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## **ABBREVIATIONS**

|           |  |
|-----------|--|
| AfCTA     | African Continental Free Trade Area                    |
| AU        | African Union  |
| COMESA    | Common Market for East and Southern Africa             |
| EAC       | East African Community                                 |
| EACC      | Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission                  |
| DCI       | Directorate of Criminal Investigations                 |
| HELB      | Higher Education Loans Board                           |
| IGAD      | Inter-Governmental Authority on Development            |
| KRA       | Kenya Revenue Authority                                |
| OAU       | Organization of African Unity                          |
| ORPP      | Office of the Registrar of Political Parties           |
| UN        | United Nations   |
| UNEP      | United Nations Environment Programme                   |
| UNHABITAT | United Nations Human Settlement Programme              |
| UNON      | United Nations Office in Nairobi                       |
| UNSC      | United Nations Security Council                        |
| SADC      | Southern Africa Development Cooperation                |
| TICAD     | Tokyo International Conference on Africa's Development |

## CHAIRPERSON'S FOREWORD

Pursuant to Article 132 (2) (e) of the Constitution and section 5 of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act No. 33 of 2011, H.E. the President on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2020 forwarded to the Speaker of the National Assembly, a notification of appointment containing the names and Curricula Vitae of sixteen (16) Ambassador/High Commissioner/Permanent Representative nominees. This was for consideration for approval by the National Assembly for appointment as Ambassador/High Commissioner/Permanent Representative.

On 15<sup>th</sup> October 2020, the House before embarking on its short recess passed a procedural motion allowing the Speaker to refer messages received from among others, the President, to the relevant Committee for consideration, without having to recall the House. The Speaker therefore directly referred the message to the Departmental Committee on Defence and Foreign Relations for vetting and reporting to the House upon resumption.

The Committee held seven (7) sittings to consider the program, review the preparations and carry out the vetting. The Committee determined that two (2) of the nominees; **Amb. Jean Kamau** and **Amb. Lemarron Kaanto** had been vetted before and would not require fresh vetting. The remaining fourteen nominees appeared before the Committee on 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020 and were vetted in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution, the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, No. 33 of 2011 and the National Assembly Standing Orders on their suitability or otherwise for appointment as Ambassadors/High Commissioners/Permanent Representative.

The Committee deliberated on the nominees duly filled questionnaires in accordance with Section 6 (8) of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, curricula vitae, reports from relevant authorities, submissions made by the nominees including their oral submissions during vetting.

The Committee, in compliance with the Constitutional and other legal requirements and established procedures for vetting, invited views on the nominees from the public and ensured that its meetings were open to the public and covered by the media.

May I take this opportunity to thank all Members of the Committee for their input and valuable contributions during the deliberations and vetting exercise. I also take this opportunity on behalf of the Committee to thank the Offices of the Speaker and of the Clerk of the National Assembly for the logistical support accorded to it during the exercise. As a Committee, we also appreciate the role played by the media following its coverage of the proceedings, thus enhancing accountability, transparency and ensuring the participation of the public.

On behalf of the Departmental Committee on Defence and Foreign Relations and pursuant to Article 132 (2) (e) of the Constitution, Section 8(1) of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act No. 33 of 2011, and the provisions of Standing Order 199(6), it is my pleasure and duty to present to the House for adoption, the Committee's report on the vetting of the following nominees for appointment as Ambassadors/High Commissioners/Permanent Representatives;

1. **Amb. John Tipis**
2. **Ms. Immaculate Wambua**
3. **Amb. Catherine Mwangi**
4. **Amb. Martin Kimani**
5. **Amb. Jean Kimani**
6. **Amb. Tom Amolo**
7. **Mr. Lindsay Kiptiness**

8. **Amb. Daniel Wambura**
9. **Ms. Stella Munyi**
10. **Maj. Gen. (Rtd.) Samuel Nandwa**
11. **Maj. Gen. (Rtd.) Ngewa Mukala**
12. **Amb. Benson Ogutu**
13. **Mr. Joshua Gatimu, and;**
14. **Amb. Tabu Irina**

**Hon. Katoo Ole Metito, EGH, MGH, M.P**

**(CHAIRPERSON)**



## 1.0 PREFACE

### 1.1 Establishment of the Committee

The Departmental Committee on Defence and Foreign Relations is established pursuant to Standing Order 216.

### 1.2 Mandate of the Committee

The Committee is mandated under Standing Order 216 (4) and (5) to inter alia-

- a) 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) study the programme and policy objectives of ministries and departments and the effectiveness of the implementation and effectiveness of the implementation;
- c) study and review all legislation referred to it;
- d) study, assess and analyze the relative success of the ministries and departments as measured by the results obtained as compared with their stated objectives;
- e) 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;
- f) 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);**
- g) examine treaties, agreements and conventions;
- h) make reports and recommendations to the House as often as possible, including recommendation of proposed legislation;
- i) consider reports of Commissions and independent offices submitted to the house pursuant to the provisions of Article 254 of the Constitution; and
- j) examine any questions raised by Members on a matter within its mandate.

In executing its mandate, the Committee oversees the following Ministries and Departments:

- i. Ministry of Defence;
- ii. Ministry of Foreign Affairs;
- iii. Ministry of East African Community and Regional Development; and
- iv. National Intelligence Service.

According to Schedule II of the Standing Orders, the Committee is mandated to consider the following subjects:

- i. Defence;
- ii. Intelligence;
- iii. Foreign Relations;
- iv. Diplomatic and Consular Services;
- v. International Boundaries including territorial waters and international Relations; and
- vi. Agreements, Treaties and Conventions.

### 1.3 Committee Membership

The Committee comprises the following nineteen (19) Members;

The Hon. Katoo Ole Metito, EGH, MGH, MP (**Chairperson**)  
MP for Kajiado South Constituency  
**Jubilee Party**

The Hon. Richard Tongi, MP (**Vice- Chairperson**)  
MP for Nyaribari Chache Constituency  
**Jubilee Party**

The Hon. Yusuf Hassan Abdi, MP  
MP for Kamukunji Constituency  
**Jubilee Party**

The Hon. Charles Kilonzo, MP  
MP for Yatta Constituency  
**Independent**

The Hon. Richard Maore Maoka, CBS, MP  
MP for Igembe North Constituency  
**Jubilee Party**

The Hon. Dido Ali Raso, MP  
MP for Saku Constituency  
**Jubilee Party**

The Hon. Caleb Amisi, MP  
MP for Saboti Constituency  
**ODM Party**

The Hon. Zachary Kwenya, MP  
MP for Kinangop Constituency  
**Jubilee Party**

The Hon. Gideon Konchela, MP  
MP for Kilgoris Constituency  
**Jubilee Party**

The Hon. Memusi Ole Kanchory, MP  
MP for Kajiado Central Constituency  
**ODM Party**

The Hon. Martha Wangari Wanjira, MP  
MP for Gilgil Constituency

**Jubilee Party**

The Hon. Maj. (Rtd.) Bashir Abdullah, MP  
MP for Mandera North Constituency  
**Jubilee Party**

The Hon. (Dr.) Lilian Gogo, MP  
MP for Rangwe Constituency  
**ODM Party**

The Hon. Irene Kasalu, MP  
MP for Kitui County  
**WDM-K Party**

The Hon. Moses Nguchine Kirima, MP  
MP for Central Imenti Constituency  
**Jubilee Party**

The Hon. Vincent Kipkurui Tuwei, MP  
MP for Mosop Constituency  
**Jubilee Party**

The Hon. Ernest Ogesi Kivai, MP  
MP for Vihiga Constituency  
**ANC Party**

The Hon. Stephen M. Mule, MP  
MP for Matungulu Constituency  
**WDM-K Party**

The Hon. Asha Hussein Mohamed, MP  
MP for Mombasa County  
**ODM Party**

#### **1.4 Committee Secretariat**

The Committee secretariat is composed of the following technical staff;

Mr. Victor Weke  
First Clerk Assistant  
**Lead Clerk**

Mr. Abdiaziz Shobay  
Clerk Assistant III

Mr. Edison Odhiambo  
Fiscal Analyst

Mr. Ronald Walala  
Legal Counsel

Mr. Yakub Ahmed  
Media Relations Officer

Ms. Grace Wahu  
Research Officer

Mr. Nimrod Ochieng  
Audio Officer

## 2.0 BACKGROUND

### 2.1 Establishment of the Office of High Commissioners/Ambassadors/Permanent Representative

1. The Office of Ambassador/High Commissioner/Permanent Representative is an office under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The duties of the office include:
  - i) advancement and protection of Kenya's interests in host Countries and Countries of accreditation through innovative Diplomacy;
  - ii) promotion of Kenya's influence in international decision making;
  - iii) protection of Kenya's sovereignty and territorial integrity;
  - iv) promotion and strengthening of bilateral/multilateral co-operation/ties;
  - v) promotion of sub-regional, regional and international integration and cooperation; and
  - vi) promotion of public Diplomacy, among other duties.

### 2.2 Nomination of High Commissioners, Ambassadors and Permanent Representatives

2. Article 132(2) (e) of the Constitution confers upon the President the power to nominate, and subject to approval by the National Assembly, appoint Ambassadors, High Commissioners and Permanent Representatives. It provides that:

*"The President shall nominate and, with the approval of the National Assembly, appoint and may dismiss- ... (e) High Commissioners, Ambassador and Diplomatic and Consular Representatives"*

### 2.3 Notification of nomination

3. In accordance with the provisions of Article 132(2) (e) of the Constitution and section 5 of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approvals) Act, H.E. the President vide a letter dated 15<sup>th</sup> October 2020, under reference number OP/CAB 4/24 A (*Annexure 1*) forwarded to the National Assembly, for consideration and approval, the notification of nomination of the following sixteen (16) persons for appointment as Ambassadors, High Commissioners and Permanent Representatives;

|     | <b>Nominee</b>                 | <b>Mission/ Station</b>  |
|-----|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1.  | Amb. John Tipis                | Canberra                 |
| 2.  | Amb. Benson Ogutu              | Moscow                   |
| 3.  | Ms. Immaculate Wambua          | Ottawa                   |
| 4.  | Amb. Catherine Mwangi          | Pretoria                 |
| 5.  | Amb. Martin Kimani             | United Nations- New York |
| 6.  | Amb. Jean Kamau                | Addis Ababa              |
| 7.  | Mr. Lindsay Kiptiness          | Bangkok                  |
| 8.  | Amb. Tom Amolo                 | Berlin                   |
| 9.  | Amb. Daniel Wambura            | Bujumbura                |
| 10. | Ms. Stella Munyi               | Harare                   |
| 11. | Maj. Gen. (Rtd.) Samuel Nandwa | Juba                     |

|     |                               |                    |
|-----|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| 12. | Maj. Gen. (Rtd.) Ngewa Mukala | Khartoum           |
| 13. | Mr. Joshua Gatimu             | Tehran             |
| 14. | Amb. Tabu Irina               | Tokyo              |
| 15. | Amb. Jean Kimani              | UNHABITAT- Nairobi |
| 16. | Amb. Lemarron Kaanto          | Brasilia           |

#### 2.4 Committal to the Departmental Committee of the nominations

4. On 15<sup>th</sup> October 2020, the House passed a procedural motion allowing the Speaker to refer messages received from among others, the President, to the relevant Committee for consideration, without having to recall the House. The Speaker therefore directly referred the message from H.E. the President to the Departmental Committee on Defence and Foreign Relations for vetting and reporting to the House upon resumption (*Annexure 2*).

#### 2.5 Determination by the Committee on nominees to be vetted

5. The Committee established that of the sixteen nominees submitted to the National Assembly, the following two (2) nominees had already been vetted earlier and approved for appointment by the National Assembly for posting to various stations. They were thus being transferred to different stations, and would therefore NOT be vetted again;

|   | Name                 | Date of House approval          | Outgoing station | New station |
|---|----------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|-------------|
| 1 | Amb. Jean Kamau      | 10 <sup>th</sup> September 2014 | Bangkok          | Addis Ababa |
| 2 | Amb. Lemarron Kaanto | 19 <sup>th</sup> June 2019      | Berlin           | Brasilia    |

#### 2.6 Notification to the public

6. Section 6(9) of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act No. 33 of 2011, provides that *“any person may, prior to the approval hearing, and by written statement on oath, provide the Clerk with evidence contesting the suitability of a candidate to hold the office to which the candidate has been nominated”*.
7. The Clerk of the National Assembly placed an advertisement in the print media on Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> October 2020 (*Annexure 3a*) inviting the public to submit memoranda by way of written statements on oath (affidavits) on the suitability or otherwise of the nominees in conformity with section 6(9) of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, 2011. The advertisements indicated that the submissions were to be received by Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at 5.00 pm.
8. Pursuant to the provisions of Article 118 of the Constitution, Section 6(4) of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act and Standing Order 45(3), the general public

was on Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> October 2020 (*Annexure 3b*) notified in the print media by the Clerk of the National Assembly of the intention of the Departmental Committee on Defence and Foreign Relations to conduct the vetting of the nominees on 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020.

### **2.7 Notification to the nominees**

9. Further to the notice of vetting carried in the print media, pursuant to Section 6(3) of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act No. 33 of 2011, notifying the nominees of the date, time, and place for holding the approval hearings, the Clerk of the National Assembly wrote to the individual nominees vide letters dated 19<sup>th</sup> October 2020 inviting them for the same.

### **2.8 Clearance requirements**

10. On 19<sup>th</sup> October 2020, the Clerk of the National Assembly wrote to the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC), Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA), the Directorate of Criminal Investigation (DCI), the Higher Education Loans Board (HELB), and the Registrar of Political Parties (RPP) requesting for information (*Annexure 4*) with respect to the nominees on the following:
  - (a) matters touching on integrity;
  - (b) tax compliance;
  - (c) loan repayments; and
  - (d) political party affiliations.
11. All the agencies reported no outstanding issue on any of the nominees to be vetted. Their responses are attached to the report as *Annexure 5*.

### **2.9 Issues for consideration in conducting the Approval hearing**

12. The Committee observed that the issues for consideration in relation to the nomination and approval exercise are as provided under section 7 of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approvals) Act, as follows-
  - a) the procedure used to arrive at the nominee;
  - b) the constitutional and statutory requirements relating to the office in question; and
  - c) the suitability of the nominee for the appointment proposed having regard to whether the nominee's abilities, experience and qualities meet the needs of the body to which the nomination is being made.

### **Procedure used to arrive at the nominee**

13. The procedure for appointment of Ambassadors and High Commissioners is outlined under the Constitution and the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, 2011.
14. The Committee observed that Article 132(2) (e) of the Constitution and the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approvals) Act provides that nomination of Ambassadors and High Commissioners is a constitutional prerogative of the President as there is no further procedure prescribed in the Constitution or statute law.

### **Constitutional and Statutory requirements**

15. The Constitution, in addition, sets out certain requirements regarding the appointment of persons to public office which include:

#### ***Leadership and Integrity***

16. The Committee, in determining the suitability of the nominees, took into consideration the provisions on leadership and integrity as outlined under Chapter Six of the Constitution. In particular, the Committee took cognizance of the following provisions-

- i. Article 73 (2) of the Constitution which provides that the guiding principles of leadership and integrity include-
  - (a) selection on the basis of personal integrity, competence and suitability, or election in free and fair elections;
  - (b) objectivity and impartiality in decision making, and in ensuring that decisions are not influenced by nepotism, favoritism, other improper motives or corrupt practices;
  - (c) selfless service based solely on the public interest, demonstrated by —
    - (i) honesty in the execution of public duties; and
    - (ii) the declaration of any personal interest that may conflict with public duties;
  - (d) accountability to the public for decisions and actions; and
  - (e) discipline and commitment in service to the people.
- ii. Article 75(1) of the Constitution that requires a State Officer, whether in public or private life to behave in a manner that avoids conflict between personal interest and public official duties and Article 75(3) of the Constitution that prohibits a State Officer who has been removed from office under that Article from holding any other State Office.
- iii. Article 77(1) of the Constitution that prohibits a full time State Officer from participating in any other gainful employment.
- iv. Article 77(2) of the Constitution that prohibits an appointed State officer from holding office in a political party.
- v. Article 78 (1) of the Constitution that disqualifies persons who are not Kenyan Citizens and persons holding dual citizenship from appointment as State Officers.

#### ***Suitability of the nominee for the appointment proposed having regard to whether the nominee's abilities, experience and qualities meet the needs of the body to which the nomination is being made***

17. The Committee observed that suitability of the nominee should be evaluated holistically taking into account the nominee's academic credentials, professional training, experience, background and personal qualities as well as the performance of the nominee during the approval hearing.

18. The Committee's observations and resolutions as per the specific nominees are contained in the respective parts relating to those nominees in this report.

### **2.10 Memoranda from members of the public**

19. Section 6(9) of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approvals) Act, provides that *any person may, prior to the approval hearing, and by written statement on oath, provide the Clerk with evidence contesting the suitability of a candidate to hold office to which the candidate has been nominated.*
20. The Clerk of the National Assembly placed an advertisement in the print media on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2020 inviting the public to submit memoranda by way of written statements on oath (affidavits) on the suitability or otherwise of the nominees in conformity with section 6(9) of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act.
21. By close of business on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at 5.00 p.m., the Committee had not received any written statements on oath in respect of the suitability or otherwise of the nominees, save for a testimonial in support of one of the nominees.

### **2.11 Withdrawal from the approval process**

22. Section 6(10) of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approvals) Act, provides that *a candidate may, at any time, by notice in writing addressed to the Clerk, withdraw from the approval process and the candidates nomination shall thereupon lapse .*
23. Pursuant to Section 6(10) of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approvals) Act, no nominee notified the Clerk of the National Assembly of his/her withdrawal from the approval process.



### **3.0 APPROVAL HEARINGS/ VETTING OF NOMINEES**

24. The Committee held a sitting on Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> October 2020 to deliberate on the approval hearings and the following matters were highlighted:

- (1) That, by the deadline of receipt of memoranda from members of the public, the Clerk of the National Assembly had not received any written statements on oath contesting the suitability of any of the nominees;
- (2) In conducting the approval hearings, the Committee would examine the nominees against the following criteria as set out in the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act-
  - i. Academic qualifications;
  - ii. Employment record;
  - iii. Professional affiliations;
  - iv. Potential conflict of interest;
  - v. Knowledge of the relevant subject;
  - vi. Overall suitability for the position;
  - vii. Integrity;
  - viii. Vision and leadership; and
  - ix. Expectations and key priorities.

25. Twelve (12) nominees physically appeared before the Committee on 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> October 2020, while two (2) were vetted virtually with approval of the Speaker pursuant to Standing Order 265A, and in line with Ministry of Health protocols, having tested positive for Covid-19.

#### **3.1 MR. JOSHUA IGWETA GATIMU, NOMINEE AS AMBASSADOR TO TEHRAN**

26. Mr. Joshua Gatimu appeared before the Committee on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2020 and was interviewed pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution, Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approvals) Act and the Standing Orders of the National Assembly. The nominee responded to several questions during the vetting as follows;

##### **Citizenship, Date and Place of Birth**

27. The nominee is a Kenyan Citizen of identity card (ID) number, 7671520 and was born in Meru County in 1960.

##### **Academic and Professional Qualifications**

28. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in International Studies & Diplomacy from Washington International University. In addition, he has Diplomas in African Studies, International Studies, French and Philosophy & Religious Studies.

### **Employment records and Work Experience**

29. He joined the civil service in 1984 as a Cadet Inspector. He later joined the Office of the President.

### **Honors and Awards**

30. He has been awarded the Moran of the Order of the Burning Spear (M.B.S) and the Elder of the Order of the Burning Spear (E.B.S)

### **Statement of Net Worth**

31. His financial net worth is Ksh. 50 million.

### **Potential Conflict of Interest**

32. He has no arrangements that are likely to present potential conflicts of interest, and should it arise, he would abide by the law.

