

DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

REPORT ON ITS CONSIDERATION OF THE PETITION TO AMEND WORDING ON THE COAT OF ARMS BY MR. CHARLES KOINANGE MANGUA

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CHAIRPERSON'S FOREWORD

The petition was presented to the House pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 225 (2) (b) of the National Assembly. The Petition seeks to amend the Constitution as set out in the second schedule on national symbols by deleting the word 'Harambee' from the Coat of Arms and replacing it with the name 'Kenya'.

The Petition was referred to the Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs for consideration and thereafter respond to the petitioner within sixty days by way of a report addressed to the petitioner and laid on the Table of the House pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 227.

The committee considered the petition during its sittings and invited the petitioner to make submissions on his prayers in the petition. The petitioner, Mr. Charles Koinange Mangua appeared before the committee and responded to issues raised by members in their inquiry regarding the petition.

The Committee wishes to express special gratitude to the office of the Clerk of the National Assembly for the support accorded to Members of the Committee and staff in execution of its mandate.

On behalf of the Committee, and pursuant to Standing Order, 227 it is my duty to table to the House the Report of the Committee on the petition by Mr. Charles Koinange Mangua.

Hon. William Cheptumo, M.P.
Chairperson

1.0 PREFACE

1.1 Mandate of the Committee

- 1. The Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs derives its mandate from Standing Order No. 216(5) which provides for the functions of Departmental Committees as follows
 - 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 their implementation;
 - c) Study and review all legislation referred to it;
 - d) Study, assess and analyse the relative success of the ministries and departments as measured by the results obtained as compared with their stated objectives;
 - e) Investigate and enquire 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 provisions of Article 254 of the Constitution; and
 - j) Examine any questions raised by Members on a matter within its mandate.
- 2. The Second Schedule of the Standing Orders on Departmental Committees further outlines the subjects of the Committee as follows
 - a. Constitutional affairs;
 - b. The administration of law and Justice
 - c. The Judiciary;
 - d. Public prosecutions;
 - e. Elections:
 - f. Ethics, integrity and anti-corruption; and
 - g. Human rights.

1.2 Committee Membership

3. The Committee was constituted on Thursday, 14th December, 2017 and comprises the following Honourable Members-

Hon. William Cheptumo, M.P. (Chairperson) MP Baringo North Constituency Jubilee Party

Hon. Alice Muthoni Wahome, M.P. (Vice Chairperson)

MP Kandara Constituency

Jubilee Party

Hon. John Olago Aluoch, M.P. Kisumu West Constituency FORD-Kenya

Hon. Roselinda Soipan Tuya, M.P. Narok County Jubilee Party

Hon. Johana Ng'eno, M.P. Emurua Dikirr Constituency KANU-Party

Hon. Ben Orori Momanyi, M.P. **Borabu Constituency** WIPER-Party

Hon. Jennifer Shamalla, M.P. Nominated MP Jubilee Party

Hon. Gladys Boss Shollei, CBS, M.P. **UasinGishu County Jubilee-Party**

Hon. George GitongaMurugara, M.P. Tharaka Constituency Democratic Party

Hon. John Kiarie Waweru, M.P. Dagoretti South Constituency Jubilee-Party

Hon. Adan Haji Yussuf, M.P. Mandera West Constituency Economic Freedom Party Hon. George Peter Kaluma, M.P. Homa Bay Town Constituency ODM-Party

Hon. Charles Gimose, M.P Hamisi Constituency FORD-Kenya

Hon. W. Kamoti Mwamkale, M.P. Rabai Constituency ODM-Party

Hon. Zuleikha Hassan, M.P. Kwale County ODM-Party

Hon. Beatrice Adagala, M.P Vihiga County ANC-Party

Hon. John Munene Wambugu, M.P. Kirinyaga Central Jubilee –Party

Hon. Anthony Githiaka Kiai, M.P. Mukurueni Constituency Jubilee-Party

Hon. Japheth Mutai, M.P. Bureti Constituency Jubilee-Party

1.3 Committee Secretariat

4. The Committee secretariat comprises the following staff-

Mr. Abenayo Wasike
Mr. Denis Abisai
Mr. Denis Abisai
Ms. Halima Hussein
Ms. Fiona Musili
Mr. Omar Abdirahim
Ms. Roselyne Ndegi

Senior Clerk Assistant
Principal Legal Counsel I
Clerk Assistant III
Research Officer II
Fiscal Analyst III
Serjeant-at-Arms I

Mr. Richard Sang - Assistant Serjeant-at-Arms Mr. Joseph Okongo - Media Liaison Officer

