



I, the undersigned,

Citizen of the Republic of Kenya, resident of Bomet County:

DRAW the attention of the Senate to the following:

1. **THAT**, the probability for Kenya incurring any constitutional crisis for whatever reason is nearly nil.
2. **THAT**, "the beauty of the Constitution 2010, in spite of still being young and immature, so to speak, is that it is still the beautiful bundle of joy, currently bustling with joy and growing pretty fast".
3. **THAT**, Nonetheless, if the current Parliament does not keenly listen to the voices from the populace, including peculiar ones, and pro-actively expedite the introduction of suitable amendments and additions, then the growth process will be presided over by the other stakeholders who, although they are equally important, may not have suitable nationally established systems and structures; and hence the they may easily, albeit inadvertently, push the growth process out of control.
4. **THAT**, the achievement of any upgrades in the democratic system will always come at a high cost. But it is definitely better and affordable for Kenyans if the cost is largely financial; which includes funding of a referendum on Constitution.
5. **THAT**, in spite of the due prominence given in the Constitution to the political rights, systems and structures, there have been challenges in the process of implementation and further development. Sadly, the challenges in the political arena invariably impede the constitutional development of other, equally significant but relatively undeveloped areas; namely, cultural, social and economic.

6. **THAT**, there is no denying that the journey toward accomplishment of the gender principle, as stipulated in Article 81(b) and other related provisions in Article 21, 27 and 100, has been sluggish, and even sometimes seemed elusive, and eventually delayed. Nevertheless, this petitioner wishes to reserve any adverse comment beyond that because he has earlier submitted another petition in respect of a political system that may potentially be a panacea to Kenya's political, social and economic challenges. Therefore, in the meantime, it is prudent and imperative to put forward for consideration a proposal for a transitional constitutional solution.
7. **THAT**, Parliament is the right body to address these issues, including in making proposals for relevant amendments to the Constitution and other laws. Consequently, I have brought this petition before the Senate as the first port of call.

Petition to the Senate by Major (Rtd) Joel Kiprono Rop concerning the One-Third Gender Rule and Proposed Way Forward in Kenya

WHEREFORE, your humble petitioner prays that the Senate-

- 1) Initiates the process of amending the Constitution and all relevant laws to sort out the current one-third gender apparent stalemate and beyond, to incorporate the following main pillars:
 - a) Reconstitution of the Senate to include the following arrangements:
 - i. Transfer to the Senate of the 47 women who were elected as County Women's Representatives and currently sitting in the National Assembly. It should be observed that those women are as good county representatives as the Senators and should be Senators in their own right;
 - ii. Reduction and Restriction of the nominations to the Senate to a few representatives of special interest groups; namely physically disabled and other minorities.
 - b) Reconstitution of the National Assembly to include the following arrangements:
 - i. Nomination of two women from each county; through their county assembly. One of the two female MP's will be a young woman and the other one an elderly woman; the age cutline between the "young" and "elderly" will have to be determined and incorporated in the Constitution.
 - ii. Reduction and Restriction of the nominations to the National Assembly to a few representatives of special interest groups; namely physically disabled and other minorities.

Dated this 11th day of May 2015.

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