### **Leadership and suitability**

33. Mr. Gatimu submitted that he had excelled in public service and was always talent spotted to all offices he had served in. His initial desire to be a priest demonstrated his humility and had seen him engage in philanthropic activities.

### **Committee observations on suitability of Mr. Joshua Gatimu to serve as Ambassador**

34. The Committee having considered the nominee's filled questionnaire pursuant to section 6(8) of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, his curriculum vitae and having heard his oral submission during the approval hearing, made the following observations on his suitability for appointment as Ambassador, THAT-
- i) in accordance with Article 78(1) (2) of the Constitution he is a Kenyan citizen and does not hold dual citizenship;
  - ii) he holds a Bachelor of Arts in International Studies & Diplomacy from Washington International University as well as Diplomas in African Studies, International Studies, French and Philosophy & Religious Studies;
  - iii) the nominee satisfies the requirements of Chapter 6 of the Constitution on leadership and integrity having been cleared by the DCI and the EACC;
  - iv) he has never been charged in a Court of Law for the last three years;
  - v) as stipulated in Article 75(1) of the Constitution, he has no potential conflict of interest;
  - vi) the nominee satisfies the requirements of Article 77(1) of the Constitution in that he does not intend to participate in any other gainful employment;
  - vii) the nominee does not hold office in any political party and hence satisfies the provisions of Article 77(2) of the Constitution;
  - viii) he has never been dismissed from office under Article 75 of the Constitution for contravention of the provisions of Articles 75(1) (conflict of interest), 76 (financial probity), 77 (restriction of State Officers) and 78(2) (dual citizenship) of the Constitution.

### **3.2 AMB. JOHN TIPIS, NOMINEE AS HIGH COMMISSIONER TO CANBERRA**

35. Amb. John Tipis appeared before the Committee on Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at 9.00am and was interviewed pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution, Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approvals) Act and the Standing Orders of the National Assembly. The nominee responded to several questions during the vetting as follows;

#### **Citizenship, Date and Place of Birth**

36. The nominee is a Kenyan Citizen of identity card (ID) number, 7116355 and was born in Narok County in 1966.

#### **Academic and Professional Qualifications**

37. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Government and Philosophy, Master of Arts in International Studies and a Postgraduate Diploma in International Relations all from the University of Nairobi.

#### **Employment records and Work Experience**

38. He started his career as an Assistant Secretary cadet at the Ministry of Home Affairs. He later became a District Officer III in Siaya and thereafter, an Assistant Secretary I, II, III in the Office of the President.

39. He moved to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs where he has served in several capacities such as Director, Africa and AU; Deputy Political and Diplomatic Secretary; Director, Americas; Deputy Director, Africa at the ministry headquarters, and abroad as Deputy Ambassador, China; and Second Counsellor, Kenya High Commission, London; among others.

#### **Honors and Awards**

40. He has been awarded 'ndc' (K) and certificate from the National Defence College of Kenya.

#### **Statement of Net Worth**

41. His financial net worth is Ksh. 35 million.

#### **Potential Conflict of Interest**

42. He has no arrangements that are likely to present potential conflict of interest, and should it arise, he would abide by the law.

#### **Leadership and suitability**

43. Amb. Tipis stated that his 29 years of experience in public service coupled with his educational background provided him with the perfect blend required to perform functions of the office. He has training in immigration and human rights and will pursue economic diplomacy, especially in the fields of agriculture since Australia's farming is knowledge and science based. He was aware of an existing partnership between an Australian institution and the Kenya Agriculture and Livestock Research Organization towards this science-based

approach. He would seek to attain wider leverage on this relationship. Further, the nominee submitted that regional governments in Australia had strong capabilities in production. He would seek to encourage counties in Kenya to adopt these best practices.

44. Moreover, the nominee noted that the balance of trade is in favor of Australia because Kenyan exports are mainly unprocessed and their value is very low. The nominee stated that he would work towards increasing exports to Australia particularly those that have gone through value addition.
45. The nominee committed to nurture alliances with the diaspora and eliminate the apparent disconnect in line with the diaspora policy, and practically through creation of diaspora associations, diaspora days and the use of an open-door policy. This would also include working with the Kenyan electoral body and other agencies towards participation of Kenyans abroad in general elections.
46. His other areas of would be to nurture partnership between Kenya's universities and their Australian counterparts, towards exchange of best practices, research and knowledge.

**Committee observations on suitability of Amb. John Tipis to serve as High Commissioner**

47. The Committee having considered the nominee's filled questionnaire pursuant to section 6(8) of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, his curriculum vitae and having heard his oral submission during the approval hearing, made the following observations on his suitability for appointment as High Commissioner, THAT-
  - a) in accordance with Article 78(1) (2) of the Constitution, he is a Kenyan citizen and does not hold dual citizenship;
  - b) he holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Government and Philosophy, MA in international studies and a post-graduate diploma in international relations from the University of Nairobi.
  - c) he is a career civil servant having risen through the ranks in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs;
  - d) the nominee satisfies the requirements of Chapter 6 of the Constitution on leadership and integrity;
  - e) he has never been charged in a Court of Law in the last three years;
  - f) as stipulated in Article 75(1) of the Constitution, he has no potential conflict of interest;
  - g) the nominee satisfies the requirements of Article 77(1) of the Constitution in that he does not intend to participate in any other gainful employment;
  - h) the nominee does not hold office in any political party hence satisfies the provisions of Article 77(2) of the Constitution;
  - i) he has never been dismissed from office under Article 75 of the Constitution for contravention of the provisions of Articles 75(1) (conflict of interest), 76 (financial probity), 77 (restriction of State Officers) and 78(2) (dual citizenship) of the Constitution.

### **3.3 AMB. BENSON OGUTU, NOMINEE AS AMBASSADOR TO MOSCOW**

48. Amb. Benson Ogutu appeared before the Committee on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at 10.00 am and was interviewed pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution, Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approvals) Act and the Standing Orders of the National Assembly. The nominee responded to several questions during the vetting as follows;

#### **Citizenship, Date and Place of Birth**

49. The nominee is a Kenyan Citizen of identity card (ID) number, 4877293 and was born in Kiambu County in 1960.

#### **Academic and Professional Qualifications**

50. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Arabic from the University of Nairobi. In addition, he has pursued other short courses in Business Promotion, Foreign Policy, and International Relations among others.

#### **Employment records and Work Experience**

51. He is a career diplomat having started his career as an Assistant Secretary III at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. While at the Ministry, he has served in several capacities such as Director and Deputy Director in different departments, Ambassador to Japan, Political & Diplomatic Secretary, Special envoy for TICAD. He has also been the Director General, Directorate of International Conferences & Events.

#### **Honors and Awards**

52. He has been awarded the Moran of the Order of the Burning Spear (MBS)

#### **Statement of Net Worth**

53. His financial net worth is Ksh. 101 million.

#### **Potential Conflict of Interest**

54. He has no arrangements that are likely to present potential conflicts of interest, and should it arise, he would abide by the law.

#### **Leadership and suitability**

55. Amb. Ogutu cited his upbringing and the culture of his alma mater, Starehe Boys Centre, for his humility and hard work. His current position as Director General of international conferences and events had seen him lead complex teams that had successfully delivered huge conferences in Kenya, including TICAD, which had cemented the country's international stature. This team playing attribute will avert conflict with his deputy who was his predecessor as Ambassador in the same Mission. Moreover, he had served in more senior positions such as lead technical advisor to the Cabinet Secretary, alternate member to various boards and long years of service and experience.

56. The nominee submitted that his key priority areas would be to actively pursue and actualize decisions made between the Kenyan and Russian Presidents in the Russia-Africa summit held in Sochi, Russia in 2019. This would include the implementation of the various instruments of cooperation in the cultural, technological, scientific, economic, agricultural and fisheries fields. Economically, the nominee added that he would pursue a pending MoU between the two country's chambers of commerce and industry. He would also pursue more scholarship opportunities for Kenyans.
57. Amb. Ogutu added that both countries had many convergent views globally, and there was the potential of greater friendships by virtue of Kenya's membership to the UNSC. He noted that Russia was the 2<sup>nd</sup> country after Germany to recognize Kenya's sovereignty as an independent state, two days after independence. He believed that since Russia is a G7 member, the President was conscious of his seniority and experience to entrust him with such an important country that needed its relationship pushed further.
58. With regard to scholarships, the nominee stated that an inter-ministerial committee is formed to vet scholarship applications. The Committee was informed that this process was transparent as it involved different Ministries.
59. Finally, the nominee submitted that allegations of interference of Russia in other countries internal affairs would not suffice in Kenya because he would be firm on the provisions of the Vienna Convention on sovereignty.

**Committee observations on suitability of Amb. Benson Ogutu to serve as Ambassador**

60. The Committee having considered the nominee's filled questionnaire pursuant to section 6(8) of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, his curriculum vitae and having heard his oral submission during the approval hearing, made the following observations on his suitability for appointment as Ambassador, THAT-
- i) The nominee had served in senior positions in the ministry and demonstrated impressive grasp of foreign relations;
  - ii) in accordance with Article 78(1) (2) of the Constitution he is a Kenyan citizen and does not hold dual citizenship;
  - iii) he holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Arabic from the University of Nairobi, as well as other short professional courses;
  - iv) the nominee satisfies the requirements of Chapter 6 of the Constitution on leadership and integrity having been cleared by the DCI and the EACC;
  - v) he has never been charged in a Court of Law for the last three years;
  - vi) as stipulated in Article 75(1) of the Constitution, he has no potential conflict of interest;
  - vii) the nominee satisfies the requirements of Article 77(1) of the Constitution in that he does not intend to participate in any other gainful employment;
  - viii) the nominee does not hold office in any political party hence satisfies the provisions of Article 77(2) of the Constitution;
  - ix) he has never been dismissed from office under Article 75 of the Constitution for contravention of the provisions of Articles 75(1) (conflict of interest), 76 (financial

probity), 77 (restriction of State Officers) and 78(2) (dual citizenship) of the Constitution.

### **3.4 MS. IMMACULATE WAMBUA, NOMINEE AS HIGH COMMISSIONER TO OTTAWA**

61. Ms. Immaculate Wambua appeared before the Committee on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at 11.00 am and was interviewed pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution, Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approvals) Act and the Standing Orders of the National Assembly. The nominee responded to several questions during the vetting as follows;

#### **Citizenship, Date and Place of Birth**

62. The nominee is a Kenyan Citizen of identity card (ID) number, 3361138 and was born in Makueni County in 1960.

#### **Academic and Professional Qualifications**

63. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Sciences from the University of Nairobi and a Master of Arts in Public Policy and Management from the Institute of Social Studies (ISS), The Hague, Netherlands. She also has a Post-Graduate Diploma in Diplomacy and International Studies (IDIS) from the University of Nairobi.

#### **Employment records and Work Experience**

64. She started her career as a Children's Officer III and II in the Children's' Department at the Ministry of Home Affairs & National Heritage. She moved to the Department of Provincial Administration & Internal Security in the Office of the President as an Assistant Secretary.

65. She later moved to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs where she has risen from the rank of Assistant Secretary to Director, Americas Directorate.

#### **Honors and Awards**

66. She has been awarded a commendation by the Prime Minister of the Republic of Kenya for exemplary service and contribution towards the development, negotiation and conclusion of the Special Status Agreement between the Republic of Kenya and the Federal Republic of Ethiopia as a member of the National Task Force.

67. She has also been awarded the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary President Moi's Commemorative Medal (1999) in recognition of her services to the Republic of Kenya.

#### **Statement of Net Worth**

68. Her financial net worth is Ksh. 76 million.

#### **Potential Conflict of Interest**

69. She has no arrangements that are likely to present potential conflicts of interest, and should it arise, she would abide by the law.

### **Leadership and suitability**

70. Amb. Wambua submitted that as Head of the Americas Directorate in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, her deployment to Canada was tantamount to an extension of her scope. She had served in various bi- and multi-lateral positions, an experience which exposed her to various multi-cultural backgrounds.
71. Her key targets, if confirmed to the position, would be education, blue economy and a favourable balance of trade. In addition, some of the achievements in her Mission will include continuously engaging the Canadian government to maintain a strong bilateral relationship with Kenya and enhance teamwork within the Mission to improve operations.
72. On women empowerment, the nominee stated that she was an example in her village as the first girl in her school to pursue higher education and this motivated other girls to join the school to pursue the same. She emphasized that women should be given an opportunity in higher positions. She noted that Canada champions women empowerment and this will enhance discussions around enhancing the same in Kenya.

### **Committee observations on suitability of Ms. Immaculate Wambua to serve as High Commissioner**

73. The Committee having considered the nominee's filled questionnaire pursuant to section 6(8) of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, her curriculum vitae and having heard her oral submission during the approval hearing, made the following observations on her suitability for appointment as Ambassador, THAT-
- i) in accordance with Article 78(1) (2) of the Constitution she is a Kenyan citizen and does not hold dual citizenship;
  - ii) she holds a degree in social sciences and post-graduate diploma in Diplomacy and International Studies from the University of Nairobi and a Master of Arts in Public Policy & Management from the Institute of Social Studies (ISS), The Hague, Netherlands;
  - iii) she is a career civil servant and diplomat;
  - iv) the nominee satisfies the requirements of Chapter 6 of the Constitution on leadership and integrity having been cleared by the DCI and the EACC;
  - v) she has never been charged in a Court of Law in the last three years;
  - vi) as stipulated in Article 75(1) of the Constitution, she has no potential conflict of interest;
  - vii) the nominee satisfies the requirements of Article 77(1) of the Constitution in that he does not intend to participate in any other gainful employment;
  - viii) the nominee does not hold office in any political party hence satisfies the provisions of Article 77(2) of the Constitution;
  - ix) she has never been dismissed from office under Article 75 of the Constitution for contravention of the provisions of Articles 75(1) (conflict of interest), 76 (financial probity), 77 (restriction of State Officers) and 78(2) (dual citizenship) of the Constitution.

### **3.5 AMB. CATHERINE MUIGAI MWANGI, NOMINEE AS HIGH COMMISSIONER TO PRETORIA**

74. Amb. Catherine Mwangi appeared before the Committee on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at 12.00 pm and was interviewed pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution, Public



Appointments (Parliamentary Approvals) Act and the Standing Orders of the National Assembly. The nominee responded to several questions during the vetting as follows;

#### **Citizenship, Date and Place of Birth**

75. The nominee is a Kenyan Citizen of identity card (ID) number, 1021667 and was born in Kiambu County in 1958.

#### **Academic and Professional Qualifications**

76. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science & Sociology from the University of Nairobi. In addition, she has a Post-Graduate Diploma from the Mass Communication School of Journalism, University of Nairobi.

#### **Employment records and Work Experience**

77. She has worked in different capacities in companies such as Ogilvy & Mather, Express Kenya, Kenya Airways and the Kenyatta International Conference Centre.
78. She was later appointed as an Ambassador to the Kenya Mission in Dublin, Ireland. She currently serves as the Ambassador/Permanent Representative to the Kenya Mission in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

#### **Honors and Awards**

79. She holds no awards or honors.

#### **Statement of Net Worth**

80. Her financial net worth is 50 million.

#### **Potential Conflict of Interest**

81. She has no arrangements that are likely to present potential conflicts of interest, and should it arise, she would abide by the law.

#### **Leadership and suitability**

82. Amb. Mwangi submitted that he established the country's embassy in Dublin, Ireland, and persuaded Ireland to set up a mission in Kenya as well. During her time there, she chaired the Africa-Ireland economic forum to shift focus from humanitarian matters to business. She was also instrumental in galvanizing support of African envoys at the AU in the campaign to join the UNSC.
83. The nominee submitted that she would push for visa-free entry to South Africa if confirmed to the position as she was aware of progress towards this since the Presidents of the two countries met.

84. On intra-Africa trade, Amb. Mwangi cited the tripartite agreement signed by the EAC, COMESA and SADC on elimination of punitive barriers and tariffs that hinder trade. Implementation had however been slow. However, the recently ratified AfCTA should be celebrated because it would open up Africa for free trade effective 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021.
85. On xenophobia which is of great concern to the Committee, the nominee stated that the matter was being discussed at the African Union on matters concerning the protection of people from other African countries. She emphasized that she would engage other diplomats on best practice to protect Kenyans in the event of such crises.
86. On matters benefiting from wildlife and game hunting with lessons from South Africa, she stated that it was a very sensitive topic and would need more time to understand what works according to the laws and regulations of Kenya. She stated that she would work with relevant wildlife authorities in Kenya and South Africa for best practice.
87. The nominee had been involved in philanthropy, key being a scholarship awarded by the University of Nairobi to three students annually, in memory of her son who was killed in the Westgate terror attack.

**Committee observations on suitability of Amb. Catherine Mwangi to serve as High Commissioner**

88. The Committee having considered the nominee's filled questionnaire pursuant to section 6(8) of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, his curriculum vitae and having heard his oral submission during the approval hearing, made the following observations on his suitability for appointment as Ambassador, THAT-
- i) The nominee had demonstrated grit in Africa trade matters, having served in Addis Ababa, the seat of the AU;
  - ii) in accordance with Article 78(1) (2) of the Constitution she is a Kenyan citizen and does not hold dual citizenship;
  - iii) she holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Sociology and Post-graduate Diploma in mass communication from the University of Nairobi;
  - iv) the nominee satisfies the requirements of Chapter 6 of the Constitution on leadership and integrity having been cleared by the DCI and the EACC;
  - v) she has never been charged in a Court of Law in the last three years;
  - vi) as stipulated in Article 75(1) of the Constitution, she has no potential conflict of interest;
  - vii) the nominee satisfies the requirements of Article 77(1) of the Constitution in that she does not intend to participate in any other gainful employment;
  - viii) the nominee does not hold office in any political party hence satisfies the provisions of Article 77(2) of the Constitution;
  - ix) she has never been dismissed from office under Article 75 of the Constitution for contravention of the provisions of Articles 75(1) (conflict of interest), 76 (financial probity), 77 (restriction of State Officers) and 78(2) (dual citizenship) of the Constitution.

### **3.6 AMB. MARTIN KIMANI, NOMINEE AS PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UNITED NATIONS, NEW YORK**

89. Amb. Martin Kimani appeared before the Committee on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at 2.00 pm and was interviewed pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution, Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approvals) Act and the Standing Orders of the National Assembly. The nominee responded to several questions during the vetting as follows;

#### **Citizenship, Date and Place of Birth**

90. The nominee is a Kenyan Citizen of identity card (ID) number, 10895399 and was born in Mombasa County in 1971.

#### **Academic and Professional Qualifications**

91. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy from the University of New Hampshire, Durham, USA and a Master of Arts in War Studies from King's College London. In addition, he has pursued a PhD in War Studies from King's College, University of London.

#### **Employment records and Work Experience**

92. In the course of his career, he has served in different organizations in positions such as teaching fellow, Associate fellow and mentor, and senior researcher.

93. He has also worked as a Deputy Director and Director for the Atlantic Council of the United States and Director for the Intergovernmental Authority on Development's Conflict Early Warning and Response Mechanism.

94. In addition, he has served as the Permanent Representative, with the rank of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Mission to the UN Office at Nairobi (UNON), the UN Environment Programme (UNEP) and the UN Human Settlements Programme.

95. He serves as the Secretary, Strategic Initiatives, in the Executive Office of the President and the Joint Secretary, Building Bridges to Unity Advisory Presidential Taskforce and Steering Committee.

