 <b>THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY</b> <b>PAPERS LAID</b>	
DATE: <b>24 FEB 2026</b>	DAY: TUESDAY
TABLED BY:	HON. NELSON KOSGEY (CHAIRPERSON)
CLERK-AT-THE-TABLE:	MRS. MWALES

*Approved*  
SNA  
24/2/26



**THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT- FIFTH SESSION - 2026**

**DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON DEFENCE, INTELLIGENCE AND FOREIGN RELATIONS**

**REPORT ON:**

**APPROVAL HEARING OF CANON (DR.) IDA BETTY ODINGA, EGH FOR APPOINTMENT AS PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME (UNEP)**

**CLERK'S CHAMBERS  
DIRECTORATE OF DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEES  
PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS  
NAIROBI**

**FEBRUARY, 2026**



## TABLE OF CONTENTS

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS .....	2
LIST OF ANNEXURES .....	3
CHAIRPERSON'S FOREWORD .....	4
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY .....	5
<b>1.0 PREFACE .....</b>	<b>7</b>
1.1 INTRODUCTION .....	7
1.2 ESTABLISHMENT AND MANDATE OF THE COMMITTEE .....	7
1.3 COMMITTEE SUBJECTS .....	7
1.4 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP .....	8
1.5 COMMITTEE SECRETARIAT .....	9
<b>2.0 BACKGROUND .....</b>	<b>10</b>
2.1 THE OFFICE OF THE AMBASSADOR/PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE .....	10
2.2 NOTIFICATION OF THE NOMINATION .....	10
2.3 NOTIFICATION TO THE HOUSE AND REFERRAL TO THE COMMITTEE .....	10
2.4 NOTIFICATION TO THE PUBLIC .....	11
2.5 NOTIFICATION TO THE NOMINEE .....	11
2.6 CLEARANCE AND COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS .....	11
2.7 ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION DURING THE APPROVAL HEARINGS .....	12
2.8 MEMORANDA FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC IN RESPECT OF THE NOMINEE .....	14
<b>3.0 APPROVAL HEARING OF CANON (DR.) IDA BETTY ODINGA, EGH FOR APPOINTMENT AS PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME (UNEP) .....</b>	<b>15</b>
3.1 QUESTIONS FROM THE GENERAL QUESTIONNAIRE .....	15
3.2 GENERAL AND MISSION-SPECIFIC QUESTIONS TO THE NOMINEE .....	16
3.3 COMMITTEE'S OBSERVATIONS ON THE SUITABILITY OF THE NOMINEE .....	18
<b>4.0 COMMITTEE'S GENERAL OBSERVATIONS .....</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>5.0 COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS .....</b>	<b>21</b>

## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

ANC	Amani National Congress
BA	Bachelor of Arts
Cap.	Chapter (of the Laws of Kenya)
CBS	Chief of the Burning Spear
DCI	Directorate of Criminal Investigations
EACC	Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission
EGH	Elder of the Order of the Golden Heart
H.E.	His Excellency
HELB	Higher Education Loans Board
ICT	Information and Communication Technology
IOT	Ida Odinga Trust
KRA	Kenya Revenue Authority
MDAs	Ministries, Departments and Agencies
MP	Member of Parliament
ODM	Orange Democratic Movement
ODPP	Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions
ORPP	Office of the Registrar of Political Parties
SDGs	Sustainable Development Goals
UDM	United Democratic Movement
UN	United Nations
UNEA	United Nations Environment Assembly
UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme
UNON	United Nations Office at Nairobi
WDM-K	Wiper Democratic Movement of Kenya

## LIST OF ANNEXURES

- Annexure 1: Transmittal letter from H.E. the President regarding parliamentary approval of the nominee for appointment to the Foreign Service
- Annexure 2: Message from the Hon. Speaker of the National Assembly to the House regarding nomination of one (1) person for appointment as Ambassador/Permanent Representative
- Annexure 3: Advertisement notifying the public of the approval hearing and submission of memoranda
- Annexure 4: Letter from the Clerk of the National Assembly inviting the nominee for the approval hearing
- Annexure 5: Letters from the Clerk of the National Assembly to EACC, KRA, DCI, ODPP, ORPP and HELB requesting information on the nominee
- Annexure 6: Letters of clearance from EACC, KRA, DCI, ODPP, ORPP and HELB
- Annexure 7: Nominee's Clearance Certificates from EACC, KRA, DCI, ORPP, HELB and Credit Reference Bureau
- Annexure 8: Nominee's curriculum vitae
- Annexure 9: Minutes of the sittings of the Committee
- Annexure 10: Committee's Report Adoption Schedule