Mr. Hakeem Kimiti - Audio Officer

5. Minutes of sittings of the Committee on the consideration of the Petition are attached to this report as annexure 1.

2.0 CONSIDERATION OF THE PETITION BY THE COMMITTEE

6. The Committee commenced its consideration of the petition by a meeting with the petitioner on 6th August 2019. The petitioner made oral and written submissions as follows;

2.1 Submissions by the Petitioner Mr. Charles Koinange Mangua

- 7. The petitioner made his submissions on the subject matter as follows;
 - (i). **THAT** the term 'Harambee' is of Indian origin with its derivation from two Indian words to form one. It is a sacred word for Indians used to invoke or worship their goddess named 'Ambee'. He tabled before the Committee a photograph image of 'Ambee'.
 - (ii). THAT 'Hare' means to praise or to invoke and 'Ambee' means the Indian goddess with many hands that Indians invoked or praised when constructing the railway line in Kenya after the 1830's.
 - (iii). THAT issues raised in the petition are not pending before any court of law, constitutional or legal body.
- 8. The petitioner prayed that Parliament amends the Constitution by deleting the words 'Harambee' from the Coat of Arms and replacing it with the name 'Kenya'.

2.2 Submissions by Furncon Limited

- 9. Following the publishing of an article in the Daily Nation on 3rd July 2019 titled 'Change Coat of Arms, Kiambu Man tells House' highlighting the contents of the Petition to change the wording on the coat of Arms, Furncon Limited through its Managing Director Mr. Solomon N. Kiore, made submissions to oppose the petition on 27/08/2019 vide an email (Submissions are attached to this Report as Annexure 3). They submitted as follows-
 - (i) Guided by Articles 9 and 10, and the Second and Third schedules of the Constitution 2010, and College of Arms Act Chapter 98, they wrote in response to a newspaper report that the Speaker of the National Assembly Hon. Justin Muturi had directed the Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs to consider the Petition and report to the House within 60 days;
 - (ii) They opposed any attempt to interfere, altering the features in any manner or treating with contempt the emblems and symbols of authority of independent Kenya as they were preserved for the historical and cultural sovereignty of the country;

¹ Mwere, D. (3rd July 2019). Change coat of arms, Kiambu man tells House. Retrieved from https://www.nation.co.ke/news/Why-man-wants-Coat-of-Arms-changed-/1056-5180534-v56g1f/index.html

- (iii) Furncon Limited is a company specializing in the design of symbols, physical instruments of authority, interior furniture design and related components. It is the first African company headed by black people to be awarded the International and African award for the Most Coveted Award hosted in Spain in this competitive line of art. (Attached as SNK 1 is a copy of the award Certificate). It was also the first black owned company to penetrate into the unique patent office of design in the United Kingdom and Isle of Man. (Annexed and marked "SNK2" is a copy of Isle of Man certificate no.1040569).
- (iv) Sometime in 1990, the company was commissioned by the government of Kenya's Department of Defence to design Described Presidential Instruments (Throne). In designing the instruments, the company had to do intensive and extensive research that took several years as the Presidency is a symbol of national unity and the holder of that office carries the authority of the country hence the significance of the Presidential Chair. The instruments were widely recognized both locally and internationally. (Annexed and marked "SNK3" are copies of recognition letters).
- (v) The department of design at Furncon limited submitted to the Constitution of Kenya Review Commission that Kenya's symbols of authority be part of the Constitution of Kenya 2010 in accordance with the Emblems and Names Act CAP 99 and therefore it became part of the Constitution. As such, any change or removal of any features therein can only be subjected to a referendum. (Annexed and marked "SNK4" is a copy of the letter by the commission).
- (vi) When researching on the instruments of authority and the chairs of leadership so as to come up with distinct presidential instruments of authority, the company found very unique and important history associated with Kenyan emblem traditions and practices. For Example according to Anthony Howarth, at the time of the British intrusion into East Africa, the Company found that in 1898 there were instruments that were used by the British and the Africans when both sides took the oath of blood to solemnize the memorandum of understanding (covenants) between the Africans and the British. On the part of Britain, Captain Lugard took the oath while on the other part of the Africans Waiyaki Wahinga took the oath using a sword, a shield, a mace and a whisk to splash the blood as witnessed by Africans who mounted a -men -at -arms that signified "harambee" and fighting together as one to offer security to the African people and protection of African land. The instrument that was used by Captain Lugard for the British was a symbol of crossed firearms facing down to signify peace and that, the said instruments would never be used against Africans. There was also green vegetation to signify peace and agriculture. It is a fact that the British broke the covenant and hence the war between the British and Africans as they went against their own oath not to take the African's lands or use guns against them. Therefore the word "Harambee" is part of Kenyan history and Kenyan generations need to preserve it for posterity.
- (vii) According to research, the first President of the Republic of Kenya Mzee Jomo Kenyatta requested Kenyan Africans to form societies and buy property

from the foreigners using "Harambee" movements so as to break the tricky law of easements that would have led this country into apartheid. Hence it is important to respect the design and the values of the Kenyan emblem with all features inclusive of "Harambee" which forms part of the history of independent Kenya- and impacts on the value of our heritage. (Annexed and marked "SNK5" is a copy of apartheid document (1948-1994)).

