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Petition to the Parliament of Kenya Regarding the Unsuitability of Dr. Patrick Amoth as Director General of Health

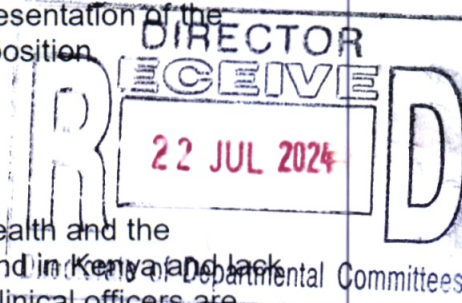
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To: Clerk , The Parliament of Kenya (Senate and National Assembly)

Subject: Petition on the Unsuitability of Dr. Patrick Amoth as Director General of Health

Introduction:

We, the Global Association of Clinical Officers and Physician Associates, are submitting this petition to express our grave concerns regarding the statements and actions of Dr. Patrick Amoth, the current Director General of Health. We believe that his remarks and policies demonstrate a fundamental misunderstanding and misrepresentation of the clinical officer profession, thereby rendering him unsuitable for his position.



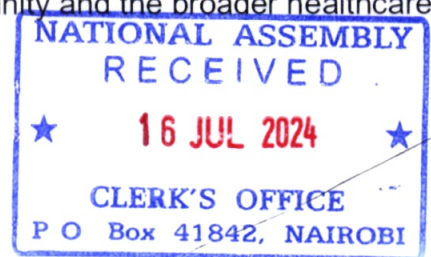
Grounds for Petition:

False and Misleading Statements:

Dr. Patrick Amoth, as the principal advisor to both the Ministry of Health and the President of Kenya, publicly stated that clinical officers are only found in Kenya and lack a career path. This statement is categorically false and baseless. Clinical officers are present in over 50 countries globally, with training programs extending up to the PhD level. Such misinformation undermines the credibility of the health sector and disrespects the clinical officer profession.

Lack of Apology or Correction:

Despite the gravity of his erroneous statement, Dr. Amoth has neither issued a public correction nor an apology. This demonstrates a lack of accountability and disregard for the impact of his words on the clinical officer community and the broader healthcare system.



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Orchestrating the Phasing Out of Clinical Officer Training:

Dr. Amoth is reportedly involved in efforts to phase out the training of clinical officers at a time when global integration and professional harmonization are critical. This move is counterproductive, especially as the East African Community is working towards the harmonization of the clinical officer profession across member countries.

Globalization and Professional Harmonization:

The clinical officer profession is crucial to the healthcare systems of many countries. In East Africa alone, a harmonization team is actively working on standardizing the profession across the region. Dr. Amoth's actions and policies threaten to isolate Kenya from this important regional and global initiative, undermining the progress towards professional recognition and mobility.

Conclusion:

In light of these points, we call on the Parliament of Kenya to critically assess the suitability of Dr. Patrick Amoth as the Director General of Health. His actions and statements have not only shown a lack of understanding of the clinical officer profession but also pose a threat to the advancement and harmonization of healthcare professions globally.

We urge the Parliament to take necessary actions to address this issue and ensure that the leadership within the Ministry of Health reflects a true understanding and support for all healthcare professionals, including clinical officers.

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