## CHAIRPERSON'S FOREWORD

This report details the proceedings of the Departmental Committee on Defence, Intelligence, and Foreign Relations during the approval hearings of Canon (Dr.) Ida Betty Odinga, EGH, nominated for appointment as Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kenya to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). The purpose of the approval hearing was to ascertain the suitability of the nominee to discharge the responsibilities of the office to which she had been nominated.

The Committee is established pursuant to Article 124(1) of the Constitution and the National Assembly Standing Order 216. The National Assembly Standing Order 216 spells out the mandate of Departmental Committees which includes to: *vet and report on all appointments where the Constitution or any law requires the National Assembly to approve, except those under Standing Order 204 (that are done by the Committee on Appointments)*. Further, the Second Schedule of the Standing Orders mandates the Committee, among others, to oversee *foreign relations, diplomatic and consular services, and international relations*.

The Office of Permanent Representative is an office under the Ministry of Foreign and Diaspora Affairs. The duties of the office, pursuant to Section 21 of the Foreign Service Act Cap 185E, is to pursue the foreign policy objective of the Republic; act as the personal representative of the Head of State; act as an official representative of the Republic at official functions in the host country; be responsible for the management and administration of the Mission; and be accountable for any expenditure of the Mission.

In accordance with Article 132(2)(e) of the Constitution, His Excellency the President nominated Canon (Dr.) Ida Betty Odinga, EGH, for appointment as Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kenya to UNEP and forwarded the nomination to the National Assembly for approval. The nomination was subsequently referred to the Committee for consideration in line with the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, Cap. 7F. The Committee conducted the approval hearing on Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026, during which it examined the nominee's academic background, professional experience, integrity, vision for the role, and overall suitability in accordance with the Constitution and relevant statutes.

Having conducted the approval hearings pursuant to Article 132(2)(e) of the Constitution; sections 3 and 8 of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, Cap 7F; section 20 (2) of the Foreign Service Act, Cap 185E and Standing Order 216(5)(f) of the National Assembly, **the Committee recommends that the House APPROVES the appointment of Canon (Dr.) Ida Betty Odinga, EGH as the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kenya to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).**

I take this opportunity to thank all the Members of the Committee for their input and valuable contributions during the approval hearings and preparation of this report. The Committee also appreciates the Offices of the Speaker and of the Clerk of the National Assembly for the technical support accorded to it during the exercise.

On behalf of the Committee and pursuant to Standing Order 199(6) of the National Assembly, it is now my duty and privilege to present to the House, the Report of the Departmental Committee on Defence, Intelligence and Foreign Relations on the Approval Hearing of Canon (Dr.) Ida Betty

Odinga, EGH for Appointment as Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kenya to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

SIGNED: .....  ..... DATE: ..... 24/02/26 .....

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

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Article 132(2)(e) of the Constitution mandates the President to nominate, and with the approval of the National Assembly appoint, ambassadors, high commissioners and diplomatic representatives. Article 124(4)(a) further requires that such appointments be considered by a Committee of the relevant House.

Pursuant to these provisions, and in accordance with sections 3 and 5 of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, Cap. 7F, His Excellency the President transmitted to the Speaker of the National Assembly the nomination of Canon (Dr.) Ida Betty Odinga, EGH, for appointment as Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kenya to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). The Speaker conveyed the Message to the House and referred the nomination to the Departmental Committee on Defence, Intelligence and Foreign Relations for vetting and reporting within the statutory timelines.

In compliance with Article 118 of the Constitution and Section 6(4) of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, the Clerk of the National Assembly notified the public of the intended approval hearing and invited submission of memoranda on the suitability of the nominee. Two memoranda were received in the form of emails, however, they did not meet the threshold under section 6(9) of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, which requires that “Any person may prior to the approval hearing, and by written statement on oath, provide the Clerk with evidence contesting the suitability of a candidate. The Clerk also sought clearance from the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC), Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA), Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI), Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP), Higher Education Loans Board (HELB), and Office of the Registrar of Political Parties (ORPP), all of which confirmed the nominee’s compliance with statutory and integrity requirements.