- (viii) Any interference with the instruments of authority of the Republic of Kenya will result in massive financial costs to the country. For example the East African Legislative Assembly in Arusha had requested their mace to be adorned with Kenyan, Ugandan, and Tanzanian emblems. It will also interfere with the swearing-in of Presidents, Deputy Presidents, Members of Parliament, Attorney Generals and Judges, among others. (Find S.N.K6 a copy of daily nation dated 9th September 2002 and proposal by Furncon ltd of the mace first option and second option by our counterpart Pagliari Group of South Africa).
- (ix) Since the dawn of history, the instruments of war have been used as a symbol of security and bravery. Art and design illustrations based on facts are good to look at but more significantly, they promote harmony and cohesion in a society by marrying the society's heritage to its present and future. Art and design articulate a society's identity, and give it a sense of purpose, pride, hope and direction. All over the world, all countries have used art and design to articulate the values on which their survival, strengths, hopes and identity with decorum as society, comfortably rest.
- (x) In conclusion, Furncon Limited Company noted that Mr. Charles Mangua's proposal was purporting to deal with wordings based on very local and layman perception. The Kenyan emblem was as a result of works of art and design whose value was enormous and could not be associated with superstitions as its graphics were based on the reality of historical events and passed the test of copyright.

3.0 COMMITTEE'S OBSERVATIONS AND FINDINGS

- 10. The Committee made the following observations-
 - (i). The coat of arms is one of the national symbols of the Republic of Kenya listed under Article 9(1)(c) of the Constitution and its specific form is set out in the Second Schedule to the Constitution with the word "HARAMBEE" inscribed boldly therein;
 - (ii). The use of the word "Harambee" is protected under the National Flag, Emblems and Names Act, Cap 99 Laws of Kenya in order to avoid improper usage of the word which is also declared as a national *motto* in the Act;
 - (iii). Any changes to the emblems and instruments of authority of the Republic of Kenya including the Coat of Arms would occasion great financial costs as they have been designed and developed at a huge cost and they are already locally and internationally recognized and used;
 - (iv). The Constitution of Kenya Review Commission acknowledged that the word 'Harambee' in the Kenyan context referred to the principle of self-help that has been successfully used to mobilize the Kenyan people to fight poverty, disease and ignorance²;
 - (v). The Word *harambee* is a Swahili word adopted from Hindi and this has been in public domain since time immemorial;
 - (vi). Swahili is a mixture of many languages including Hindi, Arabic and several local languages;
 - (vii). Hindi is among the languages used in Kenya and Hinduism is also one of the religions practiced in Kenya and it would thus be discriminatory to the Hindus to expunge the word *Harambee* from the Coat of Arms on the ground of Indian origin;
 - (viii). The petition was misconceived as it sought to give a foreign meaning to the word "Harambee" without any due regard to the accepted usage of the term in Kenya.

² Final Report of the Constitution of Kenya Review Commission, 2005, pg 128

4.0 COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

11. In response to the prayers by the petitioner the Committee recommends that;

The House rejects the petition for the introduction of a constitutional amendment Bill to change the wording on the Coat of Arms as requested by the petitioner.

Hon. William Cheptumo, M.P.

Chairperson

ANNEXURE 1

Minutes of Committee sittings on consideration of the Petition

MINUTES OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY FIRST SITTING OF THE DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND LEGAL AFFAIRS HELD ON TUESDAY 1ST OCTOBER, 2019 AT 10.00 A.M. IN COMMITTEE BOARDROOM, 2ND FLOOR, PROTECTION HOUSE, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS

PRESENT-

1. Hon. William Cheptumo, M.P.

2. Hon. Alice Muthoni Wahome, M.P.

3. Hon. John Olago Aluoch, M.P.

4. Hon. Roselinda Soipan Tuya, M.P.

5. Hon. Peter Opondo Kaluma, M.P.

6. Hon. William K. Mwamkale, M.P.

7. Hon. George G. Murugara, M.P.

8. Hon. Anthony G. Kiai, M.P.

9. Hon. Japheth Mutai, M.P.

10. Hon. Beatrice Adagala, M.P.

11. Hon. John M. Wambugu, M.P.

12. Hon. John Kiarie Waweru, M.P.

ABSENT WITH APOLOGIES-

- 1. Hon. Ben Momanyi, M.P.
- 2. Hon. Johana Ng'eno, M.P.
- 3. Hon. Charles Gimose, M.P.
- 4. Hon Zulekha Hassan, MP
- 5. Hon. Gladys Boss Shollei, CBS, M.P.
- 6. Hon. Jennifer Shamalla, M.P.
- 7. Hon. Adan Haji Yussuf, M.P.

