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RELATIONS


REPORT ON PARTICIPATION AT THE 38TH AFRICAN UNION SUMMIT HELD IN ADDIS
ABABA, ETHIOPIA FOR THE ELECTION OF THE 6TH CHAIRPERSON OF THE AFRICAN
UNION COMMISSION FROM 12TH TO 17TH FEBRUARY 2025

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ABBREVIATIONS

AU	-	African Union
AUC	-	African Union Commission
AUDA	-	African Union Development Agency
EAC	-	East African Union
EC	-	Executive Council
ExCom	-	Executive Committee
NEPAD	-	New Partnership for Africa's Development
OAU	-	Organization of the African Union
ODM	-	Orange Democratic Movement
PRC	-	Permanent Representatives Committee
PSC	-	Peace and Security Council
REC	-	Regional Economic Communities
RM	-	Regional Mechanisms
UNFCCC	-	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
WDM-K	-	Wiper Democratic Movement Kenya
UDA	-	United Democratic Alliance
UDM	-	United Democratic Movement

1.0 PREFACE

1.1 Committee Establishment and Mandate

1. The Departmental Committee on Defence, Intelligence and Foreign Relations is one of the Departmental Committees of the National Assembly established under Standing Order 216 whose mandates pursuant to the Standing Order 216 (5) includes to:
 - a) To 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) To study the programme and policy objectives of Ministries and departments and the effectiveness of the implementation.
 - c) On a quarterly basis, monitor and report on the implementation of the national budget in respect of its mandate.
 - d) To study and review all legislation referred to it;
 - e) To study, assess and analyze the relative success of the Ministries and departments as measured by the results obtained as compared with their stated objectives;
 - f) To 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;
 - g) Vet and report on all appointments where the Constitution or any other law requires the National Assembly to approve, except those under Standing Order 204 (*Committee on Appointments*);
 - h) To examine treaties, agreements, and conventions;
 - i) To make reports and recommendations to the House as often as possible, including recommendations of proposed legislation;
 - j) To consider reports of Commissions and Independent Offices submitted to the House pursuant to the provisions of Article 254 of the Constitution; and

1.2 Committee Subjects

2. The subject matter of the Committee is stated in the Second Schedule of the National Assembly Standing Orders and includes: *defence, intelligence, foreign relations, diplomatic and consular services, international boundaries including territorial waters, international relations, and veteran affairs.*
3. In executing its mandate, the Committee oversees the following government Ministries, Departments, and Agencies (MDAs):
 - a) The Ministry of Defence,
 - b) The Ministry of Foreign and Diaspora Affairs
 - c) The State Department for East African Community Affairs (EAC).
 - d) The National Intelligence Service

1.3 Committee Membership

4. The Committee was initially constituted by the House on **27th October 2022** and further reconstituted on **6th March 2025** comprising the following Members:

Chairperson

Hon. Koech Nelson, CBS, M.P.

Belgut Constituency

UDA Party

Vice-Chairperson

Hon. Maj. (Rtd.) Sheikh Abdullahi Bashir, M.P.