The Committee conducted the approval hearing on Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026, guided by the Constitution, the Foreign Service Act, Cap. 185E, and the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, Cap. 7F. During the hearing, the Committee assessed the nominee’s academic qualifications, professional background, leadership experience, integrity, and vision for advancing Kenya’s environmental diplomacy. The nominee emphasised the importance of multilateral collaboration, mobilisation of partnerships to address global environmental challenges, and strengthening UNEP’s role as a strategic institution headquartered in Nairobi. She also noted the link between environmental sustainability and socio-economic development, and the need for inclusive, values-driven leadership.

The Committee observed that the nominee satisfied the constitutional requirements for appointment, met the integrity threshold under Chapter Six of the Constitution, and demonstrated an understanding of the mandate and expectations of the Office of Permanent Representative to UNEP. Accordingly, and pursuant to Article 132(2)(e) of the Constitution, sections 3 and 8 of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, Cap. 7F, and section 20(2) of the Foreign Service Act, Cap. 185E, the Committee recommends that **the House APPROVES the appointment of Canon (Dr.) Ida Betty Odinga, EGH, as Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kenya to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).**

## **1.0 PREFACE**

### **1.1 Introduction**

1. Pursuant to Article 132(2)(e) of the Constitution as read with sections 20(2) and 22(2) (a) of the Foreign Service Act, Cap 185E, His Excellency the President, through the Head of the Public Service and via the transmittal letter dated **2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2026**, transmitted to the Speaker of the National Assembly the name of one (1) person nominated for approval by the House for appointment as Permanent Representative.
2. Article 124(4)(a) of the Constitution provides that when a House of Parliament considers any appointment for which its approval is required under the Constitution or an Act of Parliament, the appointment shall be considered by a Committee of the relevant House.
3. This report details the proceedings of the Committee during the approval hearing of the nominee for appointment as Permanent Representative. The purpose of the approval hearing was to ascertain the suitability of the nominee to discharge the responsibilities of the office of the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kenya to the UNEP.

### **1.2 Establishment and Mandate of the Committee**

3. 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, among others, *to 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).*

### **1.3 Committee Subjects**

4. The subject matter of the Committee is stated in the Second Schedule of the National Assembly Standing Orders and includes, among others, *foreign relations, diplomatic and consular services, and international relations.*
5. In executing its mandate, the Committee oversees the following government Ministries, Departments, and Agencies (MDAs):
  - (a) The Ministry of Foreign and Diaspora Affairs;
  - (b) The Ministry of Defence;
  - (c) The State Department for East African Community Affairs (EAC); and
  - (d) The National Intelligence Service (NIS).

#### 1.4 Committee Membership

6. The Committee was constituted by the House on **27<sup>th</sup> October 2022** and reconstituted on **6<sup>th</sup> March 2025** comprises the following Members:

##### **Chairperson**

**Hon. Nelson Koech, CBS, M.P.**

Belgut Constituency

**UDA Party**

##### **Vice-Chairperson**

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

Mandera North Constituency

**UDM Party**

##### **Members**

Hon. Wanjira Martha Wangari, CBS, M.P.

Gilgil Constituency

**UDA Party**

Hon. Joshua Kandie, M.P.

Baringo Central Constituency

**UDA Party**

Hon. Hassan Abdi Yusuf, CBS, M.P.

Kamkunji Constituency

**Jubilee Party**

Hon. Kwenya Thuku Zachary, M.P.

Kinangop Constituency

**Jubilee Party**

Hon. Odhiambo Millie G. Akoth, CBS, M.P.

Suba North Constituency

**ODM Party**

Hon. Logova Sloya Clement, M.P.

Sabatia Constituency

**UDA Party**

Hon. Kanchory Elijah Memusi, M.P.

Kajiado Central Constituency

**ODM Party**

Hon. Ikana Fredrick Lusuli, M.P.

Shinyalu Constituency

**ANC Party**

Hon. (Dr.) Kasalu Irene Muthoni, MP

Kitui County

**WDM-K**

Hon. Mohamed A. Hussein, M.P.