IN ATTENDANCE-

COMMITTEE SECRETARIAT-

Chairperson

Vice Chairperson

Mr. Abenayo Wasike
 Mr. Denis Abisai
 Ms.Halima Hussein
 Ms. Fiona Musili
 Senior Clerk Assistant
 Principal Legal Counsel I
 Second Clerk Assistant
 Research Officer II

5. Mr. Simon Maina - Support staff

MIN No. 670/2019:-

PRELIMINARIES

The meeting commenced at 10.00 a.m. with a word of prayer from Hon. John Munene

MIN No. 671/2019:-

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS SITTINGS

Confirmation of minutes of previous Sittings was deferred.

MIN No. 672/2019:-

CONSIDERATION OF THE STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2019 BY HON. MUTURI KIGANO, MP

The Committee considered the Statutory Instruments (Amendment) Bill, 2019 which sought to subject to Parliament for scrutiny rules and regulations made by courts of competent jurisdiction. The Committee observed that there was conflict between Articles 94(5) and 163(8) of the Constitution of Kenya. Whereas Article 94(5) exclusively vests in Parliament the powers to make provisions having the force of the law in Kenya, Article 163(8) empowered the Supreme Court to make rules for the exercise of its jurisdiction.

Against this backdrop, the Committee resolved to meet the Judiciary and the Sponsor to deliberate on the Bill before pronouncing itself on the same.

MIN No. 673/2019:-

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT ON THE
PETITION TO AMEND THE WORDING ON
TH COAT OF ARMS BY MR. CHARLES
MANGUA

The Committee considered and adopted its report on the petition to amend wording on the Coat of Arms by Mr. Charles Mangua. The adoption was proposed by Hon. John Olago and seconded by Hon. Beatrice Adagala.

MIN No. 673/2019:-

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to transact, the meeting was adjourned at 11:20am until, Thursday 26th September, 2019 at ten o'clock in the morning at a venue to be advised.

Signed.....

Chairperson

Date. 08/10/19

MINUTES OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY SECOND SITTING OF THE DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND LEGAL AFFAIRS HELD ON TUESDYA 6TH AUGUST, 2019 AT 10.00 A.M. IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, ON 8TH FLOOR, UKULIMA HOUSE

PRESENT-

- 1. Hon. William Cheptumo, M.P. Chairperson
- 2. Hon. George G. Murugara, M.P.
- 3. Hon. Jennifer Shamalla, M.P.
- 4. Hon. Peter Opondo Kaluma, M.P.
- 5. Hon. John Olago Aluoch, M.P.
- 6. Hon. William K. Mwamkale, M.P.
- 7. Hon. Beatrice Adagala, M.P.
- 8. Hon. Japheth Mutai, M.P.

ABSENT WITH APOLOGIES-

9. Hon. Alice Muthoni Wahome, M.P. - Vice Chairperson

- 10. Hon. Anthony G. Kiai, M.P.
- 11. Hon. Adan Haji Yussuf, M.P.
- 12. Hon. Roselinda Soipan Tuya, M.P.
- 13. Hon. John M. Wambugu, M.P.
- 14. Hon. Ben Momanyi, M.P.
- 15. Hon. Charles Gimose, M.P.
- 16. Hon. Gladys Boss Shollei, CBS, M.P.
- 17. Hon. Johana Ng'eno, M.P.
- 18. Hon. Zuleikha Hassan, M.P.
- 19. Hon. John Kiarie Waweru, M.P.

IN ATTENDANCE-

COMMITTEE SECRETARIAT-

Mr. George Gazemba
 Mr. Denis Abisai
 Principal Clerk Assistant II
 Principal Legal Counsel I

3. Ms. Roselyn Njuki - Serjeant-at-Arms

4. Mr. Simon Maina - Support staff

MIN No. 651/2019:-

PRELIMINARIES

The meeting commenced at 10.15 a.m. with a word of prayer from the chairperson.

MIN No. 652/2019:-

<u>CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS SITTINGS</u>

Confirmation of minutes of previous sittings was deferred to the next sitting.