96. He is also the President's Special Envoy for Countering Violent Extremism and Director, National Counter Terrorism Centre, in the Executive Office of the President.

#### **Honors and Awards**

97. He has been awarded the Elder of the Order of the Burning Spear (EBS) and was the 2013 Distinguished African Visiting Fellow, South African Institute of International Affairs. He has also been a Fellow in the African Leadership Initiative and the Aspen Global Leadership Program.

#### **Statement of Net Worth**

98. His financial net worth is Kshs. 58 million.

### **Potential Conflict of Interest**

99. He has no arrangements that are likely to present potential conflicts of interest, and should it arise, he would abide by the law.

### **Leadership and suitability**

100. The nominee submitted that his educational background in war studies would put him in good stead to serve the country in New York, especially with Kenya's membership to the UNSC. He had served as Kenya's Permanent Representative in key UN agencies of UNEP, UNON and UNHABITAT. This, together with his service to IGAD and a Washington D.C based think-tank that worked with the Obama administration in the US had exposed him to global workings and systems.

101. At the UNSC, the nominee noted that Kenya's and Africa's interests would be in synchrony since Kenya had always had a pan-African posture. He would always seek concurrence with the other two representatives from Africa, Tunisia and Niger. Kenya would not only adopt positions based on what is right, but also what advances our and Africa's interests.

102. Additionally, the nominee stated that the country's membership to the UNSC was important as the country wasn't large, rich or war waging. The position would be to amplify its voice for an independent self-dignified Africa. He would also lobby for not only maintaining the two UN offices in Kenya, but pursue the reforms being undertaken in the UN for Kenya's benefit.

### **Committee observations on suitability of Amb. Martin Kimani to serve as Permanent Representative**

103. The Committee having considered the nominee's filled questionnaire pursuant to section 6(8) of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, his curriculum vitae and having heard his oral submission during the approval hearing, made the following observations on his suitability for appointment as Ambassador, THAT-

- i) in accordance with Article 78(1) (2) of the Constitution he is a Kenyan citizen and does not hold dual citizenship;
- ii) he holds a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy from the University of New Hampshire, Durham, USA and a Master of Arts and PhD in War Studies from King's College London;
- iii) The nominee is a distinguished public servant having served in various capacities including, as permanent representative. He is also the head of the National Counter-Terrorism Centre in the Office of the President. His most recent assignment was as joint secretary to the Presidential Task Force on Unity advisory, BBI.
- iv) the nominee satisfies the requirements of Chapter 6 of the Constitution on leadership and integrity having been cleared by the DCI and the EACC;
- v) he has never been charged in a Court of Law for the last three years;
- vi) as stipulated in Article 75(1) of the Constitution, he has no potential conflict of interest;

- vii) the nominee satisfies the requirements of Article 77(1) of the Constitution in that he does not intend to participate in any other gainful employment;
- viii) the nominee does not hold office in any political party hence satisfies the provisions of Article 77(2) of the Constitution;
- ix) he has never been dismissed from office under Article 75 of the Constitution for contravention of the provisions of Articles 75(1) (conflict of interest), 76 (financial probity), 77 (restriction of State Officers) and 78(2) (dual citizenship) of the Constitution.

### **3.7 AMB. DANIEL WAISIKO WAMBURA, NOMINEE AS AMBASSADOR TO BUJUMBURA**

104. Amb. Daniel Wambura appeared before the Committee on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October at 9.00 am and was interviewed pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution, Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approvals) Act and the Standing Orders of the National Assembly. The nominee responded to several questions during the vetting as follows;

#### **Citizenship, Date and Place of Birth**

105. The nominee is a Kenyan Citizen of identity card (ID) number, 10793375 and was born in Migori County in 1971.

#### **Academic and Professional Qualifications**

106. He holds a Bachelor of Laws (LLB) from the University of Nairobi and a Global Executive Master of Business Administration from the United States International University, USIU.

107. He also holds a Post-Graduate Diploma in Law from the Kenya School of Law and a certificate in Legislative Drafting from the University of London/Institute of Advanced Legal Studies.

#### **Employment records and Work Experience**

108. He is currently the National Coordinator, Office of the Great Lakes Region at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He has served as the Principal Administrative Secretary in the Office of the Deputy President. In addition, he has served as Director of the Legal Directorate rising to the rank of Ambassador at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

109. He has also served in other Government agencies such as the Kenya Law Reform Commission, the Advocates Complaints Commission, the Electoral Commission of Kenya and the Department of Treaties and Agreements in the State Law Office.

#### **Honors and Awards**

110. He has been awarded the Chief of the Burning Spear (CBS) and the Moran of the Order of the Burning Spear (MBS)

### **Statement of Net Worth**

111. His financial net worth is Ksh. 76 million.

### **Potential Conflict of Interest**

112. He has no arrangements that are likely to present potential conflicts of interest, and should it arise, he would abide by the law.

### **Leadership and suitability**

113. Amb. Wambura stated that he had served as a public officer since the year 1996, rising through the ranks. His experience in the diplomatic world was nurtured through engagement in the drafting of various bi- and multi-lateral agreements. He has represented Kenya in various international fora, including the African Union and the UN in New York. Notably, in 2002 he was part of the technical team transforming OAU to AU, through the re-work of the constitutive instruments and Acts. He has also done the IGAD protocol on climate prediction and application centre. He was also the lead in the drafting of the Foreign Service Bill which is still a work in progress.

114. The nominee submitted that the issues facing EAC should be addressed through amendments to the constitutive instruments where possible, for example in addressing quorum hitches. Political will is also needed to bring all countries together.

115. Amb. Wambura defended his tenure in the Electoral Commission of Kenya, especially the events leading to the 2007 disputed election and post-election violence. He stated that the Kriegler Report singled out the general societal architecture of the country and not the ECK for blame.

116. The nominee defended his nomination by stating that, as a legal practitioner, he was suited for the nomination. He highlighted that diplomacy has many fields and legal affairs was among them. He reiterated that legality is the foundation of diplomacy. He added that his experience exposed him to strategic thinking and policy formation which adds to diplomacy. He noted that Ambassadors are trained on key points of entry on how to operate in any posting.

117. On Kenya's relationship with Burundi, the nominee stated that Burundi is an emerging democracy and Kenya can promote good governance guided by goodwill. He emphasized that goodwill can achieve what law may not achieve. Goodwill is first built before addressing other issues.

### **Committee observations on suitability of Amb. Daniel Wambura to serve as Ambassador**

118. The Committee having considered the nominee's filled questionnaire pursuant to section 6(8) of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, his curriculum vitae and having heard his oral submission during the approval hearing, made the following observations on his suitability for appointment as Ambassador, THAT-

- i) in accordance with Article 78(1) (2) of the Constitution he is a Kenyan citizen and does not hold dual citizenship;
- ii) he holds a Bachelor of Laws (LLB) from the University of Nairobi and a Global Executive Master of Business Administration from the United States International University (USIU);
- iii) he is a career public servant having served in various capacities in government;
- iv) the nominee satisfies the requirements of Chapter 6 of the Constitution on leadership and integrity having been cleared by the DCI and the EACC;
- v) he has never been charged in a Court of Law for the last three years;
- vi) as stipulated in Article 75(1) of the Constitution, he has no potential conflict of interest;
- vii) the nominee satisfies the requirements of Article 77(1) of the Constitution in that he does not intend to participate in any other gainful employment;
- viii) the nominee does not hold office in any political party hence satisfies the provisions of Article 77(2) of the Constitution;
- ix) he has never been dismissed from office under Article 75 of the Constitution for contravention of the provisions of Articles 75(1) (conflict of interest), 76 (financial probity), 77 (restriction of State Officers) and 78(2) (dual citizenship) of the Constitution.

### **3.8 MS. STELLA MUNYI, NOMINEE AS AMBASSADOR TO HARARE**

119. Ms. Stella Munyi appeared before the Committee on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at 10.00 am and was interviewed pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution, Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approvals) Act and the Standing Orders of the National Assembly. The nominee responded to several questions during the vetting as follows;

#### **Citizenship, Date and Place of Birth**

120. The nominee is a Kenyan Citizen of identity card (ID) number, 9063373 and was born in Embu County in 1968.

#### **Academic and Professional Qualifications**

121. She holds a Bachelor of Laws (LLB) from the University of Nairobi and a Post-Graduate Diploma in Law from the Kenya School of Law. She is also a Certified Public Secretary. In addition, she has a Master in Business Administration in Strategic and Human Resource Management. She is currently pursuing a PhD. in Law from Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology.

#### **Employment records and Work Experience**

122. She is currently the Chief State Counsel at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on secondment from the Office of the Attorney General & Department of Justice having risen through the ranks in the State Law Office. She has previously held a legal position in at the Kenya Industrial Property Office.

### **Honors and Awards**

123. She holds no award or honors.

### **Statement of Net Worth**

124. Her financial net worth is 91.7 million.

### **Potential Conflict of Interest**

125. She has no arrangements that are likely to present potential conflicts of interest, and should it arise, she would abide by the law.

### **Leadership and suitability**

126. As an advocate of the High Court of 28 years standing, Ms. Munyi submitted that serving in four Tribunals as Assisting Counsel had demonstrated the faith the President had in her and her background in civil litigation. She had participated in the drafting of the intellectual property laws, the successful defence of legal challenges against the introduction of the Electronic Tax Register and was instrumental in the cooperation agreement with Cuba that saw the deployment of Cuban doctors to Kenya.

127. Ms. Munyi added that her focus, once deployed, would be to boost trade and investment between the two countries.

128. The nominee stated that Kenya's seat at the UNSC Non-Permanent seat (2021-2022) is a win for Zimbabwe and the continent. Kenya is ready to work together with other UNSC members to champion Africa's agenda at the global level.

129. The nominee intends to enhance Kenya's diplomatic footprint. Kenya's Embassy in Zimbabwe is accredited to Mozambique, while the latter opened her High Commission in Nairobi in 1994. Kenya and Mozambique enjoy excellent relations founded on the longstanding historical ties. In 2018, H.E. the President assured President Filipe Nyusi that Kenya will open a Consulate in Maputo in 2019-2020, and she hopes to make this come to fruition.

130. She highlighted that existing trade between Kenya, Zimbabwe and Mozambique is relatively low and is in favour of Zimbabwe and Mozambique. Kenya's exports to Zimbabwe were valued at Kshs. 1.5 billion while imports stood at Kshs. 2.9 billion. Kenya's exports to Zimbabwe include medicaments, soap, residue petroleum products and aluminium and imports tobacco, wood, cocoa and copper from Zimbabwe. To mitigate this trade deficit, she will consider making maximum use of the existing bilateral and continental (AfCFTA) frameworks on trade and investments.

131. Ms. Munyi intends to enhance diaspora engagement with the Kenyan community in Zimbabwe and enhance and encourage their participation in national engagement. She will explore the creation of job opportunities for Kenyan youth.



### **Committee observations on suitability of Ms. Stella Munyi to serve as Ambassador**

132. The Committee having considered the nominee's filled questionnaire pursuant to section 6(8) of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, her curriculum vitae and having heard her oral submission during the approval hearing, made the following observations on her suitability for appointment as Ambassador, THAT-

- i) in accordance with Article 78(1) (2) of the Constitution she is a Kenyan citizen and does not hold dual citizenship;
- ii) she holds a Bachelor of Laws (LLB) from the University of Nairobi and a Post-Graduate Diploma in Law from the Kenya School of Law. She is also a Certified Public Secretary, has a Master in Business Administration in Strategic and Human Resource Management and is currently pursuing a doctorate degree;
- iii) the nominee satisfies the requirements of Chapter 6 of the Constitution on leadership and integrity having been cleared by the DCI and the EACC;
- iv) she has never been charged in a Court of Law for the last three years;
- v) as stipulated in Article 75(1) of the Constitution, she has no potential conflict of interest;
- vi) the nominee satisfies the requirements of Article 77(1) of the Constitution in that she does not intend to participate in any other gainful employment;
- vii) the nominee does not hold office in any political party hence satisfies the provisions of Article 77(2) of the Constitution;
- viii) she has never been dismissed from office under Article 75 of the Constitution for contravention of the provisions of Articles 75(1) (conflict of interest), 76 (financial probity), 77 (restriction of State Officers) and 78(2) (dual citizenship) of the Constitution.

### **3.9 AMB. JEAN WAMBUI KIMANI, NOMINEE AS PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO UNHABITAT, NAIROBI**

133. Amb. Jean Kimani appeared before the Committee on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at 11.00 am and was interviewed pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution, Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approvals) Act and the Standing Orders of the National Assembly. The nominee responded to several questions during the vetting as follows;

#### **Citizenship, Date and Place of Birth**

134. The nominee is a Kenyan Citizen of Passport number, A828657 and was born in Kiambu County in 1959.

#### **Academic and Professional Qualifications**

135. She holds a Bachelor of Arts (Hons.) from the University of Nairobi and a Masters in Business Administration from the University of Liverpool. She also holds a Post-Graduate Diploma in International Relations from the University of Nairobi and a Certificate in French Language from Alliance Francaise, Nairobi.

### **Employment records and Work Experience**

136. She is a career diplomat having started her career as a Third Secretary in the Protocol Department and has risen through the ranks to become an Ambassador. She has over 35 years of experience in Kenya's Diplomatic Service. Before retirement, she was the Director, Europe and Commonwealth at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

### **Honors and Awards**

137. She has been awarded the Moran of the Order of the Burning Spear (MBS), the United Nations Fellowship on Disarmament, the UNITRAR workshop on Structure Drafting of United Nations Resolutions and United Nations Training on Peace Making and Prevention of Genocide

### **Statement of Net Worth**

138. Her financial net worth is Ksh. 60 million.

### **Potential Conflict of Interest**

139. She has no arrangements that are likely to present potential conflicts of interest, and should it arise, she would abide by the law.

### **Leadership and suitability**

140. Amb. Kimani joined the Ministry in 1982. Her 37 years' experience in the public sector have seen her accrue vast experience in diplomacy. She rose to the rank of Ambassador in 2010 and retired in 2019, venturing into consultancy along the same lines.
141. As Ambassador to Botswana and as the representative to SADC, she pursued the integration agenda under the ambit of the AU. In her incoming assignment, she noted the need to partner UN-HABITAT with ministries of housing in order for coordinated urban planning, and to stop the mushrooming of slums. She would ensure that as hosts of the agency, Nairobi would meet its obligations and play the role of a proper host.
142. She added that UN-HABITAT's habitual underfunding should be addressed through the ongoing initiatives to enhance and reform the UN and its agencies. This required Kenya to position herself and play a leading role.
143. In relation to attaining the retirement age, Ms. Kimani stated that she was able to deliver and had extensive experience having worked in multilateral sectors. The experience gained is important in order to move the agency to the next level.
144. The nominee notified the Committee that UN-Habitat is going through restructuring. There were concerns that restructuring of the agency would lead to its downsize. However, the nominee stated that there was need to sensitize other African states on strengthening the agency and in that case, she would lobby the States to fund it to make it more efficient and garner support on its importance.

### **Committee observations on suitability of Amb. Jean Kimani to serve as Permanent Representative**

145. The Committee having considered the nominee's filled questionnaire pursuant to section 6(8) of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, her curriculum vitae and having heard her oral submission during the approval hearing, made the following observations on her suitability for appointment as Ambassador, THAT-
- i) in accordance with Article 78(1) (2) of the Constitution she is a Kenyan citizen and does not hold dual citizenship;
  - ii) she holds a Bachelor of Arts (Hons.) from the University of Nairobi and a Masters in Business Administration from the University of Liverpool;
  - iii) The nominee is a career diplomat, having served in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for the last 35 years;
  - iv) the nominee satisfies the requirements of Chapter 6 of the Constitution on leadership and integrity having been cleared by the DCI and the EACC;
  - v) she has never been charged in a Court of Law for the last three years;
  - vi) as stipulated in Article 75(1) of the Constitution, she has no potential conflict of interest;
  - vii) the nominee satisfies the requirements of Article 77(1) of the Constitution in that she does not intend to participate in any other gainful employment;
  - viii) the nominee does not hold office in any political party hence satisfies the provisions of Article 77(2) of the Constitution;
  - ix) she has never been dismissed from office under Article 75 of the Constitution for contravention of the provisions of Articles 75(1) (conflict of interest), 76 (financial probity), 77 (restriction of State Officers) and 78(2) (dual citizenship) of the Constitution.

### **3.10 MAJ. GEN. (RTD.) NGEWA MUKALA NGOLOI, NOMINEE AS AMBASSADOR TO KHARTOUM**

146. Maj. Gen. (Rtd.) Ngewa Mukala appeared before the Committee on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at 12.00 pm and was interviewed pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution, Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approvals) Act and the Standing Orders of the National Assembly. The nominee responded to several questions during the vetting as follows;

#### **Citizenship, Date and Place of Birth**

147. The nominee is a Kenyan Citizen of identity card (ID) number 3784060 and was born in Kitui County in 1960.

#### **Academic and Professional Qualifications**

148. He holds a Diploma in International Studies from the University of Nairobi, a Master of Science in Defence Studies, India and a Kenya Advanced Certificate of Education. He has also undertaken and completed the National Defence College Course, Karen.

### **Employment records and Work Experience**

149. He served in the Kenya Defence Forces (Navy) rising from the position of 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant to the position of Major General.
150. He has served as the Managing Director and Director of the Kenya Ordnance Factory Corporation.

### **Honors and Awards**

151. He has been awarded the Moran of the Golden Heart (MGH), the Elder of the Order of the Burning Spear (EBS), Distinguished Conduct Order (DCO) and the Silver Star (SS).

### **Statement of Net Worth**

152. His financial net worth is Ksh.100 million.

### **Potential Conflict of Interest**

153. He has no arrangements that are likely to present potential conflicts of interest, and should it arise, he would abide by the law.

### **Leadership and suitability**

154. Maj. Gen. (Rtd.) Mukala had a 38 year career in the military, particularly the Navy. He rose to command the naval service and had stints as Commandant to the Defence Staff College and as Managing Director of the Kenya Ordnance Factory in Eldoret. He has been exposed to foreign relations through peace keeping activities in Angola through the UN force and also served as a defence attaché in South Africa. He noted that diplomacy and defense are symbiotic and a he would be in good stead.
155. With regard to the Kenya Ordnance Factory, the nominee submitted that in his short stint there of six months, he improved on farming, hardware and finance aspects of the corporation.
156. The nominee submitted that Kenya had a trade advantage with Sudan but had the potential to grow it further. He stated that geopolitically, Sudan was connected to the north of Africa, hence a strategic country to have cordial relations with. He expressed his desire to see the road, telecoms and electricity connections that Kenya has with Ethiopia extended to Sudan. In addition, the nominee stated that he would strive to revive the export of tea to Sudan that existed before sanctions were placed on the country therefore restricting trade through the US dollar.
157. He observed the need to de-escalate tensions over the use of the Nile between Egypt, Sudan and Ethiopia requires Kenya to exercise its known expertise of peace making. The nominee suggested that all stakeholders that share the Nile should convene and agree on what percentage of the Nile each country will use according to their national interest in order to settle the conflict over the Nile.