Lagdera Constituency

**ODM Party**

Hon. Kirima Moses Nguchine, M.P.

Imenti Central Constituency

**UDA Party**

Hon. Anne Muratha, M.P.

Kiambu County

**UDA Party**

Hon. Luyai Caleb Amisi, M.P.

Saboti Constituency

**ODM Party**

## 1.5 Committee Secretariat

7. The Committee Secretariat comprises the following technical staff:

Mr. Muyodi Emmanuel  
**Clerk Assistant I/Head of Secretariat**

Mr. Bernard Njeru  
**Clerk Assistant III**

Mr. Lenny Muchangi  
**Legal Counsel II**

Ms. Noelle Chelagat  
**Media Relations Officer I**

Mr. Edwin Machuki  
**Fiscal Analyst II**

Mr. Salat Ali  
**Principal Serjeant-at-Arms II**

Mr. John Ng'ang'a  
**Audio Recording Officer**

Mr. Daniel Ominde  
**Research Officer III**

Mr. Alex Namwada  
**Hansard Officer II**

Ms. Maryan Gabow  
**Public Communications Officer III**

## 2.0 BACKGROUND

### 2.1 The Office of the Ambassador/Permanent Representative

8. The Office of the Ambassador/Permanent Representative is an office under the Ministry of Foreign and Diaspora Affairs, according to Executive Order No. 2 of 2025.
9. The duties of the office (Head of a Mission), pursuant to Section 21 of the Foreign Service Act Cap 185E, are to:
  - (a) actively pursue the foreign policy objective of the Republic in the host country;
  - (b) act as the personal representative of the Head of State in the host country;
  - (c) act as an official representative of the Republic at official functions in the host country;
  - (d) be responsible for the management and administration of the Mission and all members of the Foreign Service located at the Mission, including the locally engaged staff of the Mission; and
  - (e) be accountable for any expenditure of the Mission and ensure that the budget of the Mission is administered in accordance with the Public Finance Management Act, Cap 412A and all other applicable laws and regulations.
10. On appointment, Article 132(2)(e) of the Constitution provides that *the President shall nominate and, with the approval of the National Assembly, appoint and may dismiss high commissioners, ambassadors and diplomatic and consular representatives*. Section 20 of the Foreign Service Act, Cap 185E, reaffirms these constitutional provisions, designating the Office of a high commissioner, ambassador, diplomatic, or consular representative as a State office as per Article 260 of the Constitution.
11. Additionally, Section 20(2) of the Act provides that in accordance with Article 132(2)(e) of the Constitution, the President shall nominate and, subject to approval by the National Assembly, appoint high commissioners, ambassadors, and diplomatic or consular representatives. Furthermore, Section 20(3) of the Act mandates that a nomination under subsection (2) should ensure a fair balance between career diplomats and other appointees, as well as represent the gender, regional, and other diversities of the Kenyan populace. Any individual nominated for appointment under subsection (2) must be a Kenyan citizen and possess reputable character and standing.

### 2.2 Notification of the Nomination

12. Pursuant to Article 132(2)(e) of the Constitution as read with Sections 20(2) and 22(2)(e) of the Foreign Service Act Cap 185E, and Sections 3 and 5 of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, Cap 7F, His Excellency the President, through the Head of the Public Service, transmitted to the Speaker of the National Assembly vide the transmittal letter dated **2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2026**, referenced **EOP/CAB.26/4A VOL.VII/(144)** (*Annexure 1*), the name and curriculum vitae together with other testimonials of Canon (Dr.) Ida Betty Odinga, EGH nominated for appointment Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kenya to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

### 2.3 Notification to the House and Referral to the Committee

13. Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 42(2) of the National Assembly, the Speaker, through a Communication dated Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> February 2026, informed Members of the President's Message (*Annexure 2*) on nomination of Canon (Dr.) Ida Betty Odinga, EGH

nominated for appointment Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kenya to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

14. Pursuant to Section 8(1) of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, Cap 7F and Standing Order 216(5)(f) as read with the Second Schedule of the Standing Orders of the National Assembly, the name and curriculum vitae and other testimonials of Canon (Dr.) Ida Betty Odinga, EGH nominated for appointment Permanent Representative of the Republic of
15. Kenya to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) were referred to the Departmental Committee on Defence, Intelligence and Foreign Relations for approval hearing, as required under Article 124(4)(a) of the Constitution, and reporting to the House within twenty-eight (28) days.

