

# Annexure 5

**Communication issued  
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National Assembly  
on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2024**



**REPUBLIC OF KENYA**  
**THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT - (THIRD SESSION)**  
**THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR**

*(No. 003 of 2024)*

ON :

**REPORT OF THE MULTI-SECTORAL WORKING GROUP ON THE  
REALISATION OF THE TWO-THIRDS GENDER PRINCIPLE**

- 1. Honourable Members,** I wish to notify you that I am in receipt of the Report of the Multi-Sectoral Working Group on the Realisation of the Two-Thirds Gender Principle as submitted by the Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Gender, Culture, The Arts and Heritage, Hon. Aisha Jumwa. The Report is scheduled for tabling by the Hon. Majority Leader today.
- 2. As you are aware Honourable Members,** the Multi-Sectoral Working Group was appointed by H.E The President to develop and recommend a framework for the implementation of the Two-Thirds Gender Principle as provided for in Articles 27(8) and 81(b) of the Constitution.
- 3. Honourable Members,** I have had a chance to peruse the Report of the Multi-Sectoral Working Group and I have observed that the Report recommends constitutional amendments to provide for gender **top up** through party lists. This is akin to the practice obtaining in our county assemblies. The Multi-Sectoral Working Group has also recommended that the Elections Act, 2011 be amended to provide for submission of

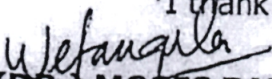
party lists that comply with the Two-Thirds Gender Principle. Further, the Report recommends that the Political Parties Act, 2011 be amended to provide for establishment of the Women Inclusion and Political Participation Fund for purposes of financing education and training, mentorship and capacity building, including support for women seeking elective positions.

4. Additionally, **Honourable Members**, the Multi-Sectoral Working Group has recommended the enactment of Equality Law and legislation to implement Article 100 of the Constitution. Further, the Working Group has also made a raft of recommendations that require administrative action aimed at achieving gender equality and empowerment of women.
5. **Honourable Members**, it is notable that the Report of the Multi-Sectoral Working Group comes at an opportune time as you will recall that last week, this House adopted the Report of the National Dialogue Committee. On the issue of the Two-Thirds Gender Principle, the Committee recommended that **the Multi-Sectoral Working Group on the Realisation of the Two-Thirds Gender Principle does finalize its work, and recommend a framework of implementation of the Two-Thirds Gender Principle and submit its report to Parliament for consideration.**
6. Further, **Honourable Members**, as you may be aware, last week, the Leadership of both Houses of Parliament also held a meeting with the Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Gender, Culture, the Arts and Heritage, and the Multi-Sectoral Working Group. During the meeting, the commitment of Parliament towards ensuring the implementation of the Two-Thirds Gender Principle was reiterated and reaffirmed. The

Rt. Hon. Speaker of the Senate and I also met the Cabinet Secretary and the Working Group, during which we advised the Working Group to expeditiously finalize its work and forward its report to Parliament for consideration. Subsequently, the Multi-Sectoral Working Group having concluded on its Report, the ball is now in the court of this House and the Senate to consider the Report.

7. **Honourable Members**, it is on this background that I now wish to bring to the attention of the House the Report together with the annexed legislative instruments. As I stated earlier, the Report is scheduled for tabling by the Leader of Majority Party today. Upon tabling, the Report shall stand committed to the Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs for consideration and appropriate action, at the earliest available opportunity. Additionally, noting the centrality of this Report towards ensuring the implementation of the Two-Thirds Gender Principle, I advise that the House Business Committee does prioritize the consideration of the Report.
8. The House is accordingly guided.

I thank you!

  
**THE RT. HON. (DR.) MOSES F.M. WETANG'ULA, EGH, MP**  
**SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2024