Mandera North Constituency

UDM Party

Members

Hon. Wanjira Martha Wangari, CBS, MP,
Gilgil Constituency

UDA Party

Hon. Joshua Kandie, MP
Baringo Central Constituency

UDA Party

Hon. Hassan Abdi Yusuf, CBS, MP
Kamukunji Constituency

Jubilee Party

Hon. Kwenya Thuku Zachary, MP
Kinangop Constituency

Jubilee Party

Hon. Odhiambo Millie G. Akoth, CBS, MP
Suba North Constituency

ODM Party

Hon. Logova Sloya Clement, MP
Sabatia Constituency

UDA Party

Hon. Kanchory Elijah Memusi, MP
Kajiado Central Constituency

ODM Party

Hon. Ikana Fredrick Lusuli, MP
Shinyalu Constituency

ANC Party

Hon. (Dr.) Kasalu Irene Muthoni, MP
Kitui County

WDM-K

Hon. Mohamed A. Hussein, MP
Lagdera Constituency

ODM Party

Hon. Kirima Moses Nguchine, MP
Imenti Central Constituency

UDA Party

Hon. Anne Wanjiku Muratha, M.P.
Kiambu County

UDA Party

Hon. Luyai Caleb Amisi, MP
Saboti Constituency

ODM Party

1.4 Secretariat

5. The Committee is facilitated by the following staff:

Mr. Dennis Mogare Ogechi
First Clerk Assistant / Head of Secretariat

Mr. Abdi Salat
Principal Serjeant-At-Arms II

Mr. Bernard Njeru
Clerk Assistant III

Ms. Noelle Chelagat
Media Relations Officer I

Mr. Edwin Machuki
Fiscal Analyst II

Mr. John Ng'ang'a
Audio officer II

Mr. Martin Sigei
Research Officer III

Mr. Lenny Muchangi
Legal Counsel II

1.5 Delegation

6. The delegation that participated in the AU Assembly was comprised of:

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| 1) Hon. Nelson Koech, M.P. | -Chairperson/Leader of the Delegation |
| 2) Hon. Maj. (Rtd.) Sheikh Abdullahi Bashir, M.P | -Vice-Chairperson |
| 3) Hon. Odhiambo Millie G. Akoth, MP | -Member |
| 4) Mr. Lenny Muchangi | -Delegation Secretary |

1.6 Acknowledgement

7. The Delegation is thankful to the Offices of the Speaker and the Clerk of the National Assembly for the logistical and technical support given to it during its preparation and actual participation in the Conference.
8. It is, therefore my pleasant duty and privilege, on behalf of the delegation and by extension the Departmental Committee on Defence, Intelligence, and Foreign Relations, to present to the House the Report on the Participation at the 38th Ordinary Session of the African Union for the Election of the 6th Chairperson of the African Union Commission held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 12th to 17th February 2025.

2.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2.1 Establishment of the African Union (AU)

9. The African Union (AU) was officially launched in July 2002 in Durban, South Africa, following a decision in September 1999 by its predecessor, the Organization of African Unity (OAU), to create a new continental organization to build on its work. All 55 African countries are Member States of the African Union.
10. The OAU was formed in 1963 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, by the 32 African states that had achieved independence at the time. A further 21 members joined gradually, reaching a total of 53 by the time of the AU's launch in 2002.
11. In 2011, South Sudan became the 54th Member State, and in 2017, Morocco became the 55th Member State.
12. The OAU's main objectives were to: promote the unity and solidarity of African states; coordinate and intensify their cooperation and efforts to achieve a better life for the peoples of Africa; safeguard the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Member States; rid the continent of colonization and apartheid; promote international cooperation within the United Nations framework; and harmonize members' political, diplomatic, economic, educational, cultural, health, welfare, scientific, technical and defence policies.
13. The OAU operated on the basis of its Charter and the 1991 Treaty Establishing the African Economic Community (known as the Abuja Treaty). Through the 1990s, leaders debated the need to amend the OAU's structures to reflect the challenges of a changing world. The creation of the AU shifted focus from supporting liberation from colonialism and apartheid to spearheading Africa's development and integration.
14. The vision for the Union included accelerating the process of integration in Africa; supporting the empowerment of African states in the global economy; addressing the multifaceted social, economic, and political problems facing the continent; and promoting peace, security, stability, democracy, good governance and human rights.
15. The Commission is the AU's Secretariat: It is based in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, and is composed of an elected chairperson, deputy chairperson, six commissioners, and staff.
16. The AU vision is: An integrated, prosperous, and peaceful Africa, driven by its own citizens and representing a dynamic force in the global arena.
17. Agenda 2063, officially adopted by the AU Assembly in 2015, provides a collective vision and roadmap to build a peaceful, prosperous, and united Africa, based on shared values and a common destiny.
18. Under Article 3 of the Constitutive Act of the African Union (2000) and the Protocol to the Act (2003), the Union's objectives are to:
 - a) Achieve greater unity and solidarity between African countries and the peoples of Africa.
 - b) Defend the sovereignty, territorial integrity and independence of its Member States.

- c) Accelerate the political and socio-economic integration of the continent.
- d) Promote and defend African Common Positions on issues of interest to the continent and its peoples.
- e) Encourage international cooperation, taking due account the United Nations Charter and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.
- f) Promote peace, security and stability on the continent.
- g) Promote democratic principles and institutions, popular participation and good governance.
- h) Promote and protect human and peoples' rights in accordance with the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights and other relevant human rights instruments.
- i) Establish the necessary conditions that enable the continent to play its rightful role in the global economy and in international negotiations.
- j) Promote sustainable development at the economic, social and cultural levels as well as the integration of African economies.
- k) Promote cooperation in all fields of human activity to raise the living standards of African peoples.
- l) Coordinate and harmonize policies between the existing and future Regional Economic Communities for the gradual attainment of the objectives of the Union.
- m) Advance the development of the continent by promoting research in all fields, in particular in science and technology.
- n) Work with relevant international partners in the eradication of preventable diseases and the promotion of good health on the continent.
- o) Ensure the effective participation of women in decision-making, particularly in the political, economic, and socio-cultural areas.
- p) Develop and promote common policies on trade, defence, and foreign relations to ensure the defence of the continent and the strengthening of its negotiating positions.
- q) Invite and encourage the full participation of the African diaspora, as an important part of the continent, in the building of the Union.