MIN No. 653/2019:-

CONSIDERATION OF THE LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL ON THE INDEPENDENT ELECTORAL AND BOUNDRIES COMMISSION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2019 BY HON. PETER KALUMA

Hon. Peter Kaluma who happens to be a Committee Member submitted as follows in support of publication of his legislative proposal-

- (i) His legislative proposal sought to do abolish the selection panel for recruiting chairperson and members of the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission and provide for bodies which would nominate members for direct appointment to the Commission. The proposal was providing for five (5) appointed Commissioners whom once appointed would elect amongst themselves a chairperson and vice chairperson and that the position of chairmanship be rotational amongst the five (5) commissioners.
- (ii) The Bill further proposes that when names of the five (5) nominees for appointment as Commissioners are forwarded to the National Assembly for approval for appointment, they be approved or rejected wholesomely.
- (iii) This legislative proposal seeks to enable the immediate filling of vacancies at the Commission as opposed to current situation where the President must declare vacancies. It also seeks to avoid the situation where the President handpicks the chairperson who could favour him.

While approving the legislative proposal for publication, the Committee noted that there were four (4) Bills before the House on filling of vacancies in the offices of Chairperson and members of the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission and resolved to seek the Speaker's direction on how they should be proceeded with in the House.

The Committee also observed the need to consolidate the enactment of all electoral laws to avoid duplication of effort and save on time.

MIN No. 654/2019:-

CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF PETITION FOR CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT BILL TO CHANGE THE WORDS ON THE COAT OF ARMS BY MR. CHARLES KOINANGE MANGUA

The Petitioner, Mr. Charles Koinange Mangua appeared before the Committee and prosecuted his petition. He submitted that the word *Harambee* was of Indian origin and is of two words joined together to form one. It is a sacred word for Indians used to invoke or worship their goddess named *Ambee*. He tabled before the Committee a photograph image of *Ambee*.

He submitted that *Hare* means to praise or to invoke and *Ambee* means the Indian goddess with many hands that Indians invoked or praised when constructing the railway line in Kenya after the 1830's.

The Committee observed as follows-

(i) Kenya is a multi-religious state with Hindi among the officially recognized religions;

- (ii) Kenya is a multi-language state with Hindi among the officially recognized languages of Kenya;
- (iii) While Hindi is among the languages officially recognised in Kenya, it would be discriminatory to the Hindus to expunge the word *harambee* from the Coat of Arms because it is indian;
- (iv) Swahili is a mixture of many languages including Hindi, Arabic and several local languages;
- (v) The Word *harambee* is swahili word adopted from Hindi and this in the public domain since time immemorial;
- (vi) The word Harambee is protected under the National Flag, Emblems and Names Act, Cap 99.

MIN No. 655/2019:- ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Committee rescheduled dates for public hearings on the three Constitution of Kenya (Amendment) Bills, 2019 from 14th to 17th August, 2019 to 28th to 31st August, 2019 for the first leg and 2nd to 4th September, 2018 for the second leg.

MIN No. 656/2019:- ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to transact, the meeting was adjourned at fifteen minutes past midday to noon until, Thursday, 8th August, 2019 at ten o'clock in the morning at venue to be advised.

Signed......Chairperson

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ANNEXURE 2

Adoption list.

DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

ADOPTION LIST FOR THE REPORT ON THE CONSIDERATION OF THE PETITION TO AMEND THE WORDING ON THE COAT OF ARMS BY MR. CHARLES KOINANGE MANGUA

DATE: TUESDAY 1ST OCTOBER, 2019

VENUE: COMMITTEE ROOM ON 2ND FLOOR, PROTECTION HOUSE

NO.	NAME	SIGNATURE
1.	Hon. William Cheptumo, M.P Chairperson	posed
2.	Hon. Alice Wahome, MP Vice Chairpserson	Milaliane.
3.	Hon. John Olago Aluoch, MP.	Me
4.	Hon. Roselinda Soipan Tuya, MP.	PS
5.	Hon. Ben Momanyi,MP.	
6.	Hon. William Kamoti, MP.	
7.	Hon. Peter Opondo Kaluma, MP.	me
8.	Hon. Zuleikha Hassan, MP.	
9.	Hon. Johana Ngeno Kipyegon, MP.	
10.	Hon. Charles Gimose, MP.	

11.	Hon. John Kiarie Waweru, MP.	Warrennerie
12.	Hon. George Gitonga Murugara, MP.	Cornegare
13.	Hon. Adan Haji Yussuf, MP.	
14.	Hon. Japheth Kiplangat Mutai, MP.	- American Company
15.	Hon. Anthony Githiaka Kiai, MP.	Vid
16.	Hon. Jennifer Shamalla, MP.	
17.	Hon. Beatrice Adagala, MP.	Red
18.	Hon. John Munene Wambugu, MP.	MunQ
19.	Hon. Boss Shollei, CBS, MP.	