#### **2.4 Notification to the Public**

15. Article 118 of the Constitution provides that Parliament shall facilitate public participation and involvement in the legislative business and other business of Parliament and its Committees. Further, Section 6(4) of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, Cap 7F provides that the Clerk shall notify the public of the time and place for holding approval hearings at least seven days prior to the hearings.
16. Further, Section 6(9) of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, Cap 7F provides that *any person may, prior to the approval hearings and by written statement on oath, provide the Clerk with evidence contesting the suitability of a candidate to hold the office to which the candidate has been nominated.*
17. Pursuant to Article 118 of the Constitution as read with Section 6(9) of Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, Cap 7F, the Clerk of the National Assembly placed an advertisement in the print media on **12<sup>th</sup> February 2026** (*Annexure 3*) inviting the public to submit memoranda by way of written statement on oath (affidavit) on the suitability or otherwise of the nominees on or before **19<sup>th</sup> February 2026** at 5.00 pm.
18. Further, through the same advertisement and pursuant to Article 118 of the Constitution, Section 6(4) of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, Cap 7F and Standing Order 45(3) of the National Assembly, the Clerk of the National Assembly notified the general public that the approval hearing of the nominee would be conducted on **Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026** in the **Mini Chamber, County Hall, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Parliament Buildings at 10.00 am.**

#### **2.5 Notification to the Nominee**

19. On **11<sup>th</sup> February 2026**, the Clerk of the National Assembly invited the nominee through letter dated **11<sup>th</sup> February 2026** (*Annexure 4*) and through an advertisement in the print media on **12<sup>th</sup> February 2026** (*Annexure 3*), for the approval hearing in accordance with Section 6(3) of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, Cap 7F.

#### **2.6 Clearance and Compliance Requirements**

20. On **Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> February 2026**, the Clerk of the National Assembly wrote to the EACC, KRA, DCI, HELB, ORPP and ODPP (*Annexure 5*) requesting for reports with respect to the nominee on ethics and integrity, tax compliance, criminal records, higher education loans repayments and political party affiliations.

21. The EACC, through a letter **Ref. No. EACC.7/10/5 VOL. XXXV (82)** dated **18<sup>th</sup> February 2026**, (*Annexure 6*) stated that it had not undertaken any investigations pursuant to its mandate nor recommended the prosecution against Canon (Dr.) Ida Betty Odinga, EGH.
22. The KRA, through a letter **Ref. No. KRA/5/1002/5(13600)**, dated **17<sup>th</sup> February 2026**, (*Annexure 6*), confirmed that the nominee was tax compliant.
23. The DCI, through a letter Ref. No. **DCI/CRO/SEC/6/7/2/A/VOL.XVIII/161** dated **16<sup>th</sup> February 2026** (*Annexure 6*), provided forensic fingerprint analysis of the nominee had been conducted in the criminal database and found that she had no previous criminal record.
24. The HELB, through a letter **Ref. No. HELB/RR/112009/V/478** dated **12<sup>th</sup> February 2026** (*Annexure 6*), indicated that the nominee was compliant.
25. The ORPP, through a letter **Ref. No. ORPP/ORG/34/1 VOL. II (44)** dated **16<sup>th</sup> February 2026** (*Annexure 6*) confirmed that the nominee was neither an official nor a member of any registered political party.
26. The ODPP, through a letter **Ref. No. ODPP/SPP/GEN** dated **13<sup>th</sup> February 2026** (*Annexure 6*) confirmed that there were no active criminal proceedings or previous charges recorded against the nominee.

