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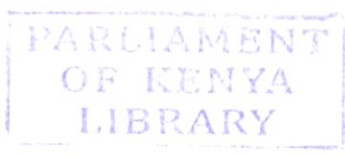


TWELFTH PARLIAMENT

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY – FOURTH SESSION

PUBLIC PETITION

(No. 32 of 2020)



**REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF MIRAA FARMING AND MARKETING**

I, the **UNDERSIGNED**, on behalf of Kimathi Munjuri, National Chairman of the Nyambene Miraa Trade Association (NYAMITA), a registered Association fronting the interests of Khat (Miraa) crop and industry stakeholders;

**DRAW the attention of the House to the following:**

- 1) **THAT**, thousands of families in the larger Meru region growing Khat (*Catha edulis*) popularly known as “miraa” have been earning a living through sell of their crop to local and international markets in the East African region;
- 2) **THAT**, following declaration of COVID-19 as a global health pandemic and subsequent closure of international borders, Miraa crop lost its regional market, particularly in Somalia;
- 3) **THAT**, locally, a number of county governments such as Tana River, Mombasa, Lamu and **Malindi** have imposed exorbitant and prohibitive levies and fees for the crop to transit through their jurisdictions or be sold in the markets within the counties without regulation by the Ministry of Agriculture as provided for in section 17 of the Crops Act;
- 4) **THAT**, the Ministry of Agriculture has been diverting funds allocated to support development of the Miraa crop to activities of other crops. For instance, in the Financial Year 2019/20, Kes60M under the Vote D1165 State Department for Crops earmarked, under Vote sub head 1165103902 Miraa crop revitalization project, Vote lines 3111300, 3111400 and 3130100 for the development of the Miraa Research Institute and Miraa research activities such as propagation of certified Miraa seedlings was diverted to buy Macadamia seedlings;
- 5) **THAT**, the Kes1B granted by the national Government in 2016 to cushion Miraa farmers and traders after Miraa was banned in Europe, including the Kes1B allocated in the budgets for 2017/18 and 2018/19 for improvement of Miraa farming have not been realized;
- 6) **THAT**, in the Financial Year 2020/21, the Ministry of Agriculture has reduced the allocation to Miraa crop to a paltry Kes200M despite having a huge backlog of unmet expenditures overflowing from the previous Financial Year;

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- 7) **THAT**, despite the Miraa community of Iembe in Nathu, Igembe North Constituency Meru County donating 50 Hectare-land with approval in writing by the County Government of Meru to the PS Agriculture, the land remains idle;
- 8) **THAT**, Miraa farmers do not have a single market outside of Kenya, after access to Somalia, the last such international market for the crop from March 2020 to date, and when Somalia re-opened its borders for international travel, its Government permitted entry of other crops with the exclusion of Miraa crop;
- 9) **THAT**, whereas section 8 of the Crops Act directly charging the Ministry of Agriculture with the responsibility to source for markets for the crop, other prospective markets such as Djibouti, Somaliland, Mozambique, Yemen, Israel and the Democratic Republic of Congo that were identified by the Miraa Taskforce Report Implementation Technical Team as having real demand for Kenya Miraa has not been followed up;
- 10) **THAT**, further, the research on Miraa by KEMRI sanctioned by Parliament itself in 2014 and development of the Kenya Miraa Marketing Strategy by the Ministry of Agriculture that would have been the blueprint for international marketing of Miraa appears abandoned;
- 11) **THAT**, while other Miraa growing countries in the region, particularly Ethiopia that trades with Somalia is gaining comparative advantage after it opened up its boundary top facilitate Miraa trade, the prolonged closure of Kenya-Somalia boundary has made overland trading of Miraa across the border impossible, leaving farmers frustrated and impoverished for lack of other sources of livelihood;
- 12) **THAT**, on two occasions in July 2020 we have had aircrafts transporting Miraa to Somalia, having been duly cleared by the relevant authorities in Kenya and Somalia returned with the Miraa cargo, hence occasioning huge losses amounting to almost Kes20M;
- 13) **THAT**, on numerous occasions, the Petitioners and other partners in the Miraa business have been engaging the concerned authorities, including the Cabinet Secretary responsible for Agriculture, county governments and political leadership in the region to cause the National Government to engage the Government Somalia and negotiate an agreement for resumption of Miraa exports when corona pandemic situation normalizes, their efforts are yet to bear any fruit;
- 14) **THAT**, the issues in respect of which the petition is made are not pending before any court of Law or constitutional of legal body.