### **Committee observations on suitability of Maj. Gen. (Rtd.) Ngewa Mukala to serve as Ambassador**

158. The Committee having considered the nominee's filled questionnaire pursuant to section 6(8) of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, his curriculum vitae and having heard his oral submission during the approval hearing, made the following observations on his suitability for appointment as Ambassador, THAT-

- i) in accordance with Article 78(1) (2) of the Constitution he is a Kenyan citizen and does not hold dual citizenship;
- ii) he holds a Diploma in International Studies from the University of Nairobi, a Master of Science in Defence Studies, India, as well as ndc(k) from the defence college. He is a career military officer, having risen to the ranks of Major General. He has been awarded several state commendations for his service to country;
- iii) the nominee satisfies the requirements of Chapter 6 of the Constitution on leadership and integrity having been cleared by the DCI and the EACC;
- iv) he has never been charged in a Court of Law for the last three years;
- v) as stipulated in Article 75(1) of the Constitution, he has no potential conflict of interest;
- vi) the nominee satisfies the requirements of Article 77(1) of the Constitution in that he does not intend to participate in any other gainful employment;
- vii) the nominee does not hold office in any political party hence satisfies the provisions of Article 77(2) of the Constitution;
- viii) he has never been dismissed from office under Article 75 of the Constitution for contravention of the provisions of Articles 75(1) (conflict of interest), 76 (financial probity), 77 (restriction of State Officers) and 78(2) (dual citizenship) of the Constitution.

### **3.11 AMB. TABU IRINA, NOMINEE AS AMBASSADOR TO TOKYO**

159. Amb. Tabu Irina appeared before the Committee on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at 2.00 pm and was interviewed pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution, Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approvals) Act and the Standing Orders of the National Assembly. The nominee responded to several questions during the vetting as follows;

#### **Citizenship, Date and Place of Birth**

160. The nominee is a Kenyan Citizen of identity card (ID) number, 12466745 and was born in Montreal, Canada in 1968. She however renounced her Canadian citizenship and evidenced this by a certificate of renunciation issued by the Canadian government effective 18<sup>th</sup> July 2018.

#### **Academic and Professional Qualifications**

161. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science & Sociology from the University of Lesotho and a Master of Arts in International Politics from Beijing University (China).

### **Employment records and Work Experience**

162. She is a career diplomat having started her career as an Assistant Secretary III/Third Secretary and rising to the rank of Chief of Protocol at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
163. She has also served as a Research Assistant at the Lesotho Highlands Water Development Authority, Maseru, Lesotho and as a Public Relations /Administrative Officer at the Coast Development Authority.

### **Honors and Awards**

164. She has been awarded the Order of the Grand Warrior of Kenya (OGW) and the Moran of the Order of the Burning Spear (MBS).

### **Statement of Net Worth**

165. Her financial net worth is Ksh. 34.14 million

### **Potential Conflict of Interest**

166. She has no arrangements that are likely to present potential conflicts of interest, and should it arise, he would abide by the law.

### **Leadership and suitability**

167. Amb Irina had worked in the Ministry for 23 years, rising to her current position of Chief of Protocol. She has served in three foreign stations, Geneva, Seoul and Tokyo, the latter of which she is now proposed to head. She noted the opportunities in trade and investment that needed facilitation, considering Kenya was the biggest aid recipient from Japan in Africa. She would seek to reverse the skewed balance of trade, currently at 1:14. Technology is especially a key area that Kenya would benefit from, including in its pursuit of achieving Universal Health Care.
168. The nominee stated that Kenya can learn a lot from Japan. Aid to Kenya is in manufacturing and education and many Kenyans had received scholarships. As Ambassador, she will ensure to attract more assistance in those areas.
169. With regard to trade, the nominee stated that many expos take place in Japan to showcase products from other countries. She committed to ensure that space was provided for Kenyan products in the trade expos. In addition, she informed the Committee that trade was in favor of Japan and she would therefore engage the Japanese government to lift some of the barriers that made it difficult for Kenyan exports. She expressed confidently that trade attaches in Missions would deal with trade issues that affected Kenya.
170. Furthermore, the nominee emphasized the importance of TICAD to Kenya. She stated that since the last TICAD conference, where an agreement was signed, there has been a 48% increase of Japanese companies investing in Kenya.

171. Amb. Irina submitted on oath, under questioning, that despite being born in Canada, she had renounced her citizenship to that country in 2018 once she discovered this fact whilst applying for a visa. She categorically stated that she has never held a Canadian passport, paid any taxes to Canada or made any investments in Canada. She added that she has no family in Canada and has never benefitted in any way from Canada.

**Committee observations on suitability of Amb. Tabu Irina to serve as Ambassador**

172. The Committee having considered the nominee's filled questionnaire pursuant to section 6(8) of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, her curriculum vitae and having heard her oral submission during the approval hearing, made the following observations on her suitability for appointment as Ambassador, THAT-

- i) in accordance with Article 78(1) (2) of the Constitution she is a Kenyan citizen and does not hold dual citizenship, having renounced her Canadian citizenship acquired by birth, effective 18<sup>th</sup> July 2018;
- ii) She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Sociology from the University of Lesotho and a Master of Arts in International Politics from Beijing University (China);
- iii) The nominee is a career diplomat rising through the ranks to her current position as head of protocol in the Ministry. For her service to the nation, she has been awarded two honorary awards;
- iv) the nominee satisfies the requirements of Chapter 6 of the Constitution on leadership and integrity having been cleared by the DCI and the EACC;
- v) she has never been charged in a Court of Law for the last three years;
- vi) as stipulated in Article 75(1) of the Constitution, she has no potential conflict of interest;
- vii) the nominee satisfies the requirements of Article 77(1) of the Constitution in that she does not intend to participate in any other gainful employment;
- viii) the nominee does not hold office in any political party hence satisfies the provisions of Article 77(2) of the Constitution;
- ix) she has never been dismissed from office under Article 75 of the Constitution for contravention of the provisions of Articles 75(1) (conflict of interest), 76 (financial probity), 77 (restriction of State Officers) and 78(2) (dual citizenship) of the Constitution.

**3.12 MAJ. GEN. (RTD.) SAMUEL NANDWA WESONGA, NOMINEE AS AMBASSADOR TO JUBA**

173. Maj. Gen. (Rtd.) Samuel Nandwa appeared before the Committee on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at 3.00 pm and was interviewed pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution, Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approvals) Act and the Standing Orders of the National Assembly. The nominee responded to several questions during the vetting as follows;

**Citizenship, Date and Place of Birth**

174. The nominee is a Kenyan Citizen of identity card (ID) number, 0403149 and was born in Busia County in 1958.

### **Academic and Professional Qualifications**

175. He holds a Diploma in Strategic Studies from the University of Nairobi, East African Advanced Certificate of Education (EAACE) and has attended the Kaizen Programme at the National Defence College, Karen. He also holds a Diploma in International Studies from the University of Nairobi.

### **Employment records and Work Experience**

176. He served in the Kenya Defence Forces (Army) rising from the position of 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant to the position of Major General.

### **Honors and Awards**

177. He has been awarded the Chief of the Order of the Burning Spear (CBS), Elder of the Order of the Burning Spear (EBS), 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemorative Medal, 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemorative Medal, 10 years Nyayo Era Medal, 20 Great years of Nyayo Era Medal, Constitutional Medal and UN (UNOMIL) Medal.

### **Statement of Net Worth**

178. His financial net worth is Ksh.105 million.

### **Potential Conflict of Interest**

179. He has no arrangements that are likely to present potential conflicts of interest, and should it arise, he would abide by the law.

### **Leadership and suitability**

180. Maj. Gen. (Rtd.) Nandwa served in the military since 1978 as a cadet, up to his retirement in 2018 at the rank of a Major General. He has served the military in various capacities, ranging from command to staff training. His major assignments included being a Defense Attaché in Beijing, Commanding officer of the 7KR and as Commandant, School of Infantry. He was an observer in the UN Mission in Liberia and Chief of Staff to the UN Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea, the latter which was the most challenging as it involved bringing together belligerent forces, giving him the requisite exposure to now serve as Ambassador in Juba.

181. The nominee reiterated that Kenya has an upper hand in terms of business and Juba was a large potential market if there is continuous peace and stability. There is especially a lot of potential in the construction industry and a lot can be achieved.

182. With regard to the peace process, the nominee stated that he would undertake more research on the peace process in order to strategize on Kenya's interests. He emphasized it was important to have a wholesome scope of the situation in Juba before pursuing any strategies.



### **Committee observations on suitability of Maj. Gen. (Rtd.) Samuel Nandwa to serve as Ambassador**

183. The Committee having considered the nominee's filled questionnaire pursuant to section 6(8) of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, his curriculum vitae and having heard his oral submission during the approval hearing, made the following observations on his suitability for appointment as Ambassador, THAT-

- i) in accordance with Article 78(1) (2) of the Constitution he is a Kenyan citizen and does not hold dual citizenship;
- ii) he holds a diploma in strategic studies and is a career military officer, having risen to the rank of Major General. He has been awarded several state commendations for his service to country;
- iii) the nominee satisfies the requirements of Chapter 6 of the Constitution on leadership and integrity having been cleared by the DCI and the EACC;
- iv) he has never been charged in a Court of Law for the last three years;
- v) as stipulated in Article 75(1) of the Constitution, he has no potential conflict of interest;
- vi) the nominee satisfies the requirements of Article 77(1) of the Constitution in that he does not intend to participate in any other gainful employment;
- vii) the nominee does not hold office in any political party hence satisfies the provisions of Article 77(2) of the Constitution;
- viii) he has never been dismissed from office under Article 75 of the Constitution for contravention of the provisions of Articles 75(1) (conflict of interest), 76 (financial probity), 77 (restriction of State Officers) and 78(2) (dual citizenship) of the Constitution.

### **3.13 AMB. THOMAS BONIFACE AMOLO, NOMINEE AS AMBASSADOR TO BERLIN**

184. Amb. Tom Amolo was virtually vetted by the Committee with the Speaker's approval subject to Standing Order 265A, and in observance of Ministry of Health protocols having tested positive for Covid-19, on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020 at 9.00 am and was interviewed pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution, Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approvals) Act and the Standing Orders of the National Assembly. The nominee responded to several questions during the vetting as follows;

#### **Citizenship, Date and Place of Birth**

185. The nominee is a Kenyan Citizen of identity card (ID) number 0971602 and was born in Nairobi County in 1961.

#### **Academic and Professional Qualifications**

186. He holds a Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Political Science and a Diploma in Diplomacy from the University of Nairobi. He is currently pursuing a Master of Arts from the School of International & Public Affairs at Columbia University, New York.

### **Employment records and Work Experience**

187. He is a career diplomat having started his career as an Assistant Secretary III in the Americas Division at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
188. While at the Ministry, he has served in several capacities such as Director and Deputy Director in different departments, Advisor, Delegations of the Republic of Kenya to the United Nations Security Council and Counsellor in different embassies.
189. He has also served as High Commissioner to the Republic of South Africa and the Federal Republic of Nigeria.
190. Currently, he serves as the Political & Diplomatic Secretary at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and was also the Special Envoy to Kenya's Security Council Campaign.

### **Honors and Awards**

191. He has been awarded the Moran of the Order of the Burning Spear (MBS), the United States Department of State Award, Igbo Honorary Chieftaincy title by the Ugo Ndigbo-Federal Republic of Nigeria, a Service Award from the organization of Kenyans in Kansas City and a Service Award from the Association of Kenyan Professionals in Atlanta.

### **Statement of Net Worth**

192. His financial net worth is Ksh. 68 million.

### **Potential Conflict of Interest**

193. He has no arrangements that are likely to present potential conflicts of interest, and should it arise, he would abide by the law.

### **Leadership and suitability**

194. Amb. Amolo submitted that his upbringing in a multi-ethnic and multi-racial Nairobi and his rich experience in diplomacy had instilled in him competence to work in diverse settings. He counted amongst his early achievements a stint in Washington D.C where together with Amb. Yusuf Nzibo they established and boosted the influence of Kenya's diaspora back at home. He has also continued to mentor younger staff at the ministry and he was proud of the contingent of staff they are nurturing.
195. During his service in Pretoria, the nominee submitted that he had observed the systematic nature with which South Africans conducted their affairs policy-wise. This explains the slow but gradual manner in which the issue of visa rigidity was being addressed. Also, the reported cases of xenophobia, which he termed as 'afrophobia' was a culture manifested by the long years of oppression under apartheid. The government was however afro-centric. During his time there, allot of South African businesses invested in Kenya.

196. Amb. Amolo added that Kenya stood to learn a lot from Germany where he will be stationed, especially on the strengths of technical and vocational training. Germany recognizes the need to train the youth, an opportunity for the big population of youth in Kenya. It aims to match skills with the job industry in manufacturing and agriculture in order to achieve the maximum benefit for the people. In addition, Germany has about 150 companies invested in Kenya and there is huge potential to tap more into Europe's biggest economy to boost our manufacturing as envisioned in the Big-4 agenda.
197. He added that the various deployments represented the Ministry's skillset, resilience and versatility of the career diplomats.
198. The nominee stated that scholarships help to tap talent. DAAD has been giving a lot of scholarships. He recognized there is need to open up conversations for scholarships in areas required for development in Kenya and diversify them too to the 47 counties.
199. On matters diaspora, the nominee stated that he would adopt an aggressive outreach policy, which includes social media, with the diaspora in order to earn the trust and confidence of the people. This will encourage more Kenyans to register at the Embassy.
200. Amb. Amolo emphasized on the strength of parliamentary diplomacy and the need to exploit it more. He also urged that the country foreign policy remains rules-based but versatile and pragmatic.

**Committee observations on suitability of Amb. Tom Amolo to serve as Ambassador**

201. The Committee having considered the nominee's filled questionnaire pursuant to section 6(8) of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, his curriculum vitae and having heard his oral submission during the approval hearing, made the following observations on his suitability for appointment as Ambassador, THAT-
- i) in accordance with Article 78(1) (2) of the Constitution he is a Kenyan citizen and does not hold dual citizenship;
  - ii) he holds a Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Political Science and a Diploma in Diplomacy from the University of Nairobi. He is currently pursuing a Master of Arts from the School of International & Public Affairs at Columbia University, New York;
  - iii) the nominee is a career diplomat and a senior officer at the ministry, serving as Political and Diplomatic Affairs Secretary. He has served as Ambassador to South Africa and Nigeria;
  - iv) the nominee satisfies the requirements of Chapter 6 of the Constitution on leadership and integrity having been cleared by the DCI and the EACC;
  - v) he has never been charged in a Court of Law for the last three years;
  - vi) as stipulated in Article 75(1) of the Constitution, he has no potential conflict of interest;
  - vii) the nominee satisfies the requirements of Article 77(1) of the Constitution in that he does not intend to participate in any other gainful employment;
  - viii) the nominee does not hold office in any political party hence satisfies the provisions of Article 77(2) of the Constitution;

- ix) he has never been dismissed from office under Article 75 of the Constitution for contravention of the provisions of Articles 75(1) (conflict of interest), 76(financial probity), 77(restriction of State Officers) and 78(2) (dual citizenship) of the Constitution.

### **3.14 LINDSAY KIPTINESS, NOMINEE AS AMBASSADOR TO BANGKOK**

202. Mr. Lindsay Kiptiness was virtually vetted by the Committee with the Speaker's approval subject to Standing Order 265A, and in observance of Ministry of Health protocols having tested positive for Covid-19, on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020 at 10.00 am and was interviewed pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution, Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approvals) Act and the Standing Orders of the National Assembly. The nominee responded to several questions during the vetting as follows;

#### **Citizenship, Date and Place of Birth**

203. The nominee is a Kenyan Citizen of identity card (ID) number 9291451 and was born in Elgeyo Marakwet County in 1968.

#### **Academic and Professional Qualifications**

204. He holds a Bachelor of Education from Moi University and a Master of Arts in Peace and Conflict Studies from Hacettepe University, Turkey. He also has a Post-Graduate Diploma in Diplomacy & International Relations from the University of Nairobi. He is currently writing his Master of Arts thesis on International Studies at the University of Nairobi.

#### **Employment records and Work Experience**

205. He started his career as a teacher at Sergoit Secondary School and then worked as a District Officer in Samburu, Baringo, Kericho, Nakuru, Bungoma, Vihiga and Kakamega districts.
206. He later pursued a career as a Foreign Service Officer at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, steadily rising from a Protocol Officer/Personal Assistant to the Permanent Secretary to the current position of Director, Asia & Australasia and Pacific Islands Directorate.
207. He also holds the position of Coordinator, COVID-19 Response and Secretary, Standing Committee on Emergency Response, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

#### **Honors and Awards**

208. He holds no award or honors.

#### **Statement of Net Worth**

209. His financial net worth is Ksh. 30 million.

#### **Potential Conflict of Interest**

210. He has no arrangements that are likely to present potential conflicts of interest, and should it arise, he would abide by the law.

### **Leadership and suitability**

211. Mr. Kiptiness was a career public servant, with a career spanning 27 years starting from being a trained teacher, through provincial administration rising to his current position as Head of the Asia Directorate at the Ministry. Going to Bangkok as Ambassador was therefore within his forte and he would broaden Kenya's influence in the other accredited countries of Cambodia, Vietnam, Myanmar and Laos.
212. The nominee will seek to attract direct foreign investments to the country and especially tap in Thailand's success in providing universal health coverage considering Kenya and Thailand had a MoU on the same. Moreover, he would seek to negotiate various protocols to promote Kenyan agriculture especially in avocado, coffee and tea farming, as well as horticulture. In addition, the nominee stated that he would work with relevant stakeholders in Thailand to encourage tourism to Kenya, particularly medical tourism, in order to diversify from our reliance on wildlife.
213. He noted that Women empowerment is of paramount importance as it greatly influenced his upbringing. He stated that he would seek partnerships towards innovative development in SMEs focusing on women.
214. The nominee further noted that there is a lot to learn from production and technology from Thailand and the other accredited nations to the Embassy in Thailand. Countries all over the world have transferred their production to the ASEAN countries therefore spurring economic growth. The nominee stated that problems in production and handling of Kenyan exports led to their rejection because of low standards therefore leading to reduced trade.
215. He was part of the team that was set up at the ministry to mobilize support from friendly nations in the fight against COVID-19. A lot of the donations received were as a result of their efforts. With this experience, the nominee called for a fund to manage issues of the diaspora who remit huge sums of money back home but are left on their own when challenges arise.

### **Committee observations on suitability of Mr. Lindsay Kiptiness to serve as Ambassador**

216. The Committee having considered the nominee's filled questionnaire pursuant to section 6(8) of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, his curriculum vitae and having heard his oral submission during the approval hearing, made the following observations on his suitability for appointment as Ambassador, THAT-
- i) in accordance with Article 78(1) (2) of the Constitution he is a Kenyan citizen and does not hold dual citizenship;
  - ii) he holds a Bachelor of Education from Moi University and a Master of Arts in Peace and Conflict Studies from Hacettepe University. He also has a Post-Graduate Diploma in Diplomacy & International Relations from the University of Nairobi. He is currently pursuing a Master of Arts degree in International Studies at the University of Nairobi;
  - iii) the nominee having joined the ministry as a foreign service officer has risen to the position of Director, Asia and Australasia and Pacific Islands Directorate;

- iv) the nominee satisfies the requirements of Chapter 6 of the Constitution on leadership and integrity having been cleared by the DCI and the EACC;
- v) he has never been charged in a Court of Law for the last three years;
- vi) as stipulated in Article 75(1) of the Constitution, he has no potential conflict of interest;
- vii) the nominee satisfies the requirements of Article 77(1) of the Constitution in that he does not intend to participate in any other gainful employment;
- viii) the nominee does not hold office in any political party hence satisfies the provisions of Article 77(2) of the Constitution;
- ix) he has never been dismissed from office under Article 75 of the Constitution for contravention of the provisions of Articles 75(1) (conflict of interest), 76 (financial probity), 77 (restriction of State Officers) and 78(2) (dual citizenship) of the Constitution.

