


Hon. (Eng.) Mahamud M. Mohamed, M.P. (Vice Chairperson)

Leader of the Delegation

Date:



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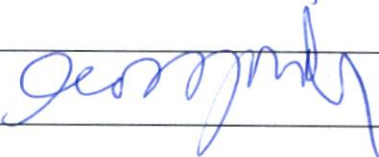



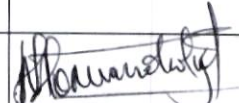


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Mr. Samuel Kalama – First Clerk Assistant

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2.0 BACKGROUND

Kenya/Kuwait Relations

The relations between Kenya and Kuwait go back to the period after Kenya's independence as Kuwait was one of the first countries to recognize the independence of Kenya. Kuwait opened its Embassy in Nairobi in 1965 and raised diplomatic recognition to ambassadorial level in 1968. The diplomatic relations between the two states have been growing ever since Kenya opened its Embassy in Kuwait City in 2007.

Kuwait has been a partner in development with Kenya, financing projects from the Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development. The Fund has over the years provided millions of dollars in soft loans for the social and economic development of Kenya. Some of the projects that have received funding include construction and rehabilitation of irrigation canals in the agriculture sector, infrastructure projects such as roads and highways including the Nuno-Modogashe Road and the building and renovation of hospitals and schools such as Wajir Hospital and schools in Nyamira. Kuwaiti NGOs have also set up a university in Kajiado and a college in Thika.

Trade between the two countries peaked in the 1990's but declined thereafter. There have been attempts to revive it and in the recent past, Kenya and Kuwait have signed four agreements on the setting up of a Joint Commission with a view to enhancing bilateral relations; Avoidance of Double Taxation; Protection of Investments and finally Tourism.

Kenya has been a friend of Kuwait throughout the five decades of diplomatic relations between the two countries. This friendship was best exhibited during Kuwait's hour of need when Kenya contributed troops to support Kuwait during the 1990 invasion by Iraq, and participated in the United Nations Peace Keeping Force that has helped protect the security of Kuwait.

3.0 COURTESY CALL ON THE SPEAKER OF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF KUWAIT

The delegation paid a courtesy call on the office of the Speaker of the National Assembly. In attendance were the Deputy Speaker and the Secretary General of the Assembly. The Speaker H.E Jassem Al-Khorafi informed the delegation that:-

3.1 The State of Kuwait is a Constitutional emirate with a parliamentary system of government. Its constitution, which combines aspects of both presidential and parliamentary systems of government, was approved and put into effect in 1962.

3.2 The total strength of the Kuwaiti National Assembly is 50. The members are elected for a four-year term by universal suffrage and secret ballot. The legislative term is divided into annual sessions which are of no less than eight months' duration. Each of Kuwait's 5 constituencies elects 10 members to the Assembly. The Kuwaiti National Assembly holds two to three sittings every fortnight. Members of the Cabinet are ex-officio members of the National Assembly. The 1962 Constitution limits the size of the cabinet to one-third that of the elected MPs and therefore the highest possible number of ministers is 16, including the Prime Minister.

3.3 The National Assembly's financial responsibilities include approval of the state budget and final accounts. The Assembly also supervises executive power through parliamentary questions, initiation of discussions, and setting up commissions of inquiry.

3.4 The National Assembly has the right to set up standing as well as ad-hoc committees from among its members. These committees include Committee on Petitions and Complaints, Committee on Interior Affairs and Defense, Committee on Financial and Economic Affairs, Committee on Legislative and Legal Affairs, Committee on Affairs of Education, Culture and Guidance, Committee on Health, Social Affairs and Labor, Committee on Foreign Affairs,

Committee on Public Utilities, Committee on Protection of Public Funds and the Committee on Defense of Human Rights.

3.5 The Secretariat of the Assembly is headed by the Secretary General who is appointed by the Speaker after the approval of the Assembly. The Secretary General supervises the Staff and is in charge of all operations of the National Assembly.

4.0 MEETINGS WITH TRANSPORT SECTOR OFFICIALS IN KUWAIT

4.1 Kuwait Fund for Development - KFFD

The delegation held a meeting with the management of the Kuwait Fund for Development and was informed that:-

4.1.1 The Fund was established in order to assist Arab and other developing countries in developing their economies. The Fund performs the following activities among others.

- Disbursing loans and providing guarantees,
- Providing Grants by way of technical assistance and other types of technical assistance,
- Contributing to capital stocks of international and regional development finance institutions and other development institutions and representing the State of Kuwait in such institutions.