**THEREFORE** your humble Petitioner PRAYS that the National Assembly, through the Departmental Committee on Agriculture and Livestock: -

- (1) engages the relevant national Government Ministries responsible for Agriculture, Trade and Industry, Transport, Interior and Foreign relations with a view to seeking to reopen the border with Somalia so as to have Miraa trade with Somalia resumed forthwith;



- (2) intervenes through the Ministry of Agriculture to ensure that the recommendations of the Miraa Taskforce Report Implementation Technical Team are implemented, the Research on Miraa by KEMRI sanctioned by the National Assembly in 2014 is completed and the Kenya Miraa Marketing Strategy is developed as a blueprint for development of Miraa farming and expansion of local and international marketing of Miraa;
- (3) inquires into the utilization of funds allocated for development of Miraa farming through the Ministry of Agriculture since 2016 with a view to establishing the purposes for which such funds were utilized and whether or not whole of part of the funds so allocated were diverted to other crops;
- (4) engages with the relevant Ministry to establish the extent of utilization of the allocation for Miraa research in 2019/20 Vote D1165 Sub Vote 1165103902, Vote lines 3111300, 3111400 and 3130100 with a view to recommending appropriate action; and
- (5) intervenes through the relevant Ministries to ensure that restrictive levies imposed on Miraa trading in the country comply with the law and are harmonized across the counties.

And your **PETITIONER** will ever pray.

**PRESENTED BY:**



**HON. JOHN PAUL MWIRIGI, MP**  
**MEMBER FOR ISEMBE SOUTH CONSTITUENCY**

**DATE:** 23-09-2020

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7.	Joseph Meeema	2476213	0721249010	Joe
8.	Phineas MUEMBEI	33803373	0746859620	
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10.	Mrs Christine Rungu	7863918	0714974499	
11.	MRS. SAMUEL KALINUGA	16107681	0725096618	
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

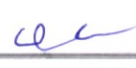





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19.	Isarah Ithallii	10487413	0792631306	Isaya
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22.	HASSAN MEEME	23754832	0710317435 <sup>45</sup>	<del>Hassan</del>
23.	RICHARD KIMATHI	13467801	0712553957	Rim
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18.	CHARITY LENKE MIMANGI	8691714	0746702511	CM
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29.	Ezekiel Mujomboti	28009131	0725692540	<del>E</del>
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21.	ANN KEMDI	27068336	0707974822	
22.	ESTHER MUEHI ITHALI	30735911	0799983222	
23.	PETER KUBAI	9704954	0724115485	
24.	JOSUA MUTHIGA	23290236	0716685784	
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9.	JOHN KAMUNDA	11027761	0792531658	
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16.	JOSEPH KAPUMA	13475144	0721798650	<i>Kapuma</i>
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19.	LARWENCIE MPORE	24773106	0713721791	<i>L</i>
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23.	JOSEPH BATHAI	1288914	0711720136	<i>Joseph</i>
24.	JAMES MUNDATHA	2437717	0721626706	<i>James</i>
25.	JAMES MUNDANDA	24551481	0707727101	<i>James</i>
26.	Brian Charles	21178973	071643384	<i>Brian</i>
27.	PETER KIUNGA	23372492	0710254472	<i>Peter</i>
28.	Isotta Kihinga	5958394	0719369306	<i>Isotta</i>
29.	Peter M. Moria	13475361	0716084627	<i>Peter</i>
30.	KIRAMBURI Julius	27663827	0727680215	<i>Julius</i>
31.	Misobirathari	2378418	07020411450	<i>Misobirathari</i>
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7.	GICHUNGE JOSEPH KINTUA	32871763	0713717468	
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12.	ANN KARIMI	26506602	0727647939	
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19.	JAMES KIMATHI	34202620	0101821716	<del>James</del>
20.	JULIUS MUTHIKA	25745381	0745956443	Julius
21.	NATHAN MWAMBIA	23043708	0727088466	<del>Nathan</del>
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23.	Alexander Mwendia	32097146	0718451625	<del>Alexander</del>
24.	Nastaly Mwendia	33877702	0705556985	<del>Nastaly</del>
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27.	JOSEPH MWENDIA	32533938	0707701683	<del>Joseph</del>
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29.	ISAAC Kirimi	13757220	0713630726	Isaac
30.	CAROLINE GAKII	33779088	0703862489	<del>Caroline</del>
31.	DANIEL K. M'NDRU	24956528	0711601023	Daniel
32.	MARTIN KINOYI	25964550	0704158409	
33.	JOHN MBOGO	8856207	0727705983	