#### 4.0 GENERAL COMMITTEE OBSERVATIONS

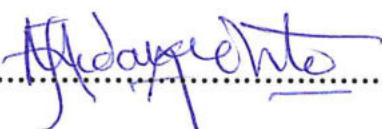
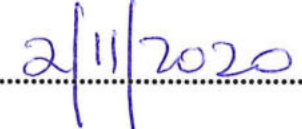
217. The Committee having vetted all the nominees' made the following general observations, THAT-

- i) **Amb. Jean Kamau** and **Amb. Lemarron Kaanto** had already been vetted and approved as Ambassadors/High Commissioners by the National Assembly on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2014 and 19<sup>th</sup> June 2019 respectively and did not require fresh vetting;
- ii) The remaining fourteen (14) nominees, namely **Amb. John Tipis, Ms. Immaculate Wambua, Amb. Catherine Mwangi, Amb. Martin Kimani, Amb. Jean Kimani, Amb. Tom Amolo, Amb. Lindsay Kiptiness, Amb. Daniel Wambura, Ms. Stella Munyi, Maj. Gen. (Rtd.) Samuel Nandwa, Maj. Gen. (Rtd.) Ngewa Mukala, Amb. Benson Ogutu, Mr. Joshua Gatimu** and **Amb. Tabu Irina** are Kenyan citizens and do not hold dual citizenship;
- iii) The nominees presented their academic credentials and professional Certificates and demonstrated their experience in accordance with the provisions of Section 6(7) of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act No. 33 of 2011;
- iv) None of the nominees has been charged in a Court of Law or mentioned adversely in a Parliamentary Committee report or Commission of inquiry in the last three years;
- v) All the nominees satisfy the requirements of Article 77(1) in that they do not intend to participate in any other gainful employment;
- vi) All the nominees do not hold office in any registered political party hence satisfy the provisions of Article 77(2) of the Constitution.
- vii) None of the nominees has been dismissed from office under Article 75 of the Constitution for contravention of the provisions of Articles 75(1) (conflict of interest), 76 (financial probity), 77 (restriction of State Officers) and 78(2) (dual citizenship) of the Constitution;
- viii) No written statements on oath (affidavit) contesting the suitability or otherwise of the nominees was received;
- ix) None of the nominees, had notified the Clerk of the National Assembly of withdrawal from the approval process as outlined under Section 6(10) of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approvals) Act 2011;
- x) Twelve of the fourteen nominees were career civil servants and diplomats. This was good for motivation of staff at the ministry, professionalism and career progression. The remaining two were retired military officers who were proposed to head missions appropriate with their background. The nominees demonstrated impressive grasp of geopolitical dynamics, world trade, diplomacy and inter-country relations;
- xi) The Committee notes that nominees should not list the appointing authority as their referees.

## 5.0 COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

218. Having considered the suitability, capacity and integrity of the nominees, and pursuant to Article 132(2) of the Constitution and Standing Order 216 (5) (f), the Committee recommends that the National Assembly **APPROVES** the nomination and subsequent appointment by His Excellency the President, of;

1. **Amb. John Tipis** for appointment as High Commissioner to Canberra, Australia;
2. **Ms. Immaculate Wambua** for appointment as High Commissioner to Ottawa, Canada;
3. **Amb. Catherine Mwangi** for appointment as High Commissioner to Pretoria, South Africa;
4. **Amb. Martin Kimani** for appointment as Permanent Representative to United Nations, New York;
5. **Amb. Jean Kimani** for appointment as Permanent Representative to UNHABITAT, Nairobi;
6. **Amb. Tom Amolo** for appointment as Ambassador to Berlin, Germany;
7. **Mr. Lindsay Kiptiness** for appointment as Ambassador to Bangkok, Thailand;
8. **Amb. Daniel Wambura** for appointment as Ambassador to Bujumbura, Burundi;
9. **Ms. Stella Munyi** for appointment as Ambassador to Harare, Zimbabwe;
10. **Maj. Gen. (Rtd.) Samuel Nandwa** for appointment as Ambassador to Juba, South Sudan;
11. **Maj. Gen. (Rtd.) Ngewa Mukala** for appointment as Ambassador to Khartoum, Sudan;
12. **Amb. Benson Ogutu** for appointment as Ambassador to Moscow, Russia;
13. **Mr. Joshua Gatimu** for appointment as Ambassador to Tehran, Iran;
14. **Amb. Tabu Irina** for appointment as Ambassador to Tokyo, Japan.

Signed.......... Date: ..........

**Hon. Katoo Ole Metito, EGH, MGH, M.P**

**(CHAIRPERSON)**



## ANNEXURES



ANNEX 1



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*DL&P  
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**Hon. Justin B. Muturi, EGH, MP,**  
Speaker  
The National Assembly  
Parliament Building  
Parliament Road  
**NAIROBI**

*Noted. CNA to act as per the  
House Resolution on 15/10/2020 in the  
afternoon sitting.*

Dear *Hon. Muturi,*

*SWA  
15/10/2020*

**NOMINEES FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE POSITIONS OF HIGH COMMISSIONERS, AMBASSADORS AND PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES**

We refer to the above subject matter.

You are notified that **His Excellency the President** has nominated the persons set out hereinafter for appointment to serve the nation as **Ambassadors, High Commissioners** and **Permanent Representatives** in Embassies/High Commissions/Missions of the **Republic of Kenya abroad**, as follows:


| CLUSTER                          | STATION                 | NAME                           |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>High Commissioners</b>        | Canberra                | Amb. John Tipis                |
|                                  | Ottawa                  | Ms. Immaculate Wambua          |
|                                  | Pretoria                | Amb. Catherine Mwangi          |
| <b>Permanent Representatives</b> | United Nations New York | Amb. Martin Kimani             |
|                                  | UNHABITAT Nairobi       | Amb. Jean Kimani               |
| <b>Ambassadors</b>               | Addis Ababa             | Amb. Jean Kamau                |
|                                  | Bangkok                 | Mr. Linday Kiptiness           |
|                                  | Berlin                  | Amb. Tom Amolo                 |
|                                  | Brasilia                | Amb. Lemarron Kaanto           |
|                                  | Bujumbura               | Amb. Daniel Wambura            |
|                                  | Harare                  | Ms. Stella Munyi               |
|                                  | Juba                    | Maj. Gen. (Rtd.) Samuel Nandwa |
|                                  | Khartoum                | Maj. Gen. (Rtd.) Ngewa Mukala  |
|                                  | Moscow                  | Amb. Benson Ogutu              |

|  |        |                   |
|--|--------|-------------------|
|  | Tehran | Mr. Joshua Gatimu |
|  | Tokyo  | Amb. Tabu Irina   |

The nominations and this subsequent transmittal to the National Assembly are made pursuant to Article 132 (2) (e) of the Constitution and Sections 3 and 5 of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act [Act No. 33 of 2011].

Enclosed herewith are the Nominees' Curricula Vitae and Testimonials, to aid the August House in its consideration and approval processes.

Yours



**JOSEPH K. KINYUA, EGH**  
**HEAD OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE**

**Copy to: Mr. Michael Sialai, CBS**  
Clerk of the National Assembly  
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**Mr. Njee Muturi, C.B.S**  
Deputy Chief of Staff  
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**Mr. Kennedy W. Kihara, CBS**  
Principal Administrative Secretary/  
Assistant Secretary to the Cabinet  
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**REPUBLIC OF KENYA**  
**TWELFTH PARLIAMENT - (FOURTH SESSION)**  
**THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**  
**NOTIFICATION FROM THE SPEAKER**  
*(Standing Order 42(2))*

*(No.05 of 2020)*

**SUBJECT: MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT ON NOMINATION OF PERSONS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE POSITIONS OF HIGH COMMISSIONERS AND AMBASSADORS**

**WHEREAS** on Thursday, October 15, 2020, the House resolved that upon receipt of any name of a person nominated for appointment to a state or public office from the President or any other office in the National Executive, the Speaker shall forthwith refer such Message to the relevant Committee for consideration, without having to recall the House. Further, Standing Order 42(5) of the National Assembly Standing Orders requires the Speaker to cause the transmission of any Message received from the President at a time when the House is not in Session to every Member and later report such Message to the House at its next sitting;

**IT IS NOTIFIED** to all Members of the National Assembly that, on **Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2020, I** received a Message from H.E. the President regarding nomination for appointment of sixteen (16) persons to the positions of High Commissioners and Ambassadors in Embassies/High Commissions/Missions of the Republic of Kenya abroad as follows:-

| <b>Cluster</b>            | <b>Station</b>            | <b>Name</b>           |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>High Commissioners</b> | Canberra                  | Amb. John Tipis       |
|                           | Ottawa                    | Ms. Immaculate Wambua |
|                           | Pretoria                  | Amb. Catherine Mwangi |
| <b>Ambassadors</b>        | United Nations - New York | Amb. Martin Kimani    |
|                           | UNHABITAT - Nairobi       | Amb. Jean Kimani      |

|             |                                |
|-------------|--------------------------------|
| Addis Ababa | Amb. Jean Kamau                |
| Bangkok     | Mr. Linday Kiptiness           |
| Berlin      | Amb. Tom Amolo                 |
| Brasilia    | Amb. Lemarron Kaanto           |
| Bujumbura   | Amb. Daniel Wambura            |
| Harare      | Ms. Stella Munyi               |
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| Khartoum    | Maj. Gen. (Rtd.) Ngewa Mukala  |
| Moscow      | Amb. Benson Ogutu              |
| Tehran      | Mr. Joshua Gatimu              |
| Tokyo       | Amb. Tabu Irina                |

**IT IS FURTHER NOTIFIED THAT** in furtherance to the provisions of Article 132(2)(e) of the Constitution and sections 3 and 5 of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act (No.33 of 2011), H.E. the President now seeks the approval of the National Assembly of the said persons to the respective offices;

**NOW THEREFORE,** in keeping with the provisions of the House resolution of October 15, 2020 and Standing Order 42(2) -

- (a) upon resumption of the House on Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2020 in accordance with its Calendar(Regular Sessions), I shall convey the Message from H.E the President to the assembled House.
- (b) the Message now stands referred to the Departmental Committee on Defence and Foreign Relations to commence necessary vetting processes as contemplated under the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act and Standing Order 45 (*Committal of public appointments to Committees*); and
- (c) the Clerk is hereby required to transmit this Notification to all Members of the National Assembly.

  
**THE HON. JUSTIN B.N. MUTURI, EGH, MP**  
**SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

Friday, October 16, 2020

## REPUBLIC OF KENYA



## NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

## TWELFTH PARLIAMENT – FOURTH SESSION

In the matter of Approval by the National Assembly of the persons nominated to be appointed as Ambassadors/High Commissioners

**INVITATION FOR VETTING BY THE DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE  
ON DEFENCE AND FOREIGN RELATIONS**

Pursuant to Article 132(2) (e) of the Constitution and Section 6(3) of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, 2011, the National Assembly invites the following fifteen (15) persons who have been nominated for appointment as Ambassadors/High Commissioners for vetting by the Departmental Committee on Defence and Foreign Relations.

The proceedings will take place at the Mini Chamber, County Hall, Parliament Buildings on **the date and time** indicated below—

|     | Nominee                           | Station                     | Date                                      | Time     |
|-----|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|----------|
| 1.  | Amb. John Tipis                   | Canberra                    | Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>                 | 9.00 am  |
| 2.  | Amb. Benson Ogutu                 | Moscow                      | October 2020                              | 10.30 am |
| 3.  | Ms. Immaculate Wambua             | Ottawa                      |   | 12.00 pm |
| 4.  | Amb. Catherine Mwangi             | Pretoria                    |   | 2.00 pm  |
| 5.  | Amb. Martin Kimani                | United Nations-<br>New York |   | 3.30 pm  |
| 6.  | Mr. Lindsay Kiptiness             | Bangkok                     | Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> October<br>2020   | 10.30 am |
| 7.  | Amb. Tom Amolo                    | Berlin                      |   | 12.00 pm |
| 8.  | Amb. Daniel Wambura               | Bujumbura                   |   | 2.00 pm  |
| 9.  | Ms. Stella Munyi                  | Harare                      |   | 3.30 pm  |
| 10. | Maj. Gen. (Rtd.) Samuel<br>Nandwa | Juba                        | Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup><br>October 2020 | 9.00 am  |
| 11. | Maj. Gen. (Rtd.) Ngewa Mukala     | Khartoum                    |   | 10.30 am |
| 12. | Mr. Joshua Gatimu                 | Tehran                      |   | 12.00 pm |
| 13. | Amb. Tabu Irina                   | Tokyo                       |   | 2.00 pm  |
| 14. | Amb. Jean Kimani                  | UNHABITAT-<br>Nairobi       |   | 3.30 pm  |

All nominees should bring with them originals of their identity cards, academic and professional certificates and any other supporting documents and testimonials.

**MICHAEL R. SIALAI, EBS**  
**CLERK OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**





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## TWELFTH PARLIAMENT – FOURTH SESSION

In the matter of Approval by the National Assembly of the persons nominated to be appointed as Ambassadors/High Commissioners

## SUBMISSION OF MEMORANDA

Pursuant to Article 132(2) (e) of the Constitution, H.E the President and Commander in Chief of the Defence Forces of the Republic of Kenya is empowered to nominate and, **with the approval** of the National Assembly, appoint Ambassadors/High Commissioners to various Foreign missions. In exercise of the said powers, H.E the President has nominated the following persons for appointment as Ambassadors/High Commissioners for the respective Missions indicated below—

|     | Nominee                        | Station                  |
|-----|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1.  | Amb. John Tipis                | Canberra                 |
| 2.  | Amb. Benson Ogutu              | Moscow                   |
| 3.  | Ms. Immaculate Wambua          | Ottawa                   |
| 4.  | Amb. Catherine Mwangi          | Pretoria                 |
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Following the receipt of the nominations from H. E the President on 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2020, the Speaker of the National Assembly has forwarded the names to the Departmental Committee on Defence and Foreign Relations which is mandated to vet and consider the suitability of the nominees for appointment and submit its report to the House for approval.

Pursuant to Section 6(9) of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, 2011, the Clerk of the National Assembly hereby invites interested members of the public to submit any

representations by written statement on oath (affidavit), that they may have on the suitability or otherwise of the nominees for appointment as Ambassadors/High Commissioners.

The representations may be forwarded to the **Clerk of the National Assembly, P.O. Box 41842-00100, Nairobi**; or hand-delivered to the **Office of the Clerk of the National Assembly, First Floor, Main Parliament Buildings, Nairobi**; or emailed to [clerk@parliament.go.ke](mailto:clerk@parliament.go.ke); so as to be received on or before **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2020 at 5.00 p.m.**

**MICHAEL R. SIALAI, EBS**  
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19<sup>th</sup> October, 2020

**Mr. Githii Mburu**

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Kenya Revenue Authority

Times Towers, 30<sup>th</sup> Floor

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**NAIROBI**

**RE: VETTING OF PERSONS NOMINATED AS AMBASSADORS/HIGH COMMISSIONERS BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

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Pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, Committees are mandated to consider whether the nominees meet all Constitutional and Statutory requirements relating to the office in question.

This is therefore to request you to provide a report on tax compliance by the nominees. This information will assist the Committee to effectively undertake its mandate.

The Liaison officer responsible for this matter is **Mr. Victor Weke** who may be contacted on **Tel. No. 0736-124597** or **Email address: [vicimbo@gmail.com](mailto:vicimbo@gmail.com)**.

Attached Please find the list of the nominees and the relevant details for your action. We will appreciate if the information is received by **Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> October 2020**.

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Directorate of Criminal Investigation  
Mazingira Hse, Kiambu Road  
Opp. Forestry Department Headquarters, Karura  
**NAIROBI**

**RE: VETTING OF PERSONS NOMINATED AS PERMANENT SECRETARIES AND AMBASSADORS/HIGH COMMISSIONERS BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

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**Mr. Charles M. Ringera**

Chief Executive  
Higher Education Loans Board  
Anniversary Towers, 18<sup>th</sup> Floor  
University Way

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**Mrs. Anne Nderitu,**  
Registrar of Political Parties  
Lions Place, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Karuna Close, Waiyaki Way, Westlands  
**NAIROBI**

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Secretary/Chief Executive Officer  
Ethics & Anti-Corruption Commission,  
Integrity Centre, Milimani/ Valley Road Junction,  
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As the Constitutional body mandated to oversee the implementation of the provisions of Chapter Six of the Constitution, this is therefore to request you to provide any adverse information touching on the integrity of the nominees that may be in the possession of the Commission. This information will assist the Committee to effectively undertake its mandate.

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DATE: 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2020

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Dear Sir,

RE: VETTING OF THE PERSONS NOMINATED AS AMBASSADORS/HIGH COMMISSIONERS BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Reference is made to letter Ref. NA/DCS/DFR/2020/044 dated 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2020 on the above subject matter.

According to the records held by this office as at 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2020, the list of the nominees tabulated herein below are not officials of any registered political party.

| No. | Nominee                       | ID No.   |
|-----|-------------------------------|----------|
| 1.  | Amb. John Tipis               | 7116355  |
| 2.  | Amb. Benson Ogutu             | 4877293  |
| 3.  | Ms. Immaculate Wambua         | 3361138  |
| 4.  | Amb. Catherine Mwangi         | 1021667  |
| 5.  | Amb. Martin Kimani            | 10895399 |
| 6.  | Amb. Jean Kamau               | 3962854  |
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| 8.  | Amb. Tom Amolo                | 0971602  |
| 9.  | Amb. Daniel Wambura           | 10793375 |
| 10. | Ms. Stella Munyi              | 9063373  |
| 11. | Maj. Gen. (Rtd.) Samuel Nadwa | 0403149  |
| 12. | Maj. Gen. (Rtd.) Ngewa Mukala | 3784060  |
| 13. | Mr. Joshua Gatimu             | 7671520  |
| 14. | Amb. Tabu Irina               | 12466745 |
| 15. | Amb. Jean Kimani              | 4828657  |

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Yours faithfully,

John Macharia  
For: Registrar of Political Parties

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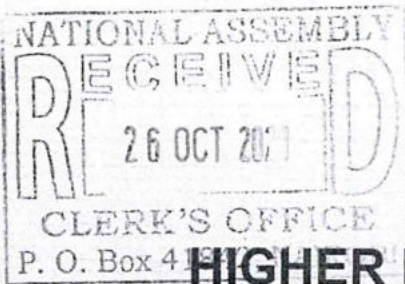
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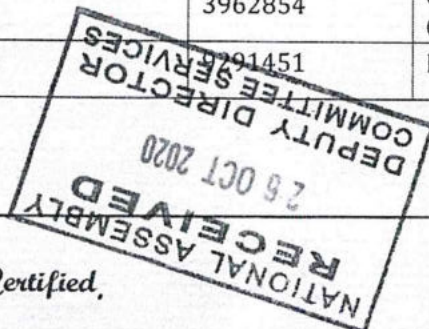
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## VETTING OF PERSONS NOMINATED AS AMBASSADORS/HIGH COMMISSIONERS BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

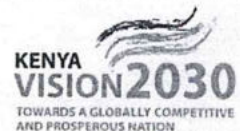
We acknowledge with appreciation receipt of your letter referenced *Ref. No. NA/DCS/DFR/2020/041* dated 19<sup>th</sup> October 2020 requesting the Higher Education Loans Board to provide a report on repayment of loans that may have been advanced to following nominees for the purpose of vetting by the Departmental Committee of Defence and Foreign Relations of the National Assembly.