ANNEXURE 3 Submissions by Furncon Limited.

Furncon Limited



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From:

Designing Department

P.O. Box 49643-00100 Factory Tel: 254-2-802943 Cell Phone: 0722-784254 Rovsambu. NAIROBI-KENYA.

Date: 27/08/2019

Our Ref:

Dear Sir,

Email: furnconltd@yahoo.com

RE: SUBMISSIONS TO OPPOSE THE PETITION OF CHARLES MANGUA APPEARING ON THE DAILY NATION OF 3RD JULY 2019 TO REMOVE THE WORD "HARAMBEE" FROM THE COAT OF ARMS

Guided by article 9, 10, second (2) and third (3) schedule of the constitution 2010, College of Arms Act Chapter 98, we are writing in response to a daily nation dated 3rd July 2019 and subsequent direction by Speaker of the National Assembly Hon. Justin Muturi as he was reported and directed the committee to consider the petition and report to the House within the mandatory 60 days we are writing to oppose any attempt to interfere, altering with features in any manner or treating with contempt the emblems, symbols of independent Kenya as they are preserved for historical and culture of sovereign Kenya and its regalia of freedom that became part of the making of the history to the instrument of authority of independent Kenya.

Furncon ltd is a company specialized in design of symbols, physical instruments of authority, interior furniture design and related components tradition and practices and is the first African company headed by black to be awarded International and African award for the Most Coveted Award hosted in Spain in this most competitive line of art. Attached as SNK 1 is a copy of the award Certificate.

Recognised by the States

Daniel arap Moi 2nd President



Kenya

Queen Elizabeth II



U.K & Head of Commonwealth

Benjamin B. Mkapa rd President



Bill Clinton 42nd President



It's the first black owned company to penetrate into unique patent office of design in United Kingdom and Great Britain and Isle of Man certificate no.1040569. Annexed and marked "SNK2" is a copy of Isle of Man certificate.

Sometime in 1990, we were commissioned by government of Kenya the Department of Defence to design Described Presidential Instruments (**Throne**). When we were designing the instruments, we had to do intensive and extensive research that ran down to several years as the presidency is the symbol of national unity and the holder of that office carry authority of the country hence the significance of the Presidential Chair.

The said instruments were recognized by President Daniel Arap Moi, USIU University, Nairobi University, National Defence College, Experts attorneys in Britain Edward Evans who had noted that the work and research by us was interesting and forwarded the book of Kenyan Presidential instruments to House of Parliament in Britain, it was also recognized by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in her capacity as the head of commonwealth and the crown of Britain, the 42nd President of USA His Excellency Bill Clinton, Tanzanian President Benjamin Mkapa and 1st African President of South African who is a grandfather of all times Nelson Madiba Madella. Annexed and marked "SNK3" are copies of recognition letters.

The department of design at Furncon ltd headed by me, guided by intensive and extensive research we had conducted prepared a memorandum and the undersigned appeared before the commissioners for the purpose of highlighting requesting that, Kenyan symbols of authority be part of the constitution 2010 in accordance to Emblems and Names Act cap 99 and therefore it became part of the constitutionality and any change or removal of any features therein can only be subjected to a referendum. It cannot be denied that Furncon ltd as an indigenous company made a great contribution as we foresaw some reckless persons without decorum of the state and its instrument may wish to interfere with posterity of this great country, hence this objection. *Annexed and marked "SNK4" is a copy of the letter by the commission*.

When researching on the instruments of authority and the chairs of leadership so as to come up with distinct presidential instruments of authority, we found very unique and important history associated or compared with Kenya emblem traditions and practices.

For Example according to Anthony Howarth at the time of British intrusion into East Africa, we found in 1898 there were instruments that were used by British and Africans when the both sides took the oath of blood to ceremonize the memorandum of understanding (covenants) between Africans and British, on the part of British side Captain Lugard took oath and on the other part of African side was Waiyaki wahinga whose instrument used were sword, shield, a mace and a whisk to splash the blood witnessed by Africans mounted -men -at -arms that signifies "harambee" and fight together as one to offer the security to the African people and protection of African land. In fact the nature dictate that all human beings protect and preserve their territorial heritage and human rights and demand for decorum through justice and the symbols stand for those facts.

The instrument that was used by **Captain Lugard** for British was fire arm crossed each other facing down to signify peace and the said instrument would never be used against Africans. There was also green vegetation to signify peace and agriculture. Since dawn of history, the instruments of war has been used as a symbols of security and bravery.