The National Assembly

Nairobi, Kenya

21/09/2020

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**DRAW the attention of the House to the following:**

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Other prospective markets such as Djibouti, Somaliland, Mozambique, Yemen, Israel and Democratic Republic of Congo that were identified by the Miraa Taskforce Report Implementation Technical Team as having real demand for Kenya Miraa remain un-followed up and the development of the Kenya Miraa Marketing Strategy by the Ministry of Agriculture that would have been the blueprint for Miraa local and international marketing appears abandoned.

Our boundary with Somalia is also closed making overland trading of Miraa across the border impossible and giving our competitors Ethiopia advantage as theirs is open.

A number of Counties are levying very exorbitant, prohibitive levies and fees for Miraa to TRANSIT (Tana River) and or sell in the markets within their areas (Mombasa, Lamu, Malindi). Regulation of these charges again is the responsibility of the Ministry of Agriculture as per the Crops Act PART IV: 17

**THAT** Government of Kenya support for the development of the Miraa crop keeps being diverted into activities of other crops by Ministry of Agriculture. In the Financial Year 2019/20 Kes60M under the Vote D1165 State Department for Crops earmarked under Vote sub head 1165103902 Miraa crop revitalization project, Vote lines 3111300,



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3111400 and 3130100 for the development of the Miraa Research Institute and Miraa research activities such as propagation of certified Miraa seedlings was diverted to buy Macadamia seedlings.

The 50Ha land donated for the activities by the Miraa community of lembe in Ngathu Igembe North Constituency Meru County and okeyed by the County Governemnt of Meru in writing to the PS Agriculture remains idle.

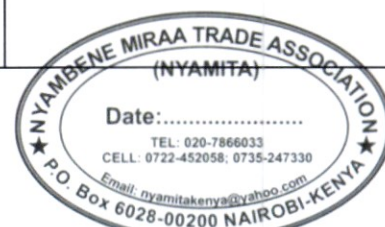
Even the Kes1B granted in 2016 by President Uhuru for cushioning Miraa farmers and traders after Miraa was banned in Europe cannot be pinpointed where it was applied. The same with the Kes1B read in the budgets for 2017/18 and 2018/19. This Financial Year 2020/21, the Ministry of Agriculture has again reduced the money available for Miraa crop to a paltry Kes200M despite having a huge backlog in activities that overflowed from the previous year.

A research on Miraa by KEMRI sanctioned by Parliament itself in 2014 has never be completed. The data collected remains yet to be analysed.

**THAT** on two occasions in July 2020 we have had aircrafts transporting Miraa to Somalia, having been duly cleared for the flights by the relevant authorities in Kenya and Somalia returned with the Miraa cargo which we had to dispose of occasioning us huge losses amounting to almost Kes20M.