Please find a list confirming their loan status with HELB.

| S/NO. | NAME                  | ID NUMBER | STATUS                     | YEAR OF CLEARANCE               |
|-------|-----------------------|-----------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1.    | Amb. John Tipis       | 7116355   | Cleared:<br>Cert Ref.61839 | 13 <sup>th</sup> September 2013 |
| 2.    | Amb. Benson Ogutu     | 4877293   | Cleared<br>Cert Ref. 53112 | 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2002 |
| 3.    | Ms. Immaculate Wambua | 3361138   | Not A beneficiary          | N/A                             |
| 4     | Amb. Catherine Mwangi | 1021667   | Cleared:<br>Cert Ref.45562 | 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2013      |
| 5     | Amb. Martin Kimani    | 10895399  | Not A beneficiary          | N/A                             |
| 6     | Amb. Jean Kamau       | 3962854   | Cleared:<br>Cert Ref.30967 | 26 <sup>th</sup> October 2011   |
| 7     | Mr. Lindsay Kiptiness | 151791451 | Not A beneficiary          | N/A                             |



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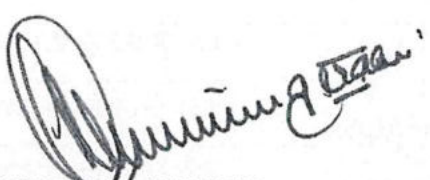
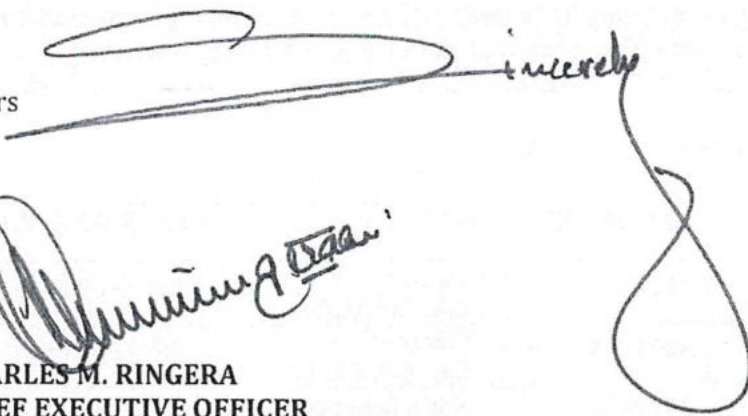
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|----|-------------------------------|----------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 8  | Amb. Tom Amolo                | 0971602  | Not A beneficiary          | N/A                            |
| 9  | Amb. Daniel Wambura           | 10793375 | Cleared:<br>Cert Ref.17363 | 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2013 |
| 10 | Ms. Stella Munyi              | 9063373  | Cleared:<br>Cert Ref.51663 | 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2013      |
| 11 | Maj. Gen. (Rtd.) Samuel Nadwa | 0403149  | Not A beneficiary          | N/A                            |
| 12 | Maj. Gen. (Rtd.) Ngewa Mukala | 3784060  | Not A beneficiary          | N/A                            |
| 13 | Mr. Joshua Gatimu             | 7671520  | Not A beneficiary          | N/A                            |
| 14 | Amb. Tabu Irina               | 12466745 | Not A beneficiary          | N/A                            |
| 15 | Amb. Jean Kimani              | 4828657  | Cleared:<br>Cert Ref.08352 | 30 <sup>th</sup> August 2017   |

We kindly urge you to continue encouraging applicants to seek their compliance certificate from the Board as part of testimonials and conformity to Chapter six of the Constitution of Kenya.

We wish to thank you most sincerely for allowing us to provide you this information as this kind of collaboration goes a long way in assisting HELB finance needy Kenyans pursuing higher education now and in the future.

Yours

*sincerely*

**CHARLES M. RINGERA**  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

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Attn: Jeremiah W. Ndombi

**RE: VETTING OF PERSONS NOMINATED AS PERMANT SECRETARIES AND AMBASSADORS/HIGH COMMISSIONERS BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

Your correspondence Ref. NA/DCS/DFR/2020/043 dated 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2020 refers.

This office confirms that the below listed applied for Police Clearance on diverse dates and were **genuinely** issued with Police Clearance Certificates:-

| S/NO | NAME OF THE NOMINEE   | ID NO.   | REF/NO.      | DATE OF ISSUE |
|------|-----------------------|----------|--------------|---------------|
| 1.   | Amb John Tipis        | 7116355  | PCC-OLTAJOPA | 22/10/2020    |
| 2.   | Amb Benson Ogutu      | 4877293  | PCC-PPTLQ6Z2 | 26/10/2020    |
| 3.   | Ms. Immaculate Wambua | 3361138  | PCC-JSTO902P | 22/10/2020    |
| 4.   | Amb. Martin Kimani    | 10895399 | PCC-DETPD8J6 | 27/10/2020    |
| 5.   | Amb. Tom Amolo        | 0971602  | PCC-ZETQ36DM | 27/10/2020    |
| 6.   | Amb. Daniel Wambura   | 10793375 | PCC-AAAIZB07 | 18/8/2020     |
| 7.   | Amb. Tabu Irina       | 12466745 | PCC-W8TAMTWY | 23/10/2020    |
| 8.   | Amb. Jean Kimani      | 4828657  | PCC-8JTABRL8 | 26/10/2020    |
| 9.   | Ms. Stella Munyi      | 9063373  | PCC-J5TOIYD5 | 23/10/2020    |

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| 10. | Maj. Gen (Rtd.) Samuel Nadwa  | 0403149 | PCC-DETPDPPR | 23/10/2020 |
| 11. | Maj. Gen. (Rtd.) Ngewa Mukala | 3784060 | PCC-R7TDPMY2 | 23/10/2020 |
| 12. | Mr. Joshua Gatimu             | 7671520 | PCC-LLTAK3WQ | 23/10/2020 |

However, this office was unable to clear the following nominees. We request them to present themselves to our offices for fingerprinting and forensic analysis.

| S/NO | NAME OF THE NOMINEE   | ID NO.  |
|------|-----------------------|---------|
| 1.   | Amb. Catherine Mwangi | 1021667 |
| 2.   | Amb. Jean Kamau       | 3962854 |
| 3.   | Mr. Lindsay Kiptiness | 9291451 |

Kind regards.



**D. NDETO**  
**FOR: DIRECTOR CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS**



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27<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Mr. Michael Sialai, EBS  
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*Attn: Jeremiah W. Ndombi*

Dear *Michael,*

**VETTING OF PERSONS NOMINATED AS AMBASSADORS/HIGH  
COMMISSIONERS BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

Reference is made to your letter Ref: NA/DSC/DFR/2020/042 dated 19<sup>th</sup> October 2020 requesting for tax compliance certificates for the above nominees.

Their tax compliance status is as shown below:

| No. | Name                           | PIN Number  | Compliance Status | Remarks                                    |
|-----|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------------|--|
| 1   | Amb. John Tipis                | A001341744E | Compliant         | Tax compliance certificate not applied for |
| 2   | Amb. Benson Ogutu              | A001276696H | Compliant         | Tax compliance certificate not applied for |
| 3   | Ms. Immaculate Wambua          | A001550327H | Compliant         | KRAWON1196882820                           |
| 4   | Amb. Catherine Mwangi          | A001389633Z | Compliant         | KRASON1196857320                           |
| 5   | Amb. Martin Kimani             | A005605919X | Compliant         | Tax compliance certificate not applied for |
| 6   | Amb. Jean Kamau                | A001178924R | Not Compliant     | Tax compliance certificate not applied for |
| 7   | Mr. Lindsay Kiptiness          | A002907657M | Compliant         | Tax compliance certificate not applied for |
| 8   | Amb. Tom Amolo                 | A001340428C | Compliant         | KRAWON1187434820                           |
| 9   | Amb. Daniel Wambura            | A002543412E | Compliant         | KRANON1196967420                           |
| 10  | Ms. Stella Munyi               | A002222353F | Compliant         | KRAWON1196848920                           |
| 11  | Maj. Gen. (Rtd.) Samuel Nandwa | A001194869X | Compliant         | TCC expired on 13/03/2020                  |

*Not vetted*



*Tulipe Ushuru, Tujitegeme!*

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| No. | Name                             | PIN Number  | Compliance Status | Remarks                   |
|-----|----------------------------------|-------------|-------------------|---------------------------|
| 12  | Maj. Gen. (Rtd.)<br>Ngewa Mukala | A001232474L | Compliant         | KRAMSN1197029720          |
| 13  | Mr. Joshua Gatimu                | A001260914Y | Compliant         | TCC expired on 04/07/2020 |
| 14  | Amb. Tabu Irina                  | A002416739W | Compliant         | KRAMSS1196924320          |
| 15  | Amb. Jean Kimani                 | A001740674W | Compliant         | KRAEON1196971220          |

Your sincerely,



**Githii Mburu**  
**COMMISSIONER GENERAL**





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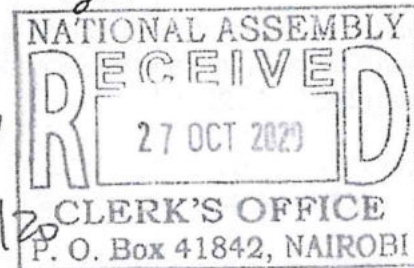
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26<sup>th</sup> October, 2020

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*27/10/20*



*(Attn: Jeremiah W. Ndombi)*

### RE: VETTING OF PERSONS NOMINATED AS AMBASSADORS/HIGH COMMISSIONERS BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Your letter referenced NA/DCS/DFR/2020/042 dated 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2019 on the above subject matter refers.

We confirm that the Commission has not undertaken any investigations where the following nominees have been found culpable.

| S/No | Name                          | ID Number |
|------|-------------------------------|-----------|
| 1.   | Amb. John Tipis               | 7116355   |
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As you are aware, the Commission resumed receiving of self-declaration forms as required by law pursuant to Section 12A of Leadership and Integrity Act, on the **28<sup>th</sup> September, 2020**.

We advise that you bring to the attention of the candidates that they are required to submit to the Commission their self-declaration form.

The information provided herein is based on records available as at **26<sup>th</sup> October, 2020**.

Please note that the absence of records in the Commission's database is not a guarantee of absolute integrity of the nominees.



for

**TWALIB MBARAK, CBS**  
**SECRETARY/CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

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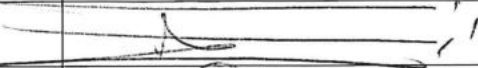



KENYA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON DEFENCE AND FOREIGN RELATIONS  
Adoption Schedule

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON DEFENCE AND FOREIGN RELATIONS ON THE VETTING OF NOMINEES FOR AMBASSADORS/HIGH COMMISSIONERS/PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES

We, the undersigned Hon. Members of the Departmental Committee on Defence & Foreign Relations, today 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 2020 do hereby affix our signatures to this REPORT ON THE VETTING OF NOMINEES FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE POSITION OF AMBASSADORS/HIGH COMMISSIONERS/PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES to affirm our approval and confirm its accuracy, validity and authenticity:-

| NO. | NAME   | SIGNATURE |
|-----|--|-----------|
| 1.  | The Hon. Katoo Ole Metito, EGH, MGH, M.P<br>- <b>Chairperson</b>   |           |
| 2.  | The Hon. Richard Tong'i, M.P - <b>Vice Chairperson</b>             |           |
| 3.  | The Hon. Col. (Rtd.) Gideon S. Konchela, EGH, OGW, 'psc' (UK), M.P |           |
| 4.  | The Hon. Yusuf Hassan Abdi, M.P                                    |           |
| 5.  | The Hon. Charles Mutavi Kilonzo, M.P                               |           |
| 6.  | The Hon. Col. (Rtd.) Dido Ali Raso, MBS, M.P                       |           |
| 7.  | The Hon. Richard Maore Maoka, CBS, M.P                             |           |
| 8.  | The Hon. Martha Wangari Wanjira, M.P                               |           |
| 9.  | The Hon. Elijah Memusi Kanchory, M.P                               |           |

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| 10. | The Hon. Stephen Mutinda Mule, M.P                 |   |
| 11. | The Hon. Major (Rtd.) Bashir Sheikh Abdullahi, M.P |   |
| 12. | The Hon. (Dr.) Lilian Gogo, M.P                    |   |
| 13. | The Hon. (Dr.) Irene Muthoni Kasalu, M.P           |   |
| 14. | The Hon. Moses Nguchine Kirima, M.P                |   |
| 15. | The Hon. Vincent Kipkurui Tuwei, M.P               |   |
| 16. | The Hon. Ernest Ogesi Kivai, M.P                   |   |
| 17. | The Hon. Caleb Amisi, MP                           |   |
| 18. | The Hon. Asha Hussein Mohamed                      |   |
| 19. | The Hon. Zachary Kwenya Thuku, M.P                 |  |

**MINUTES OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND THIRD (103<sup>RD</sup>) SITTING OF THE DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON DEFENCE & FOREIGN RELATIONS HELD IN COMMITTEE ROOM 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR, CONTINENTAL HOUSE ON WEDNESDAY, 28<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2020 AT 3.00 PM.**

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**PRESENT**

1. The Hon. Katoo Ole Metito, EGH, MGH, MP (Chairperson)
2. The Hon. Yusuf Hassan Abdi, MP
3. The Hon. Charles Kilonzo, MP
4. The Hon. Col. (Rtd) Dido Ali Raso, MBS, MP
5. The Hon. Richard Maore Maoka, CBS, MP
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8. The Hon. Ernest Ogesi Kivai, MP
9. The Hon. (Dr.) Irene Muthoni Kasalu
10. The Hon. Zachary Kwenya Thuku, MP

**APOLOGIES**

1. The Hon. Richard Tong'i, MP (Vice Chairperson)
2. The Hon. (Dr.) Lilian Gogo, MP
3. The Hon. Moses Nguchine Kirima, MP
4. The Hon. Asha Hussein Mohamed, MP
5. The Hon. Martha Wangari Wanjira, MP
6. The Hon. Stephen Mutinda Mule, MP
7. The Hon. Major (Rtd.) Bashir Sheikh Abdullah, MP
8. The Hon. Vincent Kipkurui Tuwei, MP
9. The Hon. Caleb Amisi, MP

**IN ATTENDANCE**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

- |                        |   |                           |
|------------------------|---|---------------------------|
| 1. Mr. Victor Weke     | - | Clerk Assistant I         |
| 2. Mr. Abdiaziz Shobay | - | Clerk Assistant III       |
| 3. Ms. Grace Wahu      | - | Research & Policy Analyst |

**MIN. NO.NA/DC.DFR/2020/149:**

**PRELIMINARIES**

The Vice-chairperson called the meeting to order at 3.07 pm and said a prayer. The agenda of the meeting was adopted as hereunder after being proposed by The Hon. Charles Kilonzo, MP and seconded by The Hon. Gideon Konchela, MP.

**AGENDA**

1. Prayers
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Confirmation of minutes of previous sittings
4. Substantive agenda: **Pre-vetting briefing on Ambassador/ High Commissioner nominees**
5. Any Other Business

**MIN. NO.NA/DC.DFR /2020/150: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS SITTING**

Minutes of the 102<sup>nd</sup> sitting held on 13<sup>th</sup> October, 2020 were confirmed as a true record of the proceedings after being proposed by The Hon. Richard Maore Maoka, CBS, MP and seconded by The Hon. Charles Kilonzo, MP. There were no matters arising.

**MIN. NO.NA/DC.DFR/2020/151: PRE-VETTING BRIEFING ON AMBASSADOR/ HIGH COMMISSIONER NOMINEES**

The Committee went through the following information that was before it concerning the nomination of sixteen (16) persons by H.E the President to the position of Ambassador, High Commissioner and Permanent Representative;

1. Pursuant to Article 132 (2) (e) of the Constitution and section 5 of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act No. 33 of 2011, H.E. the President, forwarded to the Speaker of the National Assembly, a notification of appointment containing the names and Curricula Vitae of sixteen (16) Ambassador/High Commissioner/Permanent Representative nominees on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2020, for consideration for approval by the National Assembly;
2. The Speaker of the National Assembly conveyed the message to Members and referred the matter to the Departmental Committee on Defence & Foreign Relations for vetting and reporting to the House within fourteen (14) days in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 45;
3. The nominees were as follows;

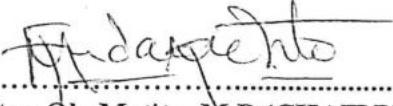
|     | <b>Nominee</b>                 | <b>Mission/ Station</b>  |
|-----|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1.  | Amb. John Tipis                | Canberra                 |
| 2.  | Amb. Benson Ogutu              | Moscow                   |
| 3.  | Ms. Immaculate Wambua          | Ottawa                   |
| 4.  | Amb. Catherine Mwangi          | Pretoria                 |
| 5.  | Amb. Martin Kimani             | United Nations- New York |
| 6.  | Amb. Jean Kamau                | Addis Ababa              |
| 7.  | Mr. Lindsay Kiptiness          | Bangkok                  |
| 8.  | Amb. Tom Amolo                 | Berlin                   |
| 9.  | Amb. Daniel Wambura            | Bujumbura                |
| 10. | Ms. Stella Munyi               | Harare                   |
| 11. | Maj. Gen. (Rtd.) Samuel Nandwa | Juba                     |
| 12. | Maj. Gen. (Rtd.) Ngewa Mukala  | Khartoum                 |
| 13. | Mr. Joshua Gatimu              | Tehran                   |
| 14. | Amb. Tabu Irina                | Tokyo                    |
| 15. | Amb. Jean Kimani               | UNHABITAT- Nairobi       |
| 16. | Amb. Lemarron Kaanto           | Brasilia                 |

4. The Committee noted that two nominees, Amb. Jean Kamau and Amb. Lemarron Kaanto had previously been vetted by the Committee and approved for deployment in 2014 and 2019 respectively. They would therefore not require fresh vetting;

5. In compliance with section 6(9) of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act No. 33 of 2011, the Clerk of the National Assembly placed an advertisement in the print media on Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> October, 2020 inviting the public to submit memoranda by way of written statements on oath (*affidavit*) on the suitability or otherwise of the nominees in conformity with Section 6(9) of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, latest Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2020 at 5.00 pm, as well as notification of the schedule of the approval hearings, for 29<sup>th</sup>- 31<sup>st</sup>, October, 2020, in the Mini Chamber, County Hall, Parliament Buildings starting from 9.00 am;
6. By the time of reporting, no submission had been received from the public on any of the nominees, save for a testimonial from PS. Johnson Weru, vouching for nominee Amb. Tom Amollo;
7. The Clerk on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2020 also wrote to the Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA), the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC), the Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI), the Office of the Registrar of Political Parties (ORPP) and the Higher Education Loans Board (HELB) for clearance of the nominees;
8. As at the time of reporting, the EACC, DCI, HELB and the ORPP had written back clearing all nominees, except Mr. Lindsay Kiptiness who had not availed himself for finger print taking by the DCI. KRA had committed to submit its response by end of day;
9. Amb. Kiptiness had been diagnosed with Covid-19 hence his inability to obtain clearance from DCI. He had written to the Committee requesting virtual vetting due to his condition. The Committee, with the approval of the Speaker subject to Standing Order 265A, acceded to his request but resolved that he produces a letter from the Principal Secretary Ministry of Foreign Affairs confirming his condition, as well as from the DCI ascertaining whether there was any existing investigation on him so far; .
10. The Committee was also informed that Amb. Tabu Irina, nominee to Tokyo, was born in Montreal, Canada, but had since renounced her citizenship effective 2018;
11. The Committee resolved to examine the overall list of ambassadorial appointments to ascertain compliance with the Constitution on regional and gender balance, amongst other considerations;
12. It was resolved that after completion of vetting on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020, the Committee would retreat to Hilton Garden Inn Hotel to write its report for subsequent tabling when the House resumes sittings.

**MIN. NO.NA/DC.DFR/2020/152:      ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 4.50 pm.

Signed.....  
  