Art and design illustrations based on facts are good to look at. More significantly, they promote harmony and cohesion in a society by marrying the society's heritage, its present and its future. Art and design articulate a society's identity, and give it a sense of purpose, pride, hope and direction. All over the world, all countries have used art and design to articulate the values on which their survival, strengths, hopes and identity with decorum as society, comfortably rest.

Coming back to the oath by British and Africans, it is a fact that the British are the ones who broke the covenant and hence the war between British and Africans as they went against their own oath not to take the African lands or use guns against Africans and therefore the word "HARAMBEE" is part Kenyan history and Kenyan generations need to preserve and honour the history of Kenya for posterity.

According to research, same meaning & spirit reveal that, the first President of the Republic of Kenya Mzee Jomo Kenyatta need to be put on record of the history of

patriotees of the world as a man who prevented Kenya drift into apartheid as it happened to **South Africa** where law of easement was key to apartheid as Kenya by the time of independent over 99% of Kenyan soil land titles deed were issued to foreigners, and the other allotee by the British government were either forest or game reserve and crown lands and a country cannot claim to be independent when its 99% of arable land being owned by foreigners where indigenous had no titles into their positions like it was the situation in Kenya. Those people who never do research take history of Kenya for granted and it is most likely why our economy is not growing after 50 years of independence. *Annexed and marked "SNK5" is a copy of apartheid* (1948-1994)

To fight apartheid in Kenya, we salute His excellency the first President of the Republic of Kenya as he requested the Kenya Africans to form societies and buy the properties from the foreigners using "Harambee" movements so as to break the tricky law of easements that would have led this country into apartheid hence important to respect the design and the values of the Kenyan emblem with all features inclusive as "HARAMBEE" which forms part of the history of the independent Kenya- and impact on the value of our heritage and that is the only way Kenya would have evaded apartheid as President Mzee Jomo Kenyatta and Kenyans succeeded through "HARAMBEE" spirit by buying and acquiring the titles. You may refer the Lancaster constitution to confirm those facts.

Any interfering with the instruments of authority of the republic of Kenya would cost this country trillions of shillings, for example. East African Legislative Assembly in Arusha had requested their mace to be embraced with Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania emblems and the list of the world embodiment of Kenyan emblem would be too long leave alone Kenya. It would also interfere with the swearing of President Kenyatta, Deputy President, Members of Parliament and Senate and judge as including Attorney General etc. Find S.N.K6 a copy of daily nation dated 9th September 2002 and proposal by Furncon ltd of the mace first option and second option by our counterpart pagliari Group of South Africa,

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- China as Chugoku,
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- Korea as Konkaku

Further in Japan there is a province known as Kumamoto, Historically, the area was called Higo Province and the province was renamed Kumamoto during the Meiji Restoration. The creation of prefectures was part of the abolition of the feudal system. The current Japanese orthography for Kumamoto literally means "bear root/origin", or "origin of the bear" this means parts of East Africa would feel offended for such name in Swahili language, Kumamoto since it typically refers to a part of the body of female that is hot. Further Japanese word Higo means Kidney in Kikuyu language. Here in Kenya, locally Kambas tribe refers a man as "Mutumia," whereas in Kikuyu "Mutumia" is a woman and in this case either vice-versa one would feel much offended. In these cases, one cannot deal with jargons or language pronunciation or different terminology of the tribes/ races of the world and if have to deal with it then you have a lot of work ahead of you and cannot be practiced in art and design.

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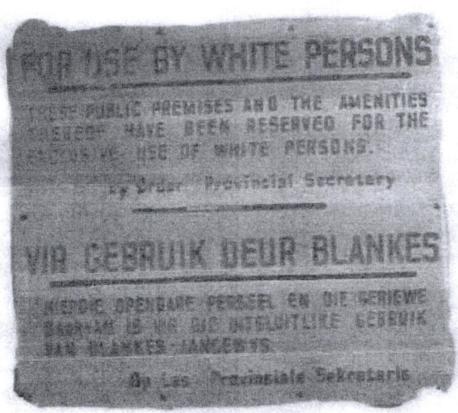
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Apartheid is the name of the racial institution that was established in 1948 by the National Party that governed South Africa until 1994. The term, which literally means "apartness,"

reflected a violently repressive policy designed to ensure that whites, who comprised 20% of the nation's population, would epatimue to dominate the country.

Although the policy began officially in 1948, the practice of racial discrimination has deep roots in South African society. As early as 1788, **Dutch** colonizers began establishing laws and regulations that separated white settlers and native Africans. These laws and regulations continued after the British occupation in 1795, and soon led to the channeling of Africans into specific areas that would later constitute their so-called homelands. By 1910, the year that all of the formerly separate Boer Republics united with the British colony to become the Union of South Africa, there were nearly 300 reserves for natives throughout the country.