4.1.2 The Fund's operations are focused primarily on the sectors of agriculture and irrigation, transport and communications, energy, industry, water and sewerage.

The Fund may extend its assistance to different types of entities which include:

- Central and provincial Governments, public utilities and other public corporations.

- Development institutions, whether international, regional or national and, in particular, development of finance institutions.
- Corporate entities that undertake projects which are jointly owned by a number of developing countries as well as mixed or private enterprises that enjoy corporate personality, and are of a developmental nature and not merely oriented towards making of profit. Such enterprises must be either under the control of one or more developing country or have the nationality of any such country.

4.1.3 Where the borrower is an entity other than the state in the beneficiary country, the Fund usually requires that the state in such country enters into an agreement with the Fund whereby it guarantees the performance of the borrower's obligations under the respective loan agreement.

4.1.4 The delegation was further informed that the Fund forms of Assistance included the following;

- i) Direct loans or the provision of guarantees.
- ii) Joint or parallel financing with other international, regional or national development finance institutions.
- iii) Making of grants-in-aid to finance technical, economic and financial studies whether in relation to projects financed by the Fund or otherwise. Such studies may be of such types as pre-investment surveys, studies for the identification purposes.
- iv) Investment opportunities and projects, feasibility studies, project preparation, sectorial studies and the like.
- v) Advisory services in relation to technical, financial, economic and legal aspects of projects or programmes or development policies, or in relation to institution building in the field of development.
- vi) Subscription to the capital or contribution to the resources of development finance institutions.
- vii) Subscription to the capital of eligible developmental enterprises.

4.1.5 However, the Fund does not provide financial assistance for budgetary or balance of payment support.

The Fund has been facing challenges in its operations in Kenya. Negotiations between the Fund and the Government of Kenya have not yielded fruits. Managers of the Fund indicated their willingness to assist in implementation of more projects in Kenya and were ready to send a technical team to Kenya to fast track implementation.

4.1.6 On his part, the Vice Chairperson/Leader of the delegation thanked the management of the Fund for financing key infrastructural projects in the country. He further, undertook to with a view to fast track the negotiation process for funding as well as addressing all challenges associated with project implementation.

4.2 Meeting with the Management of the City Group Company

The delegation met with the Director for the City Group Company Mr. Woods. He informed the delegation as follows, that:-

4.2.1 City Group Company (CGC) is a public shareholding company listed on Kuwait Stock Exchange with a paid up capital of KD11.3 million. The main focus of CGC's operation is the provision of public transportation services through its City bus division, which commenced operations in 2002.

4.2.2 City bus, City Group's wholly owned bus operator in Kuwait, presently operates 400 buses across 19 routes in Kuwait and Kuwait City. The smallest buses carry up to 32 passengers while the largest carry up to 52 passengers.

4.2.3 Today and through its continued efforts to provide a safe, reliable, pleasant service, City bus has succeeded in establishing its leadership as Kuwait's leading public transport operator. The company has managed to integrate technology in the management of its fleet

4.2.4 The major accomplishment of the Company include the Completion of 55 million passenger journeys each year and having been the first public transport company in the Middle East region to obtain ISO 9001:2008 certifications.

4.2.5 The company mainly hires expatriate workers from India, Egypt and Sri Lanka. Their buses are sourced from China.

4.3 The Al-Bader International Development Company

The delegation met with the management of the Al-Bader International Development Company. The representative of Al-Bader International Development Company (AIDCO) informed the delegation that:-

4.3.1 The company was incorporated in 2005 to meet the increasing demands for development and modernization through mega projects across the Middle East and Africa.

4.3.2 AIDCO has implemented numerous agreements and joint ventures with a variety of international companies. The Al-Bader Group, AIDCO's parent, is a well-established and well-respected Kuwaiti company which manages a diversified group of subsidiaries based in Kuwait and operating in the Middle East and Africa.

4.3.3 AIDCO started its relations with Kenya soon after its incorporation where they held a seminar in Kuwait and invited 20 Kenyan companies. The company allegedly conceptualized the idea upon which LAPPSET is based, in 2006. The project, which was referred to by the acronym ROOLA, stands for railways, oil, (fiber) optics and Lamu Airport. The project was to be implemented on a BOOT (Build-Operate-Own-Transfer) basis with the building phase expected to take about ten years and the own/operate phase an additional 20 years. The company is in negotiations with the Kenyan National Treasury with a view to finance some of the components of the

LAPPSET project.

4.3.4 The Leader of the delegation appreciated the management of the company for the conceptualization of the LAPPSET project. He reiterated the importance of the LAPPSET project in the country.