**Hon. Katoo-Ole Metito, MP (CHAIRPERSON)**

Date.....  
 2/11/2020





**MINUTES OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTH (104<sup>TH</sup>) SITTING OF THE DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON DEFENCE & FOREIGN RELATIONS HELD IN MINI-CHAMBER, 1<sup>ST</sup> FLOOR, COUNTY HALL, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS ON THURSDAY, 29<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2020 AT 8.00 AM.**

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**PRESENT**

1. The Hon. Katoo Ole Metito, EGH, MGH, MP (Chairperson)
2. The Hon. Col. (Rtd.) Gideon S. Konchela, EGH, OGW, 'psc' (UK), MP
3. The Hon. Yusuf Hassan Abdi, MP
4. The Hon. Charles Kilonzo, MP
5. The Hon. Col. (Rtd) Dido Ali Raso, MBS, MP
6. The Hon. Richard Maore Maoka, CBS, MP
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15. The Hon. (Dr.) Irene Muthoni Kasalu, MP
16. The Hon. Zachary Kwenya Thuku, MP

**APOLOGIES**

1. The Hon. Richard Tong'i, MP (Vice Chairperson)
2. The Hon. Stephen Mutinda Mule, MP
3. The Hon. Asha Hussein Mohamed, MP

**IN ATTENDANCE**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

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| 1. Mr. Peter Chemweno  | - | D/Director, In charge, Departmental Committees |
| 2. Mr. Victor Weke     | - | Clerk Assistant I                              |
| 3. Mr. Abdiaziz Shobay | - | Clerk Assistant III                            |
| 4. Mr. Ronald Walala,  | - | Legal Counsel                                  |
| 5. Mr. Edison Odhiambo | - | Fiscal Analyst                                 |
| 6. Ms. Grace Wahu      | - | Research & Policy Analyst                      |
| 7. Mr. Nimrod Ochieng  | - | Audio Officer                                  |

**AGENDA**

1. Prayers
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Substantive agenda: **Vetting of Mr. Joshua Gatimu, Amb. John Tipis for Canberra, Amb. Benson Ogutu for Moscow, Ms. Immaculate Wambua for Ottawa and Amb. Catherine Mwangi for Pretoria;**
4. Any Other Business

**MIN. NO.NA/DC.DFR /2020/153:            PRELIMINARIES/ REMARKS BY THE CHAIRPERSON**

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 8.00 am and said a prayer. The agenda of the meeting was adopted as hereunder after being proposed by The Hon. Col. (Rtd.) Gideon S. Konchela, EGH, OGW, 'psc' (UK), MP and seconded by The Hon. Richard Maore Maoka, CBS, MP.

In conducting the vetting process, the Committee on Defence & Foreign Relations examined the nominees against criteria that included the following as set out in the Public Appointment (Parliamentary Approval) Act, 2011

- (i) Academic Qualifications
- (ii) Employment Records
- (iii) Professional Affiliations
- (iv) Potential Conflict of interest
- (v) Knowledge of relevant subjects
- (vi) Expectations and Key Priorities
- (vii) Overall suitability for the position
- (viii) Integrity
- (ix) Vision and Leadership

**MIN. NO.NA/DC.DFR/2020/154:            MR. JOSHUA GATIMU – NOMINEE FOR THE POSITION OF AMBASSADOR, TEHRAN**

Mr. Joshua Gatimu appeared before the Committee at 8.00am and was interviewed pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution, Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approvals) Act and the Standing Orders of the National Assembly. The nominee responded to several questions during the vetting as follows;

- i) The nominee is a Kenyan Citizen of identity card (ID) number, 7671520 and was born in Meru County in 1960.
- ii) He holds a Bachelor of Arts in International Studies & Diplomacy from Washington International University. In addition, he has Diplomas in African Studies, International Studies, French and Philosophy & Religious Studies.
- iii) He joined the Kenya Police in 1984 as a Cadet Inspector. He later joined the Office of the President.
- iv) He has been awarded the Moran of the Order of the Burning Spear (M.B.S) and the Elder of the Order of the Burning Spear (E.B.S)
- v) His financial net worth is Ksh. 50 million.
- vi) He has no arrangements that are likely to present potential conflicts of Interest.
- vii) Mr. Gatimu submitted that he had excelled in public service and was always talent spotted to all offices he had served in. His initial desire to be a priest demonstrated his humility and had seen him engage in philanthropic activities.

**MIN. NO.NA/DC.DFR/2020/155:            AMB. JOHN TIPIS – NOMINEE FOR THE POSITION OF HIGH COMMISSIONER TO CAMBERRA**

Amb. John Tipis appeared before the Committee at 9.00am and was interviewed pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution, Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approvals) Act and the Standing Orders of the National Assembly. The nominee responded to several questions during the vetting as follows;

- i) The nominee is a Kenyan Citizen of identity card (ID) number, 7116355 and was born in Narok County in 1966.
- ii) He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Government & Philosophy from the University of Nairobi.
- iii) He moved to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs where he has served in several capacities
- iv) He has been awarded 'ndc' (K) and certificate from the National Defence College of Kenya.
- v) His financial net worth is Ksh. 35 million.
- vi) He has no arrangements that are likely to present potential conflicts of Interest.
- vii) Amb. Tipis stated that his 29 years of experience in public service coupled with his educational background provided him with the perfect blend required to perform functions of the office.
- viii) Moreover, the nominee noted that balance of trade is in favor of Australia because Kenyan exports are mainly unprocessed and their value is very low.
- ix) The nominee committed to nurture alliances with the diaspora and eliminate the apparent disconnect in line with the diaspora policy.
- x) His other areas of would be to nurture partnership between Kenya's universities and their Australian counterparts, towards exchange of best practices, research and knowledge.

**MIN. NO.NA/DC.DFR/2020/156: AMB. BENSON OGUTU – NOMINEE FOR THE POSITION OF AMBASSADOR, MOSCOW**

Amb. Benson Ogutu appeared before the Committee at 10.00 am and was interviewed pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution, Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approvals) Act and the Standing Orders of the National Assembly. The nominee responded to several questions during the vetting as follows;

- i) The nominee is a Kenyan Citizen of identity card (ID) number, 4877293 and was born in Kiambu County in 1960.
- ii) He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science & Arabic from the University of Nairobi.
- iii) He is a career diplomat having started his career as an Assistant Secretary III at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- iv) He has been awarded the Moran of the Order of the Burning Spear (M.B.S)
- v) His financial net worth is Ksh. 101 million.
- vi) He has no arrangements that are likely to present potential conflicts of Interest.
- vii) Amb. Ogutu cited his upbringing and the culture of his alma mater, Starehe Boys Centre, for his humility and hard work.
- viii) His current position as Director General of international conferences and events had seen him lead complex teams that had successfully delivered huge conferences in Kenya,
- ix) He had served in more senior positions such as lead technical advisor to the Cabinet Minister, alternate membership to various boards and long years of service and experience.
- x) The nominee submitted that his key priority areas would be to actively pursue and actualize decisions made between the Kenya's and Russia's Presidents in the Russia-Africa summit held in Sochi, Russia in 2019.
- xi) Amb. Ogutu added that both countries had many convergent views globally, and there was the potential of greater friendships by virtue of Kenya's membership to the UNSC.
- xii) In regards to scholarships, the nominee stated that an inter-ministerial committee is formed to vet scholarship applications.
- xiii) Finally, the nominee submitted that allegations of interference of Russia in other countries internal affairs would not suffice in Kenya because he would be firm on the provisions of the Vienna Convention on sovereignty.

**MIN. NO.NA/DC.DFR/2020/157: MS. IMMACULATE WAMBUA – NOMINEE FOR THE POSITION OF HIGH COMMISSIONER, OTTAWA**

Ms. Immaculate Wambua appeared before the Committee at 11.00 am and was interviewed pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution, Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approvals) Act and the Standing Orders of the National Assembly. The nominee responded to several questions during the vetting as follows;

1. The nominee is a Kenyan Citizen of identity card (ID) number, 3361138 and was born in 1960.
2. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Sciences from the University of Nairobi and a Master of Arts in Public Policy & Management from the Institute of Social Studies (ISS), The Hague, Netherlands.
3. She started her career as a Children's Officer III and II in the Children's' Department at the Ministry of Home Affairs & National Heritage.
4. She later moved to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs where she has risen from the rank of Assistant Secretary to Director, Americas Directorate.
5. She has been presented with a commendation by the Prime Minister of the Republic of Kenya for exemplary service and contribution towards the development, negotiation and conclusion of the Special Status Agreement between the Republic of Kenya and the Federal Republic of Ethiopia as a member of the National Task Force.
6. She has also been presented with the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary President Moi's Commemorative Medal (1999) in recognition of the services to the Republic of Kenya.
7. Her financial net worth is Ksh. 76 million.
8. She has no arrangements that are likely to present potential conflicts of Interest.
9. Amb. Wambua submitted that as Head of the Americas in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, her deployment to Canada was tantamount to an extension of her scope.
10. Her key targets, if confirmed to the position would be education, blue economy and a favourable balance of trade.
11. On women empowerment, the nominee stated that she was an example in her village as the first girl in her school to pursue higher education and this motivated other girls to join the school to pursue the same.

**MIN. NO.NA/DC.DFR/2020/158: AMB. CATHERINE MUIGAI MWANGI – NOMINEE FOR THE POSITION OF HIGH COMMISSIONER, PRETORIA**

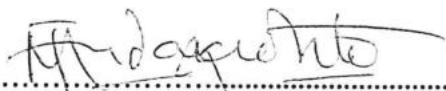
Amb. Catherine Mwangi appeared before the Committee at 12.00 pm and was interviewed pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution, Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approvals) Act and the Standing Orders of the National Assembly. The nominee responded to several questions during the vetting as follows -

- i) The nominee is a Kenyan Citizen of identity card (ID) number, 1021667 and was born in Kiambu County in 1958.
- ii) She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science & Sociology from the University of Nairobi.
- iii) She has worked in different capacities in companies such as Ogilvy & Mather, Express Kenya, Kenya Airways and the Kenyatta International Conference Centre.
- iv) She was later appointed as an Ambassador to the Kenya Mission in Dublin, Ireland. She currently serves as the Ambassador/Permanent Representative to the Kenya Mission in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.
- v) She holds no awards or honors.
- vi) Her financial net worth is 50 million.

- vii) She has no arrangements that are likely to present potential conflicts of Interest.
- viii) Amb. Mwangi submitted that she established the country's embassy in Dublin, Ireland, and persuaded Ireland to set up a mission in Kenya as well.
- ix) The nominee submitted that she would push for visa free entry to South Africa if confirmed to the position.
- x) On intra-Africa trade, Amb. Mwangi cited the tripartite agreement signed by the EAC, COMESA and SADC on elimination of punitive barriers and tariffs that hinder trade. Implementation had however been slow.
- xi) Xenophobia was of great concern to the Committee; however, the nominee stated that the matter was being discussed at the African Union on matters concerning the protection of people from other African countries.
- xii) On matters benefiting from wildlife and game hunting with lessons from South Africa, she stated that it was a very sensitive topic and would need more time to understand what works according to the laws and regulations of Kenya.
- xiii) The nominee had been involved in philanthropy, key being a scholarship awarded by the University of Nairobi to three students annually, in memory of her son who was killed in the Westgate terror attack.

**MIN. NO.NA/DC.DFR/2020/159:      ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 1.20 pm.

Signed.....  
  
**Hon. Katoo Ole Metito, M.P (CHAIRPERSON)**

Date.....  
 2/11/2020



**MINUTES OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH (105<sup>TH</sup>) SITTING OF THE DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON DEFENCE & FOREIGN RELATIONS HELD IN MINI-CHAMBER, 1<sup>ST</sup> FLOOR, COUNTY HALL, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS ON THURSDAY, 29<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2020 AT 2.00 PM.**

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**PRESENT**

1. The Hon. Katoo Ole Metito, EGH, MGH, MP (Chairperson)
2. The Hon. Col. (Rtd.) Gideon S. Konchela, EGH, OGW, 'psc' (UK), MP
3. The Hon. Yusuf Hassan Abdi, MP
4. The Hon. Charles Kilonzo, MP
5. The Hon. Col. (Rtd) Dido Ali Raso, MBS, MP
6. The Hon. Richard Maore Maoka, CBS, MP
7. The Hon. Martha Wangari Wanjira, MP
8. The Hon. Memusi Ole Kanchory, MP
9. The Hon. Major (Rtd.) Bashir Sheikh Abdullah, MP
10. The Hon. (Dr.) Lilian Gogo, MP
11. The Hon. Moses Nguchine Kirima, MP
12. The Hon. Ernest Ogesi Kivai, MP
13. The Hon. Vincent Kipkurui Tuwei, MP
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15. The Hon. (Dr.) Irene Muthoni Kasalu, MP
16. The Hon. Zachary Kwenya Thuku, MP

**APOLOGIES**

1. The Hon. Richard Tong'i, MP (Vice Chairperson)
2. The Hon. Stephen Mutinda Mule, MP
3. The Hon. Asha Hussein Mohamed, MP

**IN ATTENDANCE**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

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| 1. Mr. Peter Chemweno   | - | D/Director, In charge, Departmental Committees |
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| 6. Ms. Grace Wahu       | - | Research & Policy Analyst                      |
| 7. Mr. Nimrod Ochieng   | - | Audio Officer                                  |

**AGENDA**

1. Prayers
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Substantive agenda: **Vetting of Amb. Martin Kimani for United Nations - New York**
4. Any Other Business

**MIN. NO.NA/DC.DFR /2020/160: PRELIMINARIES**

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 2.00 pm and said a prayer. The agenda of the meeting was adopted as hereunder after being proposed by The Hon. Yusuf Hassan Abdi, MP and seconded by The Hon. Memusi Ole Kanchory, MP.

MIN. NO.NA/DC.DFR/2020/161:

AMB. MARTIN KIMANI – NOMINEE AS  
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE. TO THE  
UNITED NATIONS TO NEW YORK

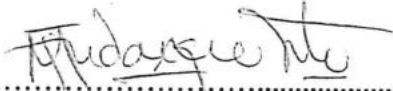
Amb. Martin Kimani was interviewed pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution, Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approvals) Act and the Standing Orders of the National Assembly. The nominee responded to several questions during the vetting as follows;

- i) The nominee is a Kenyan Citizen of identity card (ID) number, 10895399 and was born in Mombasa in 1971.
- ii) He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy from the University of New Hampshire, Durham, USA and a Master of Arts in War Studies from King's College London.
- iii) In the course of his career, he has served in different organizations in positions such as teaching fellow, Associate fellow & mentor, and senior researcher.
- iv) He has also worked as a Deputy Director and Director for the Atlantic Council of the United States and Director for the Intergovernmental Authority on Development's Conflict Early Warning & Response Mechanism.
- v) In addition, he has served as the Permanent Representative, with the rank of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Mission to the UN Office at Nairobi (UNON), the UN Environment Programme (UNEP) and the UN Human Settlements Programme.
- vi) He serves as the Secretary, Strategic Initiatives, in the Executive Office of the President and the Joint Secretary, Building Bridges to Unity Advisory Presidential Taskforce and Steering Committee.
- vii) He is also the President's Special Envoy for Countering Violent Extremism and Director, National Counter Terrorism Centre, in the Executive Office of the President.
- viii) He has been awarded the Elder of the Order of the Burning Spear (E.B.S) and the 2013 Distinguished African Visiting Fellow, South African Institute of International Affairs.
- ix) His financial net worth is Kshs. 58 million.
- x) He has no arrangements that are likely to present potential conflicts of Interest.
- xi) The nominee submitted that his educational background in conflict and strife would put him in good stead to serve the country in New York, especially with Kenya's membership to the UNSC.
- xii) At the UNSC, the nominee noted that Kenya's and Africa's interests would be in synchrony since Kenya had always had a pan-African posture.
- xiii) Additionally, the nominee stated that the country's membership to the UNSC was important as the country wasn't large, rich or war waging.

MIN. NO.NA/DC.DFR/2020/162:

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 3.20 pm.

Signed.....

Hon. Katoo Ole Metito, M.P (CHAIRPERSON)

Date.....



**MINUTES OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH (106<sup>TH</sup>) SITTING OF THE DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON DEFENCE & FOREIGN RELATIONS HELD IN MINI-CHAMBER, 1<sup>ST</sup> FLOOR, COUNTY HALL, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS ON FRIDAY, 30<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2020 AT 9.00 AM.**

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**PRESENT**

1. The Hon. Katoo Ole Metito, EGH, MGH, MP (Chairperson)
2. The Hon. Col. (Rtd.) Gideon S. Konchela, EGH, OGW, 'psc' (UK), MP
3. The Hon. Yusuf Hassan Abdi, MP
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**APOLOGIES**

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**AGENDA**

1. Prayers
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Substantive agenda: **Vetting of Amb. Daniel Wambura for Bujumbura, Ms. Stella Munyi for Harare, Amb. Jean Wambui Kimani As Permanent Representative to UN-Habitat, Nairobi, Maj-Gen. (Rtd) Ngewa Mukala Ngoloi for Khartoum and Amb. Tabu Irina for Tokyo.**
4. Any Other Business

**MIN. NO.NA/DC.DFR /2020/163:      PRELIMINARIES**

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 9.00 am and said a prayer. The agenda of the meeting was adopted as hereunder after being proposed by The Hon. Col. (Rtd.) Gideon S. Konchela, EGH, OGW, 'psc' (UK), MP and seconded by The Hon. Richard Maore Maoka, CBS, MP.

**MIN. NO.NA/DC.DFR/2020/164:      AMB. DANIEL WAMBURA – NOMINEE FOR THE POSITION OF AMBASSADOR, BUJUMBURA**

Amb. Daniel Wambura appeared before the Committee at 9.00 am and was interviewed pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution, Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approvals) Act and the Standing Orders of the National Assembly. The nominee responded to several questions during the vetting as follows-

- i) The nominee is a Kenyan Citizen of identity card (ID) number, 10793375 and was born in Migori County in 1971.
- ii) He holds a Bachelor of Laws (LLB) from the University of Nairobi and a Global Executive Master of Business Administration from the United States International University, USIU.
- iii) He also holds a Post-Graduate Diploma in Law from the Kenya School of Law and a certificate in Legislative Drafting from the University of London/Institute of Advanced Legal Studies.
- iv) He is currently the National Coordinator, Office of the Great Lakes Region at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- v) He has also served in other Government departments such as the Law Reform Commission, the Advocates Complaints Commission, the Electoral Commission of Kenya and the Department of Treaties & Agreements in the State Law Office.
- vi) He has been awarded the Chief of the Burning Spear (C.B.S) and the Moran of the Order of the Burning Spear (M.B.S)
- vii) His financial net worth is Ksh. 76 million.
- viii) He has no arrangements that are likely to present potential conflicts of Interest.
- ix) Amb. Wambura stated that he had served as a public officer since the year 1996, rising through the ranks.
- x) The nominee submitted that the issues facing EAC should be addressed through amendments to the constitutive instruments where possible, for example in addressing quorum hitches. Political will is also needed to bring all countries together.
- xi) Amb. Wambura defended his tenure in the Electoral Commission of Kenya, especially the events leading to the 2007 post-election violence. He stated that the Kriegler report did not single out Commissioners for blame but the general societal architecture.
- xii) The nominee defended his nomination by stating that, as a legal practitioner, he was suited for the nomination.
- xiii) On Kenya's relationship with Burundi, the nominee stated that Burundi is an emerging democracy and Kenya can promote good governance guided by goodwill. He emphasized that goodwill can achieve what law may not achieve.