By 1948, Dr. D.F. Malan, the prime architect of spartheid, led the National Party in the first campaign that centered on openly racist appeals to white unity. The Party promised that if elected it would make permaneut these reserves under the joint fundamental principles of separation and trusteeship. The National Party swept into office, winning 80 seats (mainly from Afrikaner voters), compared to the United Party's 64 seats.

Soon afterwards the new government instituted a number of policies in the name of apartheid which sought to "ensure the survival of the white race" and to keep the different races separate on every level of society and in every facet of life. One of the first acts passed was the Prohibition of Mixed Marriages Act, in 1949, which outlawed marriage between Europeans and non-Europeans. The following year new legislation banned sexual intercourse between Europeans and non-Europeans. Additionally, in 1950, the Malan government passed the Population Registration Act, which categorized every South African by race, and subsequently required people to carry with them at all times a card stating their racial identity. This Act was later modified in 1952, by issuing "reference books" instead of identification passes. Anyone caught without their "reference book" was fined or imprisoned.

The Group Areas Act of 1950, however, was the core of apartheid in South Africa. The act marked off areas of land for different racial groups, and made it illegal for people to live in any but their designated areas. Thousands of Africans were uprooted and moved into racially segregated neighborhoods in cities or to reserves which by the 1970s would be called homelands.

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in conjunction with the Reservation of Separate Amenities Act of 1953, even black workers who during the day worked in the now residentially white only cities were still required to use different public transportation, post offices, restaurants, schools, and even separate doors, benches, and counters. The Natives Urban Areas Act in 1952 and the Native Labor Act in 1953 placed more restrictions on the black majority in South Africa.

Three important movements challenged apartheid. The oldest was the African National Congress (ANC) which was founded in 1912. The Pan Africanist Congress (PAC) broke away from the ANC in 1958 and initiated its own campaign against apartheid. Both groups were eventually hanned by the South African government and forced underground where they began violent campaigns of resistance. In the late 1960s, the South African Students' Organization (SASO) was formed. Today it is known as the Black Consciousness Movement (BCM) in South Africa.

Apartheid formally ended in 1994 with the first election which allowed the participation of all adult voters. With that election **Melson Mandels** became the first black president of South Africa.

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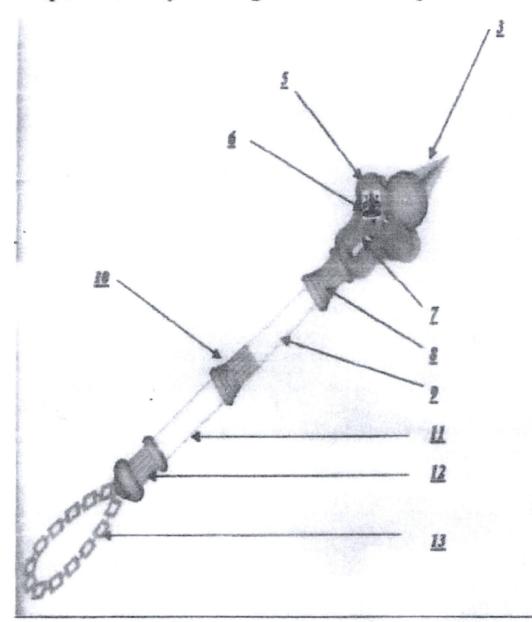
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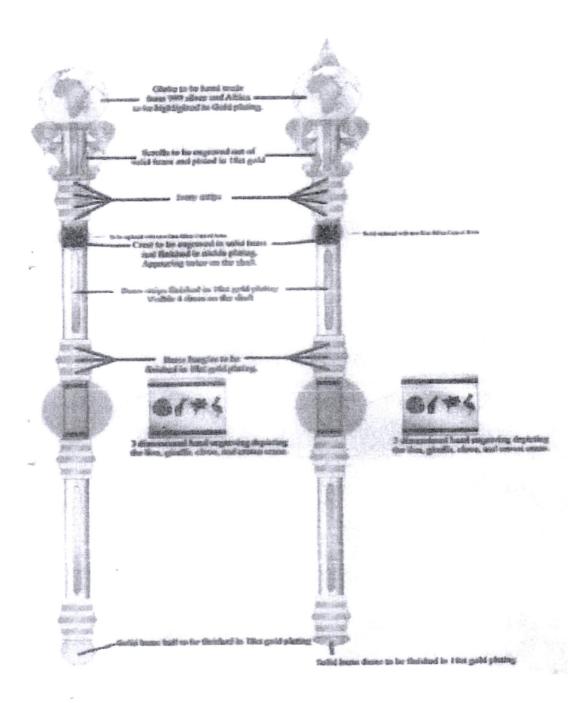
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