2.2 The Assembly of the African Union

19. The Assembly is the African Union's (AU's) supreme organ and comprises Heads of State and Government from all 55 Member States. It determines the AU's policies, establishes its priorities, adopts its annual programme, and monitors the implementation of its policies and decisions.
20. In addition, the Assembly:
- a) Elects the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson of the African Union Commission (AUC).
 - b) Appoints the AUC Commissioners and determine their functions and terms of office.
 - c) Admits new members to the AU.
 - d) Adopts the AU budget.
 - e) Takes decisions on important AU matters.
 - f) Amends the Constitutive Act in conformity with the laid-down procedures.
 - g) Interprets the Constitutive Act.
 - h) Approves the structure, functions, and regulations of the AU Commission.
 - i) Determines the structure, functions, powers, composition, and organization of the Executive Council.

21. The Assembly can create any committee, working group or commission as it deems necessary. It can also delegate its powers and functions to other AU organs, as appropriate.
22. On peace and security matters, the Assembly delegated its powers to the Peace and Security Council (PSC) when the Council became operational in 2004. The Council was established in 2003 to be the standing decision-making organ for the prevention, management, and resolution of conflicts (Protocol on Amendments to the Constitutive Act, article 9).
23. Provisions governing the Assembly's composition, functions and powers, voting, and procedures are contained in Articles 6 to 9 of the Constitutive Act and the Protocol on Amendments to the Constitutive Act. Section 1, rule 4 of the Assembly Rules of Procedure, as amended in 2021, elaborates on the Assembly's functions and powers.

2.3 Meetings

24. Article 6 of the AU Constitutive Act provides for the Assembly to meet in ordinary session at least once a year and in extraordinary session on request by a Member State and approved by a two-thirds majority of Member States.
25. In 2004, the Assembly decided it would meet in Assembly ordinary session twice a year (Assembly/AU/Dec.53(III)). Sessions usually take place in late January or early February at AU Headquarters in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, and in June or July hosted by a Member State.
26. In January 2018, the Assembly decided that ordinary sessions would be held once a year from 2019 (Assembly/AU/Dec.687(XXX)), and they have since been held in February each year.
27. In place of the June/July session, the Assembly Bureau holds a coordination meeting with the Regional Economic Communities (RECs), with the participation of the Chairpersons of the RECs, Regional Mechanisms (RMs), and the Commission (Assembly/AU/Dec.798(XXXIV)).
28. Under rule 8 of the Assembly Rules of Procedure, as amended in 2021, the Assembly adopts its own agenda at the opening of each session. The provisional agenda and working documents for an ordinary session are prepared by the Commission 60 days before the opening session and submitted to the Permanent Representatives Committee (PRC) and Executive Council.