**MIN. NO.NA/DC.DFR/2020/165:      MS. STELLA MUNYI – NOMINEE FOR THE POSITION OF AMBASSADOR TO HARARE**

Ms. Stella Munyi appeared before the Committee at 10.00 am and was interviewed pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution, Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approvals) Act

and the Standing Orders of the National Assembly. The nominee responded to several questions during the vetting as follows-

- i) The nominee is a Kenyan Citizen of identity card (ID) number, 9063373 and was born in Embu County in 1968.
- ii) She holds a Bachelor of Laws (LLB) from the University of Nairobi and a Post-Graduate Diploma in Law from the Kenya School of Law.
- iii) She is currently the Chief State Counsel at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- iv) Her financial net worth is 91.7 million.
- v) She has no arrangements that are likely to present potential conflicts of Interest.
- vi) As an advocate of the High Court of 28 years standing, Ms. Munyi submitted that serving in four tribunals as assisting counsel had demonstrated the faith the President had in her and her background in civil litigation.
- vii) Ms. Munyi added that her focus once deployed, would be to boost trade and investment between the two countries.
- viii) The nominee stated that Kenya's win for the seat to the UNSC Non-Permanent seat for 2021-2022, is a win for Zimbabwe and the continent.
- ix) The nominee intends to enhance Kenya's diplomatic footprint. Kenya's Embassy in Zimbabwe is accredited to Mozambique, while the latter opened her High Commission in Nairobi in 1994.
- x) She highlighted that existing trade between Kenya, Zimbabwe and Mozambique is relatively low and is in favour of Zimbabwe and Mozambique
- xi) Ms. Munyi intends to enhance diaspora engagement with the Kenyan community in Zimbabwe and enhance and encourage their participation in national engagement. She will explore the creation of job opportunities for Kenyan youth.

**MIN. NO.NA/DC.DFR/2020/166: AMB. JEAN WAMBUI KIMANI – NOMINEE FOR THE POSITION OF PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO UN-HABITAT, NAIROBI**

Amb. Jean Kimani appeared before the Committee at 11.00 am and was interviewed pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution, Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approvals) Act and the Standing Orders of the National Assembly. The nominee responded to several questions during the vetting as follows-

- i) The nominee is a Kenyan Citizen of Passport number, A828657 and was born in Kiambu County in 1959.
- ii) She holds a Bachelor of Arts (Hons.) from the University of Nairobi and a Masters in Business Administration from the University of Liverpool.
- iii) She is a career diplomat having started her career as a Third Secretary in the Protocol Department and has risen through the ranks to becoming an Ambassador.
- iv) She has over 35 years of experience in Kenya's Diplomatic Service. She is currently the Director, Europe and Commonwealth at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- v) She has been awarded the Moran of the Order of the Burning Spear (M.B.S), the United Nations Fellowship on Disarmament.
- vi) Her financial net worth is Ksh. 60 million.
- vii) She has no arrangements that are likely to present potential conflicts of Interest.
- viii) Amb. Kimani joined the ministry in 1982. Her 37 years experience in the public sector had seen her accrue vast experience in diplomacy.
- ix) As Ambassador to Botswana and as the representative to SADC, she pursued the integration agenda under the ambit of the AU.
- x) She added that UN-HABITAT's habitual underfunding should be addressed through the ongoing initiatives to enhance and reform the UN and its agencies.

- xi) In relation to attaining the retirement age, Ms. Kimani stated that she was able to deliver and had extensive experience having worked in multilateral sectors.
- xii) The nominee notified the Committee that UN-Habitat is going through restructuring. There were concerns that restructuring of the agency would lead to its downsize.

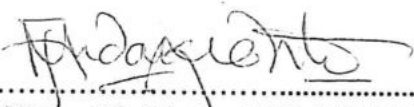
**MIN. NO.NA/DC.DFR/2020/167: MAJ. GEN. (Rtd.) NGEWA MUKALA NGOLOI –  
NOMINEE FOR THE POSITION OF  
AMBASSADOR, KHARTOUM**

Maj. Gen. (Rtd.) Ngewa Mukala appeared before the Committee at 12.00 pm and was interviewed pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution, Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approvals) Act and the Standing Orders of the National Assembly. The nominee responded to several questions during the vetting as follows-

- i) The nominee is a Kenyan Citizen of identity card (ID) number 3784060 and was born in Kitui County in 1960.
- ii) He holds a Diploma in International Studies from the University of Nairobi, a Master of Science in Defence Studies, India and a Kenya Advanced Certificate of Education
- iii) He served in the Kenya Defence Forces (Navy) from the position of 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant to the position of Major General.
- iv) He has served as the Managing Director and Director of the Kenya Ordnance Factory Corporation.
- v) He has been awarded the Moran of the Golden Heart (MGH), the Elder of the Order of the Burning Spear (E.B.S), Distinguished Conduct Order (DCO) and the Silver Star (SS).
- vi) His financial net worth is Ksh.100 million.
- vii) He has no arrangements that are likely to present potential conflicts of Interest.
- viii) Maj. Gen. (Rtd.) Mukala had a 38 year career in the military, particularly the navy. He rose to command the Naval service and had stints as Commandant to the Defence Staff College and as Managing Director of the Kenya Ordnance Factory in Eldoret.
- ix) At the ordinance factory, the nominee submitted that in his short stint there, six months, saw him improve on farming, hardware and finance aspects of the corporation.
- x) The nominee submitted that Kenya had a trade advantage with Sudan but had the potential to grow it further.
- xi) He observed the need to de-escalate tensions over the use of the Nile between Egypt, Sudan and Ethiopia, providing Kenya to exercise its known expertise of peace making.

**MIN. NO.NA/DC.DFR/2020/168: ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 1.30 pm.

Signed.....  
  
Hon. Katoo Ole Metito, M.P (CHAIRPERSON)

Date..... 2/11/2020 .....

**MINUTES OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH (107<sup>TH</sup>) SITTING OF THE DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON DEFENCE & FOREIGN RELATIONS HELD IN MINI-CHAMBER, 1<sup>ST</sup> FLOOR, COUNTY HALL, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS ON FRIDAY, 30<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2020 AT 2.00 PM.**

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**PRESENT**

1. The Hon. Katoo Ole Metito, EGH, MGH, MP (Chairperson)
2. The Hon. Col. (Rtd.) Gideon S. Konchela, EGH, OGW, 'psc' (UK), MP
3. The Hon. Yusuf Hassan Abdi, MP
4. The Hon. Charles Kilonzo, MP
5. The Hon. Col. (Rtd) Dido Ali Raso, MBS, MP
6. The Hon. Richard Maore Maoka, CBS, MP
7. The Hon. Martha Wangari Wanjira, MP
8. The Hon. Memusi Ole Kanchory, MP
9. The Hon. Major (Rtd.) Bashir Sheikh Abdullah, MP
10. The Hon. (Dr.) Lilian Gogo, MP
11. The Hon. Moses Nguchine Kirima, MP
12. The Hon. Ernest Ogesi Kivai, MP
13. The Hon. Vincent Kipkurui Tuwei, MP
14. The Hon. Caleb Amisi, MP
15. The Hon. (Dr.) Irene Muthoni Kasalu, MP
16. The Hon. Zachary Kwenya Thuku, MP

**APOLOGIES**

1. The Hon. Richard Tong'i, MP (Vice Chairperson)
2. The Hon. Stephen Mutinda Mule, MP
3. The Hon. Asha Hussein Mohamed, MP

**IN ATTENDANCE**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

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| 1. Mr. Peter Chemweno   | - | D/Director, In charge, Departmental Committees |
| 2. Mr. Victor Weke      | - | Clerk Assistant I                              |
| 3. Mr. Abdiaziz Shobay  | - | Clerk Assistant III                            |
| 4. Mr. Ronald Walala,   | - | Legal Counsel                                  |
| 5. Mr. Edison Odhiambo, | - | Fiscal Analyst                                 |
| 6. Ms. Grace Wahu       | - | Research & Policy Analyst                      |
| 7. Mr. Nimrod Ochieng   | - | Audio Officer                                  |

**AGENDA**

1. Prayers
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Substantive agenda: **Vetting of Amb. Tabu Irina for Tokyo and Maj. Gen. (Rtd.) Samuel Nandwa Wesonga for Juba**
4. Any Other Business

**MIN. NO.NA/DC.DFR /2020/169: PRELIMINARIES**

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 2.00 pm and said a prayer. The agenda of the meeting was adopted as hereunder after being proposed by Hon. Martha Wangari Wanjira, MP and seconded by The Hon. Major (Rtd.) Bashir Sheikh Abdullah, MP.

**MIN. NO.NA/DC.DFR/2020/170: AMB. TABU IRINA – NOMINEE FOR THE POSITION OF AMBASSADOR, TOKYO**

Amb. Tabu Irina appeared before the Committee at 2.00 pm and was interviewed pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution, Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approvals) Act and the Standing Orders of the National Assembly. The nominee responded to several questions during the vetting as follows-

- i) The nominee is a Kenyan Citizen of identity card (ID) number, 12466745 and was born in Montreal, Canada in 1968. She however renounced her Canadian citizenship and evidenced this by a certificate issued by the Canadian government.
- ii) She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science & Sociology from the University of Lesotho and a Master of Arts in International Politics from Beijing University (China).
- iii) She is a career diplomat having started her career as an Assistant Secretary III/Third Secretary and rising to the rank of Chief of Protocol at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- iv) She has also served as a Research Assistant at the Lesotho Highlands Water Development Authority, Maseru, Lesotho and as a Public Relations /Administrative Officer at the Coast Development Authority.
- v) She has been awarded the Order of the Grand Warrior of Kenya (OGW) and the Moran of the Order of the Burning Spear (MBS).
- vi) Her financial net worth is Ksh. 34.14 million
- vii) She has no arrangements that are likely to present potential conflicts of Interest.
- viii) Amb Irina had worked in the ministry for 23 years, rising to her current position of Chief of Protocol.
- ix) The nominee stated that Kenya can learn a lot from Japan. Aid to Kenya is in manufacturing and education. Many Kenyans have received scholarships for the same. As Ambassador, she will ensure to attract more assistance in those areas.
- x) In regards to trade, the nominee stated that many expos take place in Japan to showcase products from other countries.
- xi) Furthermore, the nominee emphasized the importance of TICAD to Kenya. She stated that in the last TICAD conference, where an agreement was signed, there has been a 48% increase of Japanese companies investing in Kenya.
- xii) Amb. Irina submitted on oath, under questioning, that despite being born in Canada, she had renounced her citizenship to that country in 2018. She had neither held a Canadian passport, paid taxes to, investments in nor family in Canada.

**The Committee noted that Amb. Tabu Irina was born in Montreal, Canada in 1968. She however renounced her Canadian citizenship and evidenced this by a certificate issued by the Canadian government. She further submitted on oath, under questioning, that despite being born in Canada, she had renounced her citizenship to that country in 2018. She had neither held a Canadian passport, paid taxes to, investments in nor family in Canada.**

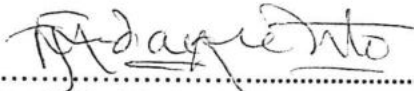
**MIN. NO.NA/DC.DFR/2020/171: MAJ. GEN. (Rtd.) SAMUEL NANDWA WESONGA – NOMINEE FOR THE POSITION OF AMBASSADOR, JUBA**

Maj. Gen. (Rtd.) Samuel Nandwa appeared before the Committee at 3.00 pm and was interviewed pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution, Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approvals) Act and the Standing Orders of the National Assembly. The nominee responded to several questions during the vetting as follows-

- i) The nominee is a Kenyan Citizen of identity card (ID) number, 0403149 and was born in Busia County in 1958.
- ii) He holds a Diploma in Strategic Studies from the University of Nairobi, East African Advanced Certificate of Education (EAACE) and has attended the Kaizen Programme at the National Defence College, Karen
- iii) He served in the Kenya Defence Forces (Army) from the position of 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant to the position of Major General.
- iv) He has been awarded the Chief of the Order of the Burning Spear (C.B.S), Elder of the Order of the Burning Spear (E.B.S),
- v) His financial net worth is Ksh.105 million.
- vi) He has no arrangements that are likely to present potential conflicts of Interest.
- vii) Maj. Gen. (Rtd.) Nandwa served in the military since 1978 as a cadet, up to his retirement in 2018.
- viii) He had served the military in various capacities, ranging from command to staff and training. His major assignments included being a defense attaché in Beijing, Commanding officer of the 7KR and as Commandant, school of infantry.
- ix) He was an observer in the UN mission in Liberia and Chief of Staff to the UN mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea, the latter which was the most challenging as it involved bringing together belligerent forces, giving him the requisite exposure to now serve as Ambassador to Juba.
- x) The nominee reiterated that Kenya has an upper hand in terms of business and Juba was a large potential market if there is continuous peace and stability.
- xi) In regards to the peace process, the nominee stated that he would undertake more research on the peace process in order to strategize on Kenya's interests. He emphasized it was important to have a wholesome scope of the situation in Juba before pursuing any strategies.

**MIN. NO.NA/DC.DFR/2020/172:      ADJOURNMENT**

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

Signed.....  
  
**Hon. Katoo Ole Metito, M.P (CHAIRPERSON)**

Date.....  
 2/11/2020





**MINUTES OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH (108<sup>TH</sup>) SITTING OF THE DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON DEFENCE & FOREIGN RELATIONS HELD IN MINI-CHAMBER, 1<sup>ST</sup> FLOOR, COUNTY HALL, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS ON SATURDAY, 31<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER, 2020 AT 9.00 AM.**

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**PRESENT**

1. The Hon. Katoo Ole Metito, EGH, MGH, MP (Chairperson)
2. The Hon. Col. (Rtd.) Gideon S. Konchela, EGH, OGW, 'psc' (UK), MP
3. The Hon. Yusuf Hassan Abdi, MP
4. The Hon. Charles Kilonzo, MP
5. The Hon. Col. (Rtd) Dido Ali Raso, MBS, MP
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13. The Hon. Vincent Kipkurui Tuwei, MP
14. The Hon. Caleb Amisi, MP
15. The Hon. (Dr.) Irene Muthoni Kasalu, MP
16. The Hon. Zachary Kwenya Thuku, MP

**APOLOGIES**

1. The Hon. Richard Tong'i, MP (Vice Chairperson)
2. The Hon. Stephen Mutinda Mule, MP
3. The Hon. Asha Hussein Mohamed, MP

**IN ATTENDANCE**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

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| 1. Mr. Peter Chemweno   | - | D/Director, In charge, Departmental Committees |
| 2. Mr. Victor Weke      | - | Clerk Assistant I                              |
| 3. Mr. Abdiaziz Shobay  | - | Clerk Assistant III                            |
| 4. Mr. Ronald Walala,   | - | Legal Counsel                                  |
| 5. Mr. Edison Odhiambo, | - | Fiscal Analyst                                 |
| 6. Ms. Grace Wahu       | - | Research & Policy Analyst                      |
| 7. Mr. Nimrod Ochieng   | - | Audio Officer                                  |

**AGENDA**

1. Prayers
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Substantive agenda: **Vetting of Amb. Thomas Boniface Amolo for Berlin and Mr. Lindsay Kiptiness for Bangkok**
4. Any Other Business

**MIN. NO.NA/DC.DFR /2020/173:      PRELIMINARIES/REMARKS      BY      THE**  
**CHAIRPERSON**

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 9.00 am and said a prayer. The agenda of the meeting was adopted as hereunder after being proposed by The Hon. Ernest Ogesi Kivai, MP and seconded by The Hon. Caleb Amisi, MP.

The Committee had noted that the two nominees were indisposed and had therefore sought and obtained approval from the Hon. Speaker to virtually vet them, pursuant to Standing Order No. 265A.

**MIN. NO.NA/DC.DFR/2020/174:      AMB. THOMAS BONIFACE AMOLO-**  
**NOMINEE FOR THE POSITION OF**  
**AMBASSADOR, BERLIN**

Amb. Tom Amolo was virtually vetted by the Committee at 9.00 am and was interviewed pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution, Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approvals) Act and the Standing Orders of the National Assembly. The nominee responded to several questions during the vetting as follows-

- i) The nominee is a Kenyan Citizen of identity card (ID) number, 0971602 and was born in Nairobi County in 1961.
- ii) He holds a Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Political Science and a Diploma in Diplomacy from the University of Nairobi.
- iii) He is a career diplomat having started his career as an Assistant Secretary III in the Americas Division at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- iv) While at the Ministry, he has served in several capacities such as Director and Deputy Director in different departments, Advisor, Delegations of the Republic of Kenya to the United Nations Security Council and Counsellor in different embassies.
- v) He has also served as High Commissioner to the Republic of South Africa and the Federal Republic of Nigeria.
- vi) Currently, he serves as the Political & Diplomatic Secretary at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and is also the Special Envoy: Kenya's Security Council Campaign.
- vii) He has been awarded the Moran of the Order of the Burning Spear (M.B.S), the United States Department of State Award.
- viii) His financial net worth is Ksh. 68 million.
- ix) He has no arrangements that are likely to present potential conflicts of Interest.
- x) Amb. Amolo submitted that his upbringing in a multi-ethnic and racial Nairobi and his rich experience in diplomacy had instilled in him competence to work in diverse settings.
- xi) During his service in Pretoria, the nominee submitted that he had observed the systematic nature with which South Africans conducted their affairs policy-wise.
- xii) Amb. Amolo added that Kenya stood to learn a lot from Germany where he will be stationed, especially on the strengths of technical and vocational training.
- xiii) He added that the various deployments represented the ministry's skill set, resilience and versatility of the career diplomats.
- xiv) Amb. Amolo emphasized on the strength of parliamentary diplomacy and the need to exploit it more. He also urged that the country remains rules-based but versatile.

**MIN. NO.NA/DC.DFR/2020/175:      MR. LINDSAY KIPTINESS NOMINEE FOR THE**  
**POSITION OF AMBASSADOR TO BANGKOK**

Mr. Lindsay Kiptiness was virtually vetted by the Committee at 10.30 am and was interviewed pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution, Public Appointments

(Parliamentary Approvals) Act and the Standing Orders of the National Assembly. The nominee responded to several questions during the vetting as follows-

- i) The nominee is a Kenyan Citizen of identity card (ID) number, 9291451 and was born in Elgeyo Marakwet County in 1968.
- ii) He holds a Bachelor of Education from Moi University and a Master of Arts in Peace & Conflict Studies from Haceteppe University.
- iii) He started his career as a teacher at Sergoit Secondary School and then worked as a District Officer in Samburu, Baringo, Kericho, Nakuru, Bungoma, Vihiga and Kakamega districts.
- iv) He later pursued a career as a Foreign Service Officer at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, steadily rising from a Protocol Officer/Personal Assistant to the Permanent Secretary to the current position of Director, Asia & Australasia and Pacific Islands Directorate.
- v) He also holds the position of Coordinator, COVID-19 Response and Secretary, Standing Committee on Emergency Response, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- vi) He holds no award or honors.
- vii) His financial net worth is Ksh. 30 million.
- viii) He has no arrangements that are likely to present potential conflicts of Interest.
- ix) Mr. Kiptinness was a career public servant, with a career spanning 27 years starting from being a trained teacher, through provincial administration rising to his current position as head of Asia at the ministry.
- x) The nominee will seek to attract direct foreign investments to the country and especially tap in Thailand's success in providing universal health coverage considering Kenya and Thailand had a MoU on the same.
- xi) He was part of the team that was set up at the ministry to mobilize support from friendly nations in the fight against covid-19.

MIN. NO.NA/DC.DFR/2020/176:      ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 11.30 am.

Signed.....  
Hon. Katoo Ole Metito, M.P (CHAIRPERSON)

Date..... 2/11/2020