4.4 Marine Operations

Marine operations in Kuwait involve the transportation of different types of cargo including dry cargo, oil and livestock. During its meeting with Kuwait Port officials, the delegation heard that;

4.4.1 Kuwait has two dry cargo ports, Shuwaikh and Shuaiba ports. Shuwaikh port lies on the south shore of Kuwait Bay and is the main commercial port in the country. It is one of the busiest ports in the Middle East, with twenty-one deep-water berths. It handles the bulk of merchant shipping trade and all types of vessels including liner, tramp, container, Ro-Ro, barges, fishing trawlers and small passenger ships. It has a total area of 3.2 million square meters and 1.2 million square meter water basin area.

4.4.2 14 berths have a depth of 10 meters while 4 berths are 8.5 meters deep and three other berths have 6.7 meters depth. The total length of all berths is 4055 meters. The vessels traffic to and from the port pass through a navigation channel dredged inside Kuwait bay. The length of the channel is about 4.3 miles (8 km and its depth is 8.5 meters at a minimum water tide level. The port can receive vessels of 7.5 meters draft at any tide condition and vessels of 9.6 meters draft at high tide.

4.4.3 Shuaiba Port is located 45 Kms south of Kuwait City. The port is bound by the southern pier of Ahmadi port from the north side and by Mina Abdullah from the south side. There are 20 commercial and container berths at Shuaiba port of 4,068 meters total length which range from 10 to 14 meters. Four of these berths are used for container vessels. The oil pier has a water

depth of 16 meters. The port serves the Shuaiba industrial areas which include petrochemical oil refining, gas liquefaction, cement manufacture and fish processing plants. It is the second major port in Kuwait for handling commercial traffic, mostly for vessels serving the industrial area.

4.4.4 There are two small Craft & Barge basins at the port. The small Craft Basin has a depth of (4) meters and contain three piers of 100,200,175 meters length. The Barge Basin has a depth of (6) meters and contains four piers of 211, 157, 287, 250 meters length.

4.4.5 The port offers facilities for general cargo, containers, tankers and barges. The port comprises 3 main areas, namely dry cargo berths, small craft harbor, barge harbor and Chemical tanker berth.

The two ports operate year round and are served by 900-1000 employees.

4.4.6 On his part the leader of the delegation informed the meeting that Kenya has only one port which serves the country as well as other neighboring countries which are land locked. However, he further mentioned that the country is at advance stage to develop another port in Lamu.

5.0 OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee noted the following, that:-

- (i) Public Transport system in Kuwait is well organized, with a wide road network.
- (ii) The Government of Kuwait has financed several infrastructural projects in the country and all negotiations for financing development projects need to be finalized forthwith.
- (iii) The Port of Kuwait is very effective in terms of cargo handling and clearance.

Consequently, the Committee recommends that:-

- (i) The management of the Kenya Airport Authority should invest in modern equipment for cargo handling to increase its efficiency in terms of port operations.
- (ii) The Government of Kenya should consider investing in public transport in order to help streamline the public transport sector.

MINUTES OF THE 25TH SITTING OF THE TRANSPORT, PUBLIC WORKS AND HOUSING COMMITTEE HELD ON FRIDAY 28TH MAY, 2015 IN TAUSI ROOM, TRAVELERS HOTEL, MOMBASA AT 10: 00 AM.

Present

1. Hon. Maina Kamanda, M.P. – **Chairperson**
2. Hon. (Eng.) Mahamud M. Mohamed, M.P. –**Vice Chairman**
3. Hon. Aduma Owuor, M.P.
4. Hon. Mishi Juma, M.P.
5. Hon. Johnson Manya Naicca, M.P.
6. Hon. Omulele Christopher, M.P.
7. Hon. Mathias Robi, M.P.
8. Hon. Grace Kipchoim, M.P.
9. Hon. Mark Lomunokol, M.P.
10. Hon. Peter Shehe, M.P.
11. Hon. Ahmed Abbas Ibrahim, M.P.
12. Hon. (Eng.) Stephen Ngare, M.P.
13. Hon. (Capt.) Clement Wambugu, M.P.
14. Hon. Edick Omondi Anyanga, M.P.
15. Hon. Omar Mwinyi, M.P.
16. Hon. Emmanuel Wangwe, M.P.