3.0 KEY OUTCOMES OF THE AFRICAN UNION SUMMIT 38TH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE ASSEMBLY

29. The 38th Ordinary Session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the African Union took place between 15th and 16th February 2025. This was preceded by the 49th Ordinary Session of the Permanent Representatives Committee (PRC) held from 14th to 31st January 2025, and the 46th Ordinary Session of the Executive Council held between 12th and 13th February 2025.
30. The African Union theme of the year 2025 was focus on Reparatory Justice and Racial Healing Under the Theme: “Justice for Africans and People of African Descent Through Reparations.
31. The Assembly of Heads of State and Government considered and made far-reaching decisions on various political and socio-economic areas to promote and advance the welfare and quality of life for the African citizenry. The Assembly considered various reports, including, but not limited to;
 - (a) Institutional reforms of the African Union;
 - (b) State of peace and security in Africa and activities of the Peace and Security Council;
 - (c) Participation of the African Union at the G20;
 - (d) Report of the African Peer Review Forum (APR Forum) on governance issues;
 - (e) Report of the AUDA-NEPAD Heads of State and Government Orientation Committee that provides policy guidance and monitor progress on the implementation of AUDA- NEPAD activities;
 - (f) Report of the Committee of Ten (C-10) Heads of State and Government on the Reform of the United Nations Security Council;
 - (g) Presentation on Theme of the Year 2025;
 - (h) Report of the AU High Level Committee in Libya;
 - (i) Report of the Heads of State and Government Committee on Climate Change;
 - (j) Report on the implementation of Theme of the year 2024 on Education;
 - (k) Report on the situation in Palestine;
 - (l) Report on draft legal instruments;
 - (m) Report of the Chairperson of the African Union Commission;
 - (n) Accelerating Access to Clean Cooking Solutions in Africa;
 - (o) Draft Declaration on the Situation in Haiti;
 - (p) Adoption of the 2024 Declaration of the 6th Mid-Year Coordination meeting held in Ghana in July 2024 and the date and venue of the 7th Mid-Year Coordination meeting.
32. The Assembly also conducted elections and appointment of the African Union Commission Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson. The Assembly appointed five Members of the Peace and Security Council.
33. The Chairperson of the AUC is the Chief Executive Officer, legal representative of the AU and the AU Commission Chief Accounting Officer. The Chairperson is elected by the Assembly for a four-year term, renewable once. The Chairperson’s functions, include, among others, the overall responsibility for the Commission’s administration and finances; promoting and popularising the AU’s objectives and enhancing its performance;

consulting and coordinating with key stakeholders like Member States, Regional Economic Communities (RECS), and development partners, among other stakeholders; appointing and managing Commission staff; and acting as a depository for all African Union and the Organization of African Unity treaties and legal instruments.

34. The candidates for the position of Chairperson for the African Union Commission were—
 - (a) H.E. Mahmoud Ali Youssef – Djibouti
 - (b) H.E Raila Amolo Odinga – Kenya
 - (c) H.E Richard Randriamandrato – Madagascar
35. The elections were preceded by a final debate among the three aforementioned candidates who were asked four rounds of questions from an independent panel and thereafter made a final pitch for their candidacy.
36. The elections of the African Union Commission are governed by the AU Assembly Rules of Procedure and the AU Commission Statutes. Rule 38 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly of the Union provides that the Assembly shall elect the Chairperson of the Commission and his/her Deputy by secret ballot and two-thirds majority of Member States eligible to vote.
37. H.E Mahmoud Ali Youssef garnered the required two thirds majority votes of the 49-member states eligible to vote, since 6 AU member states are under sanctions and therefore ineligible to vote. H.E Mahmoud Ali Youssef took over from the former Chairperson H.E Moussa Faki Mahmat who had served for two consecutive terms since 2017.

4.0 OBSERVATIONS

38. The delegation observed that:

- a) Kenya is a committed member of the African Union and was dedicated to preventive diplomacy, peacekeeping, conflict resolution, and post-conflict reconstruction across Africa. Kenya continued to maintain the firm position that her prosperity is inextricably linked to peace and stability in the continent and the need to enhance regional peace and security.
- b) The election of the 6th Chairperson of the African Union Commission were consistent with the rules of procedure and other governing laws thereby leading to a fair and credible election.
- c) Kenya expressed overwhelming support of their candidate H.E Raila Amolo Odinga for the position of the Chairperson of the African Union Commission.
- d) Although H.E Raila Amolo Odinga did not garner the required two thirds majority for election as Chairperson of the African Union Commission, the candidate enjoyed great support from the East African Community as well as other African Member States.
- e) The Ministry of Foreign and Diaspora Affairs did not efficiently discharge its mandate of facilitating the delegation to procure the necessary passes to access the African Union Headquarters at Addis Ababa.

5.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

39. The delegation recommends that the Ministry of Foreign and Diaspora Affairs should:

- a) Ensure that the involvement of the National Assembly (Committee on Defence, Intelligence and Foreign Relations) in African Union forums should be preceded by structured engagement with the Committee especially with regard to prior briefing on the agenda and Kenya’s position on various agenda items.
- b) Ensure that it prioritizes facilitation of participants on an official capacity to international events in order to avoid delays in procuring the necessary passes and ensure compliance with the necessary protocols.

SIGNED.....  DATE 03/12/2025

**HON. MAJ. (RTD.) SHEIKH ABDULLAHI BASHIR, M.P.
VICE-CHAIRPERSON, DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON DEFENCE,
INTELLIGENCE, AND FOREIGN RELATIONS**





REPUBLIC OF KENYA
THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
13TH PARLIAMENT – FOURTH SESSION- 2025

DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON DEFENCE, INTELLIGENCE, AND
FOREIGN RELATIONS.