**THAT** I confirm that we NYAMITA and other partners in the Miraa business have been expressing ourselves continuously to the concerned offices to engage Somalia about the resumption of Miraa exports when coronavirus disease normalized as follows;

Item No	Letter dated	Addressee	Subject Title; Author entity/Person	Date delivered/received by addressee	Remarks
1.	26/5/20	President Uhuru	Export markets for Miraa crop  NYAMITA Kimathi Munjuri-Sakijo	Sent by registered mail on 26/5/20	No reply
2.	18/5/20	CS Matiang'i	Meeting on reopening of Somalia Miraa market  NYAMITA Kimathi Munjuri-Sakijo	Received on 18/5/20	Replied that meeting to be done after the covid19 pandemic subsided



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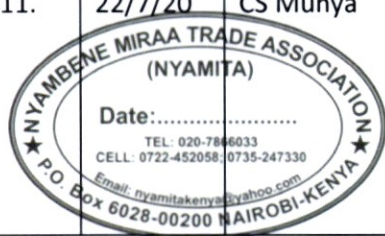
3.	18/5/20	CS Matiang'i	Engaging Somalia for Miraa crop market/New markets for Miraa  NYAMITA Kimathi Munjuri-Sakijo	Received 18/5/20	No reply
4.	26/5/20 Follow up 19/6/20	PS Kibicho	Export of Miraa to Somalia by road and sea  NYAMITA Kimathi Munjuri-Sakijo	Received 9/6/20	Replied on 24/6/20 Advised that Kenya Somalia border is officially closed so proposal declined
5.	18/5/20	CS Omamo	Meeting on reopening of Somalia Miraa market  NYAMITA Kimathi Munjuri-Sakijo	18/5/20	No reply
6.	18/5/20	CS Munya	Meeting on reopening of Somalia Miraa market  NYAMITA Kimathi Munjuri	18/5/20	Date had been set for 27/5/20 but cancelled
7.	20/4/20	CS Trade	Engaging Somalia for Miraa crop market/New markets for Miraa  NYAMITA Kimathi Munjuri-Sakijo	20/4/20	No reply
8.	6/7/20	CS Transport	Miraa transporting aircraft ordered to turn back & Hergeisa visit by GoK officials  NYAMITA Kimathi Munjuri-Sakijo	6/7/20	No reply





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9.	29/6/20	CS Transport	Somalia – Miraa transport by road  NYAMITA Kimathi Munjuri-Sakijo	29/6/20	No reply
10.	3/8/20	CS Matiang’i	Retention of restriction on flights carrying Miraa from entering Somalia  NYAMITA Kimathi Munjuri-Sakijo	3/8/20	No reply
11.	22/7/20	CS Munya	Resumption of Miraa export to Somalia – Petition to the CS  Bluebird Aviation Capt. H. Mohammed	Received by CS in person	Held a meeting on 25/6/20 attended by air operators, NYAMITA official and CS Munya. CS received the petition and undertook to push the matter to cabinet – No further update to date



On the 4<sup>th</sup> August 4 Miraa traders, Kenyans, left for Mogadishu after a meeting of traders and air operators agreed to it; to go join with the importers of Miraa in Mogadishu to engage with the Somalia officials to resume Miraa exports from Kenya by air.

This was after the Somalia authorities announced the opening of the Somalia airspace to all flights of passengers and cargo except Miraa. The communication to this effect stated a separate NOTAM would be issued regarding Miraa but which we all knew was not to be.

The traders engaged the Governor of Mogadishu, the Trade, Health and Finance Ministers and the Acting Prime Minister. The Somalia officials had issues about tax and having in place measures to curb spread of the coronavirus. After lengthy discussions, it was agreed that tax per Kilo of Miraa be USD4.00 and traders, transporters, loaders and even Miraa consumers must adhere to specified protocols to ensure the coronavirus does not spread which included washing hands/sanitizing before anyone touches Miraa, keeping 2M distance from one another, social distancing, wearing masks, not chewing Miraa in public places and not crowding.

The Kenya delegation requested that the agreed on points be written down and signed to be authoritative. The Minister for Finance made the note but it turned out it needed to



be signed by the President Farmajo. The Prime Minister could not sign because he is on acting capacity.

The written agreement was presented to the President but he rejected it all. This was on Thursday the 6<sup>th</sup> August 2020.

When this turn of events was communicated to the traders, they informed colleagues in Nairobi and it was agreed they do not return to Nairobi until they discuss the matter with President Farmajo.

They made it to meet the President on 9<sup>th</sup> August 2020.