Apologies

1. Hon. Barchilei Kipruto, M.P.
2. Hon. Stephen Manoti, M.P.
3. Hon. Cecily Mbarire, M.P.
4. Hon. Gideon Konchella, M.P.
5. Hon. Ali Wario, MP.
6. Hon. (Arch.) David Kiaraho, M.P.
7. Hon. Mukwe James Lusweti, M.P.
8. Hon. K.K. Stephen Kinyanjui Mburu, M.P.
9. Hon. Suleiman Dori, M.P.
10. Hon. Simon Nyaundi Ogari, M.P.
11. Hon. (Eng.) John Kiragu, M.P.
12. Hon. Chachu Ganya, M.P.
13. Hon. Joseph Lomwa, M.P.

In Attendance

- National Assembly

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| 1. Mr. Samuel Kalama | First Clerk Assistant |
| 2. Ms. Nuri K. Nataan | Third Clerk Assistant |
| 3. Mr. Abdifatah M. Bule | Third Clerk Assistant |
| 4. Mr. James Muguna | Research Officer |
| 5. Mr. Abdirahim Omar | Fiscal Analyst |

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Preliminaries

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:00 am and opened it with prayers.

The Chair informed the meeting that the Budget and Appropriation Committee accepted the Committees' recommendation to allocate an additional Kshs. 300 million to National Transport and Safety Authority (NTSA) in the financial year 2015/2016, thus making the total allocation for the NTSA kshs 736 million.

The Chair introduced the agenda as follows:-

AGENDA

1. Prayer
2. Communication from the Chairperson
3. **Consideration and Adoption of the following reports:-**
 - I. Report on the Bilateral Air Agreement between Kenya/Niger and Kenya/Ghana
 - II. Report on the Petition regarding the erection of bumps and footbridge at Kangoro Bus Stop on Embu-Meru Highway
 - III. Report on the Study Visit by the Committee to Kuwait City, Kuwait
 - IV. Report on the Study Visit by the Committee to South Africa
 - V. Report on the consideration of convention on the suppression of unlawful acts relating to international civil aviation and the protocol supplementary to the convention for the suppression of unlawful seizure of aircraft
4. Any Other Business

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Consideration and Adoption of the following reports:-

- I. Report on the Bilateral Air Agreement between Kenya/Niger and Kenya/Ghana
- II. Report on the Petition regarding the erection of bumps and footbridge at Kangoro Bus Stop on Embu-Meru Highway
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- V. Report on the consideration of convention on the suppression of unlawful acts relating to international civil aviation and the protocol supplementary to the convention for the suppression of unlawful seizure of aircraft

The Committee considered and adopted the following reports unanimously as follows:-

- I. The Report on the Bilateral Air Agreement between Kenya/Niger and Kenya/Ghana was adopted as proposed and seconded by the Hon. Stephen Ngare, MP and the Hon. Mishi Juma, Mp respectively
- II. The Report on the Petition regarding the erection of bumps and footbridge at Kangoro Bus Stop on Embu-Meru Highway was adopted as proposed and seconded by the Hon. Peter Shehe MP and the Hon. Mark Lomunokol, Mp respectively
- III. The Report on the Study Visit by the Committee to Kuwait City, Kuwait was adopted as proposed and seconded by the Hon. Mohamud Maalim, MP and the Hon. Christopher Omulele, Mp respectively.
- VI. The Report on the Study Visit by the Committee to South Africa was adopted as proposed and seconded by the Hon. Stephen Ngare, MP and the Hon. Mishi Juma, Mp respectively

However, the Committee resolved to consider the Report on the Convention on the Suppression of unlawful acts relating to International Civil Aviation and the Protocol Supplementary to the Convention for the Suppression of unlawful seizure of aircraft to another meeting to be held on 29th May, 2015 at 2:30 pm.

The Committee observed that:-

- I. There is need to share the recommendations of the foreign trips reports undertaken by the Committee with the Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure so that the Ministry can familiarize and learn the best practices in the world.
- II. The need to develop the Railway Training Institute into a centre of excellence in rail technology, so as to enhance the human resource capacity of the country in rail development.
- III. The Committee noted with concern the high rate of brain-drain in the engineering professionals. The Committee stressed the need to come up with policy to retain or minimize the rate of brain-drain.

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Any Other Business

1. The Committee resolved to closely oversight the Department of Housing and Urban Development in the Ministry of Lands, Urban Development and Housing. This will be done through frequently meetings with the officials from the said Ministry and visiting ongoing and completed projects by the Ministry.
2. The Committee noted with the concern the slow pace of road constructions across the country. Subsequently, the Committee resolved to undertake road inspection tours to assess the status of the various ongoing roads works across the country.

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Adjournment

And the time being 11.00 am the meeting was adjourned to be reconvened on Friday, 29th May, 2015 at 2.30 pm.

SIGNED.....

HON MAINA KAMANDA, M.P (Chairperson)

DATE.....29/5/2015