REPORT ADOPTION LIST

REPORT ON:

PARTICIPATION AT THE 38TH AFRICAN UNION SUMMIT HELD IN ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA FOR THE ELECTION OF THE 6TH CHAIRPERSON OF THE AFRICAN UNION COMMISSION.

We, Members of the Departmental Committee on Defence, Intelligence, and Foreign Relations, have pursuant to Standing Order 199, adopted this Report and affix our signatures to affirm our approval and confirm its accuracy, validity and authenticity today, **Tuesday 1st July, 2025.**

	NAME	SIGNATURE
1.	The Hon. Koech Nelson, CBS, M.P. (Chairperson)	
2.	The Hon. Maj. (Rtd.) Sheikh Abdullahi Bashir, M.P. (Vice Chairperson)	
3.	The Hon. Yusuf Hassan Abdi, CBS, M.P.	
4.	The Hon. Wanjira Martha Wangari, CBS, M.P.	
5.	The Hon. Odhiambo Millie Grace Akoth, CBS, M.P.	
6.	The Hon. Kanchory Elijah Memusi, M.P.	
7.	The Hon. (Dr.) Kasalu Irene Muthoni, M.P..	
8.	The Hon. Kirima Moses Nguchine, M.P.	
9.	The Hon. Kandie Joshua Chepyegon, M.P.	
10.	The Hon. Kwenya Thuku Zachary, M.P.	
11.	The Hon. Luyai Caleb Amisi, M.P.	
12.	The Hon. Muratha Anne Wanjiku, M.P.	
13.	The Hon. Logova Sloya Clement, M.P.	
14.	The Hon. Ikana Fredrick Lusuli, M.P.	
15.	The Hon. Mohamed Abdikadir Hussein, M.P.	



THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
13TH PARLIAMENT - FOURTH SESSION (2025)
DIRECTORATE OF DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEES
DC- DEFENCE, INTELLIGENCE AND FOREIGN RELATIONS

MINUTES OF THE 36TH SITTING OF THE DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON DEFENCE, INTELLIGENCE, AND FOREIGN RELATIONS HELD ON TUESDAY, 1ST JULY 2025 AT 11:00 A.M. IN BUNGE TOWER, 5TH FLOOR, COMMITTEE ROOM 22, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS.

PRESENT

1. **The Hon. Koech Nelson, CBS, M.P.** - **Chairperson**
2. **The Hon. Maj. (Rtd.) Sheikh Abdullahi Bashir, M.P.** - **Vice-Chairperson**
3. The Hon. Wanjira Martha Wangari, CBS, M.P.
4. The Hon. (Dr.) Kasalu Irene Muthoni, M.P.
5. The Hon. Kirima Moses Nguchine, M.P.
6. The Hon. Luyai Caleb Amisi, M.P.
7. The Hon. Ikana Fredrick Lusuli, M.P.
8. The Hon. Mohamed Abdikadir Hussein, M.P.

APOLOGIES

1. The Hon. Odhiambo Millie Grace Akoth, CBS, M.P.
2. The Hon. Yusuf Hassan Abdi, CBS, M.P.
3. The Hon. Kanchory Elijah Memusi, M.P.
4. The Hon. Kandie Joshua Chepyegon, M.P.
5. The Hon. Kwenya Thuku Zachary, M.P.
6. The Hon. Muratha Anne Wanjiku, M.P.
7. The Hon. Logova Sloya Clement, M.P.

IN ATTENDANCE

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

1. Mr. Bernard Nthiga - Clerk Assistant III
2. Mr. Lenny Muchangi - Legal Counsel II
3. Ms. Noelle Chelagat - Media Relations Officer I
4. Mr. Alex Amwata - Hansard Reporter II
5. Ms. Ryan Kipsang - Audio Intern

AGENDA

1. Preliminaries – Prayers, Adoption of the Agenda
2. Communication from the Chair
3. Confirmation of minutes of the previous meeting
4. **Consideration and Adoption of a Report on participation at the 38th African Union Summit held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, for the election of the 6th Chairperson of the African Union Commission**

5. **Consideration of Business pending before the Committee**
6. Any Other Business
7. Adjournment/Date of the next Sitting

MIN.NO. DDC/DIFR/183/2025:

PRELIMINARIES

The meeting was called to order at 11:25 a.m. and prayer was said. The agenda above was unanimously adopted, having been proposed by Hon. (Dr.) Kasalu Irene Muthoni, M.P. and seconded by Hon. Mohamed Abdikadir Hussein, M.P.