### **2.7 Issues for Consideration during the Approval Hearings**

27. In conducting the approval hearings, the Committee was guided by Section 6(7) and (8) of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, Cap 7F which provides that:
  - (7) *An approval hearing shall focus on a candidate's academic credentials, professional training and experience, personal integrity and background.*
  - (8) *The criteria specified in the Schedule shall be used by a Committee during an approval hearing for the purposes of vetting a candidate.*
28. Additionally, Section 7 of the Act provides that the issues for consideration by the relevant House of Parliament in relation to any nomination shall be:
  - (a) *the procedure used to arrive at the nominee;*
  - (b) *any constitutional or statutory requirements relating to the office in question; and**the suitability of the nominee for the appointment proposed having regard to whether the nominee's abilities, experience and qualities meet the needs of the body to which nomination is being made.*

#### **(a) Procedure for Nomination**

29. Article 132 (2)(e) of the Constitution confers upon the President the power to nominate and, with the approval of the National Assembly, appoint high commissioners, ambassadors and diplomatic and consular representatives.
30. Section 5(1) of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, Cap 7F, further requires the appointing authority, upon nominating a person for appointment, to notify the relevant House of Parliament.
31. In this regard, pursuant to Article 132(2)(e) of the Constitution and Section 5(1) of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, Cap 7F, the President notified the National Assembly of the nomination of Canon (Dr.) Ida Betty Odinga, EGH for appointment to the

offices of Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kenya to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

**(b) Constitutional and Statutory Requirements**

32. In addition, the Constitution and various statutes guide the appointment of persons to public office. In determining the suitability of the nominees, the Committee was guided by the provisions on leadership and integrity as outlined in Chapter Six of the Constitution. Article 73(2) of the Constitution provides that the guiding principles of leadership and integrity include:
- (a) selection on the basis of personal integrity, competence and suitability, or election in free and fair elections;
  - (b) objectivity and impartiality in decision making, and in ensuring that decisions are not influenced by nepotism, favouritism, other improper motives or corrupt practices;
  - (c) selfless service based solely on the public interest, demonstrated by —
    - (i) honesty in the execution of public duties; and
    - (ii) the declaration of any personal interest that may conflict with public duties;
  - (d) accountability to the public for decisions and actions; and
  - (e) discipline and commitment in service to the people.
33. Furthermore, Article 75 of the Constitution requires a State Officer, whether in public or private life to behave in a manner that avoids conflict between personal interest and public official duties. It further prohibits a State Officer who has been dismissed or otherwise removed from office from holding any other State Office.
34. Regarding the activities of State Officers, Article 77 of the Constitution prohibits a full-time State Officer from participating in any other gainful employment, or holding office in a political party.
35. Further, Article 78 of the Constitution disqualifies persons who are not Kenyan citizens from appointment as State Officers. Equally, a State Officer is barred from holding dual citizenship.
36. In addition, the Committee considered Section 10 of the Leadership and Integrity Act, Cap 185C which provides that:
- A State officer shall, to the best of their ability—*
- (a) carry out the duties of the office efficiently and honestly;*
  - (b) carry out the duties in a transparent and accountable manner;*
  - (c) keep accurate records and documents relating to the functions of the office; and*
  - (d) report truthfully on all matters of the organization which they represent.*
37. Further, Section 20 of the Foreign Service Act, Cap 185E provides that:
- (1) The Office of a high commissioner, ambassador, diplomatic or consular representative shall be a State office for purposes of Article 260 of the Constitution.*
  - (2) Pursuant to Article 132 (2) (e) of the Constitution, the President shall nominate and, subject to the approval of the National Assembly, appoint high commissioners, ambassadors and diplomatic or consular representatives.*
  - (3) A nomination under sub section (2) shall reflect—*
    - (a) a fair balance between career diplomats and other appointees; and*
    - (b) the gender, regional and other diversities of the people of Kenya.*
  - (4) A person nominated for appointment under subsection (2) shall be—*

- (a) a citizen of Kenya; and
- (b) of a reputable character and standing.

(c) Suitability of the nominees for the proposed appointments having regard to whether the nominees' abilities, experience and qualities meet the needs of the body to which the nomination is being made.

38. The nominee's suitability to hold the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kenya to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) was assessed through a scrutiny of her academic credentials, professional training and experience, personal integrity, background, as well as her performance during the approval hearings conducted on **Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026**.

## **2.8 Memoranda from Members of the Public in respect of the Nominee**

39. The Clerk of the National Assembly placed an advertisement in the print media on **12<sup>th</sup> February 2026** (*Annexure 3*) inviting the public to submit memoranda by way of written statements on oath (affidavit) on the suitability or otherwise of the nominee in conformity with Section 6(9) of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, Cap 7F.
40. In this regard, by **19<sup>th</sup> February 2026 at 5.00 pm** the Committee had received two submissions via email from members of the public regarding the nomination of Canon (Dr.) Ida Betty Odinga, EGH for appointment to the offices of Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kenya to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). However, they did not meet the threshold under section 6(9) of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, which requires that "Any person may prior to the approval hearing, and by written statement on oath, provide the Clerk with evidence contesting the suitability of a candidate.