He told them he rejected the agreement because:

1. Kenya was not treating Somalia as an equal Country;
2. Kenya was interfering with the internal affairs of Somalia;
3. Kenya had on several occasions violated the Somalia airspace and no apology had forth come;
4. Kenya had rejected products from Somalia from entering Kenya including fish, rice, sugar, honey, meats and milk;
5. Somalia residents travelling to Kenya were being forced to pass Wajir and Kenya Airways had withdrawn her flights in to Somalia.

The President said he had written to Kenya Government about these issues but no feedback had been gotten. He asked them to return home and talk to the GoK to act, talk to Mogadishu.

We held a briefing meeting attended by two airline operators, the traders who had been dispatched on the mission as above, official of NYAMITA and MP Igembe North on the 12<sup>th</sup> August 2020.

It was agreed the Hon Maore finds a way to get this message to the President for urgent required action. Hon Maore committed to give the feedback soonest he had heard from the President. This is still awaited.

Earlier on, on the 24<sup>th</sup> June, we, NYAMITA and Air operators Reps serving the Miraa industry had engaged with CS Munya Agriculture and on 19<sup>th</sup> August 2020 PS Peter Kirimi Mining about our fears and challenges in trade of Miraa in Somalia. They too undertook to get the message to the relevant GoK departments, the Cabinet and the President.



On 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2020, we saw media reports that the Governor Meru County Kiraitu had had a meeting with the President at Statehouse Nairobi. We are still awaiting a brief of what was agreed on about the Miraa trade impasse with Somalia.

On the 24<sup>th</sup> August 2020, a delegation of NYAMITA representatives held a meeting at the Senator of Meru office in Meru Town where we presented our Miraa markets issues before the Senator and 9 MPs (Hons John Paul, Kiringo, Kathuri, Kabeabea, Dr. Mutunga, Kirima, Rindikiri and Halima). They undertook to table the matter before Parliament.

Thereafter on the 5<sup>th</sup> September 2020 Miraa stakeholders met with CS Munya at his rural home where he said that the impasse with Somalia was being addressed, that there were talks going on and that we should be patient and await the outcome instead of resulting to demonstrations as had been planned. In a review meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020, we settled to give the GoK time up to 21<sup>st</sup> September to have concluded the said talks and our business to have resumed otherwise the stakeholders will sit on this day to decide on the next course of action.

**THAT** I confirm the issues in respect of which the petition is made are not pending before any court of Law or constitutional of legal body.

**Herefore your humble petitioner pray** on behalf of NYAMITA and the Miraa fraternity in Kenya that Parliament gets the relevant Government of Kenya Ministries of Agriculture, Trade & Industry, Transport, Interior and Foreign Affairs to immediately act in whatever way they will deem effective to have the Miraa trade with Somalia resumed forthwith; Miraa trade with other identified potential markets be actualized.

The stalling of the development of the Kenya Miraa marketing strategy that had been advertised by the Ministry of Agriculture be explained and options tabled.

With this is for Government of Kenya to reopen the border with Somalia or parts of it to allow Miraa trade to flow.

Also allocations to Miraa crop through the Ministry of Agriculture since 2016 and what they have been used for be explained and diversion of the allocation for Miraa research in 2019/20 Vote D1165 Sub Vote 1165103902, Vote lines 3111300, 3111400 and 3130100 be accounted for and restitution be made so that that Miraa Research Project takes off.

Provision within the relevant Ministry be made for the KEMRI research on Miraa to be completed.



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The Ministry of Agriculture be made to take charge to have illegal and restrictive levies on Miraa trading within Kenya removed and or normalized respectively.

Lastly the matter of the returned flights be explained by the Ministry of Transport and the loss we suffered be redressed.

**And your PETITIONER will ever Pray**

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C/o Nyambene Miraa Trade Association

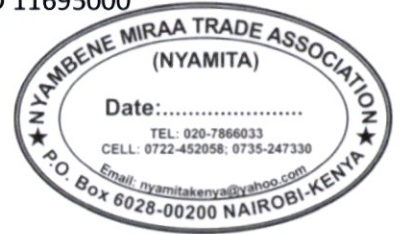
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