MIN.NO. DDC/DIFR/184/2025:

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS SITTINGS.

Confirmation of Minutes of the previous meetings was deferred to a later date.

MIN.NO. DDC/DIFR/185/2025:

CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF A REPORT ON PARTICIPATION AT THE 38TH AFRICAN UNION SUMMIT HELD IN ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA, FOR THE ELECTION OF THE 6TH CHAIRPERSON OF THE AFRICAN UNION COMMISSION.

The Report on participation at the 38th African Union Summit held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, for the election of the 6th Chairperson of the African Union Commission, was adopted having been proposed by Hon. Wanjira Martha Wangari, CBS, M.P., and seconded by Hon. Ikana Fredrick Lusuli, M.P.

It was adopted with the following observations and recommendations:

OBSERVATIONS

The Committee observed that:

- a) Kenya is a committed member of the African Union and was dedicated to preventive diplomacy, peacekeeping, conflict resolution, and post-conflict reconstruction across Africa. Kenya continued to maintain the firm position that her prosperity is inextricably linked to peace and stability in the continent and the need to enhance regional peace and security.
- b) The election of the 6th Chairperson of the African Union Commission were consistent with the rules of procedure and other governing laws thereby leading to a fair and credible election.
- c) Kenya expressed overwhelming support of their candidate H.E Raila Amolo Odinga for the position of the Chairperson of the African Union Commission.
- d) Although H.E. Raila Amolo Odinga did not garner the required two thirds majority for election as Chairperson of the African Union Commission, the candidate enjoyed great support from the East African Community as well as other African Member States.
- e) The Ministry of Foreign and Diaspora Affairs did not efficiently discharge its mandate of facilitating the delegation to procure the necessary passes to access the African Union Headquarters at Addis Ababa.
- f) There were inadequate preparations for the elections despite the activity having been adequately budgeted for.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The delegation recommended that:

- a) The involvement of the Committee in African Union forums should be preceded by structured engagement with the Ministry of Foreign and Diaspora Affairs, especially with regard to prior briefing on the agenda and Kenya's position on various agenda items.
- b) The Ministry of Foreign and Diaspora Affairs should ensure that it prioritizes facilitation of participants on an official capacity to international events in order to avoid delays in procuring the necessary passes and ensure compliance with the necessary protocols.
- c) The Ministry of Foreign and Diaspora Affairs to fully facilitate the parliamentary delegations participating in by deploying a liaison officer to guide and facilitate the delegation throughout the exercise to avoid inconveniences.
- d) The Ministry of Foreign and Diaspora Affairs to establish structured strategies for engaging with other countries.

MIN.NO. DDC/DIFR/186/2025:

CONSIDERATION OF BUSINESS PENDING BEFORE THE COMMITTEE.

The Committee noted that the inquiry into the conduct of the British Army Training Unit in Kenya (BATUK) was ongoing, seven requests for statements were pending before the Committee, three of which were pending responses from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and four from the Ministry of Defence. The committee was informed that the Cabinet Secretary for Defence has been invited to appear before the committee to respond to a statement in the presence of Hon. Abdi Ali Abdi, M.P. for Ijara after the Member expressed dissatisfaction with the statement from the Ministry

The Committee expressed displeasure with the Ministry of Foreign and Diaspora Affairs for not responding to the requests for the statements despite having been given the timelines.

RESOLUTIONS

The Committee resolved that:

1. The Ministry of Foreign and Diaspora Affairs be invited to brief the committee on:
 - i. the Participation at the 38th African Union Summit held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, for the election of the 6th Chairperson of the African Union Commission, and
 - ii. on the challenges they experience in responding to the Statements

MIN.NO. DDC/DIFR/187/2025:

ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

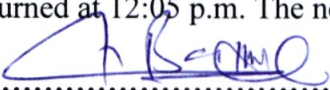
The Hon. Ikana Fredrick Lusuli, M.P. inquired on the Progress of the scheduled retreat with the Ministry of Defence on Defence Industrialization.

The Committee was informed that the Chairperson was in consultation with the Ministry and the office of the clerk and will be communicated in due.

MIN.NO. DDC/DIFR/188/2025:

ADJOURNMENT AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m. The next meeting will be held on notice.

SIGNED:  DATE: 03/12/2025

**THE HON. NELSON KOECH, CBS, M.P.
CHAIRPERSON, DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON DEFENCE, INTELLIGENCE
AND FOREIGN RELATIONS.**