### **3.0 APPROVAL HEARING OF CANON (DR.) IDA BETTY ODINGA, EGH FOR APPOINTMENT AS PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME (UNEP)**

41. On Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> February 2026, the Committee held a sitting to deliberate on the approval hearings and noted that:
  - (i) The Committee would proceed with the approval hearing as scheduled on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026, from 10.00 am; and
  - (ii) The Committee would examine the nominee against the criteria set out in Section 7 of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, Cap 7F – academic qualifications; employment record; professional affiliations; potential conflict of interest; knowledge of the relevant subject; overall suitability for the position; integrity; vision and leadership; and expectations and key priorities.
42. Canon (Dr.) Ida Betty Odinga, EGH, appeared before the Committee on Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026, at 10.00 am and was vetted under oath pursuant to Article 132(2)(e) of the Constitution, the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, Cap 7F, the Foreign Service Act, Cap 185E and the National Assembly Standing Orders. The Committee noted as follows:

#### **3.1 Questions from the General Questionnaire**

##### ***Citizenship, Date and Place of Birth***

43. The nominee is a Kenyan citizen born on 24<sup>th</sup> August 1950 in Baringo District, within the Republic of Kenya. She confirmed that she is a citizen by birth and does not hold dual citizenship.

##### ***Academic and Professional Qualifications***

44. The nominee holds a Bachelor of Arts (BA) Degree with Education option, specialising in Geography, from the University of Nairobi.

##### ***Employment Record and Work Experience***

45. The nominee previously served as a teacher at Highway Secondary School and Kenya High School, and later as an Education Officer. She is currently the Managing Director of East Africa Spectre Limited and the Proprietor of Opoda Farm.

##### ***Honours and awards***

46. The nominee has received several recognitions, including Elder of the Order of the Golden Heart (EGH); Honorary Doctor of Philosophy (Humanities), Great Lakes University of Kisumu; Honorary Doctor of Philosophy (Humanities), Igbinedion University; Kenya's Most Powerful Women Award (The Standard); Trailblazer Award and Lifetime Achievement Award (Human Achievers Foundation); and Distinguished African Amazon Award (Centre for Economic and Leadership Development).

##### ***Professional Association and Memberships***

47. The nominee is the patron of the Women Governors Caucus (G7), Advisory Council; has served as the Global Peace Ambassador, UN; has served as the patron of Kenya Medical Women's Association, and Kenya Breast Health Organisation; has served as the Champion of Integrated Care pack Program; is the founder and patron of the Kenya League of Women;

has served as the Council Member, Maseno University; and the Chairperson, Paraplegic Association of Kenya Advisory Board.

***Published Writings***

48. The nominee submitted various speeches and extracts reflecting her advocacy work and public engagements.

***Public Office, Political Activities and Affiliations***

49. The nominee served as the First Lady to the Prime Minister between 2008 and 2012; a member of the Election Board NARC; Lead Women League Campaign; and Azimio Women League Campaign.

***Income and Net Worth***

50. The nominee declared an estimated net worth of approximately KES 500 million comprising immovable property, motor vehicles and shareholding investments. Her sources of income include salary and returns from investments.

***Potential Conflict of Interest***

51. The nominee declared that she does not have any persons, litigation, financial arrangement, matter or issue that would present a potential conflict of interest should she assume the position of Permanent Representative. The nominee stated that, should a conflict of interest arise during the discharge of her duties, she would declare the interest in writing to the appointing authority in accordance with the law. The nominee participated in White Ribbon Alliance, to enhance awareness, prevention of fistula, and eradication of chigoe flea infestations in underserved communities.

***Pro-Bono, Charity Work or Donation to Charity***

52. The nominee has participated in civil society initiatives, including breast cancer awareness, eradication of jiggers, educational scholarships and women's empowerment programmes. She is the founder of the Ida Odinga Trust (IOT), a non-partisan organisation advancing education, maternal health and nutrition.

***Integrity***

53. The nominee stated that she has neither been charged in a court of law nor adversely mentioned in any investigatory report of Parliament or any Commission of Inquiry in the last three years. The nominee has never been dismissed or otherwise removed from office for contravention of the provisions of Article 75 of the Constitution.

**3.2 General and Mission-Specific Questions to the Nominee**

54. To assess the nominee's overall suitability for the position, the Committee posed questions to the nominee on her suitability for appointment as the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kenya to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). The nominee responded as follows:

***On Inspiring Young Girls***

55. The nominee encouraged young girls to remain confident in their values and identity and to pursue education diligently, underscoring education as a key pillar for personal growth and development. The nominee further emphasised the importance of upholding integrity,

faithfulness, and hard work, remaining prayerful, and respecting guidance from mentors. Additionally, the nominee indicated that she has consistently championed gender-responsive policies and related advocacy initiatives.

***On Advancing Kenya's Climate Diplomacy***

56. The nominee submitted that Kenya and Africa are emerging as global leaders in climate action through frameworks such as the *National Climate Change Action Plan (2023–2027)*. She committed to strengthening partnerships to ensure climate initiatives deliver socio-economic benefits to vulnerable populations. She cited Kenya's leadership at the *United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-7)* and proposed multi-stakeholder working groups to support the implementation of environmental resolutions.

***On Translating Advocacy Experience into Diplomacy***

57. The nominee submitted that her experience in advocacy, coalition-building and public engagement provides a strong foundation for multilateral diplomacy. She stated that she founded the *League of Kenya Women Voters*, which has participated in the Commission on the Status of Women since the 1995 Beijing Conference.
58. She stated that such engagements require consensus-building, negotiation and engagement across governments, civil society and development actors. She stated that she considers such skills to be directly transferable to the diplomatic engagements at UNEP.

***On Addressing Resource Constraints within the UN System and Supporting UNEP***

59. The nominee acknowledged concerns regarding the resource constraints currently facing the United Nations system, particularly in climate change financing and programme support. She noted the significance of UNEP as the only United Nations headquarters located in the Global South and domiciled in Nairobi, Kenya.
60. The nominee submitted that she would adopt a collaborative approach and work with teams comprising individuals with diverse skills and expertise. She committed to engage stakeholders to address the challenges and contribute to mobilising solutions to support UNEP's mandate.

***On Integrating Environmental Sustainability with Social and Development Priorities***

61. The nominee submitted that environmental sustainability is closely linked to health, nutrition, education and livelihoods. While drawing inferences from her work through the *Ida Odinga Trust (IOT)* and nutrition initiatives across Africa, the nominee noted that environmental degradation and socio-economic vulnerability are interconnected.
62. She also mentioned her collaboration with Prof. Wangari Maathai in environmental advocacy, and her role in promoting cleaner household energy solutions at the East Africa Spectre Limited. She submitted that she will adopt an approach that aligns environmental diplomacy with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Kenya's development priorities.

***On Addressing the Technical Nature of UNEP's Work and Safeguarding Kenya's Credibility***

63. The nominee acknowledged the importance of addressing environmental challenges through collaborative approaches. She submitted that her academic background in geography

introduced her to environmental issues early in her career, and that her subsequent engagement in environmental advocacy, policy forums and clean energy initiatives provided practical exposure to sustainability matters. She stated that her leadership approach would involve convening expertise, partnerships and ensuring that global environmental discussions produce practical outcomes.

### ***On the Nominee's Motivation and Readiness to Serve***

64. The nominee stated that her acceptance of the nomination is grounded in a lifelong commitment to public service and leadership. She described the appointment as a continuation of a journey shaped by service in education, civil society and national advocacy, rather than a departure into a new field. She stated that her upbringing instilled values of integrity, accountability, hard work and fairness, which have guided her professional and personal life.
65. She submitted that balancing career, family responsibilities and public engagement has prepared her to undertake demanding responsibilities. She stated that service to the nation is a patriotic duty and affirmed her readiness to answer that call.

### **3.3 Committee's Observations on the Suitability of the Nominee**

66. The Committee, having reviewed the nominee's completed questionnaire, curriculum vitae and oral submission, made the following observations regarding her suitability for appointment as Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kenya to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP):
  - (1) **THAT**, in accordance with Article 78(1) and (2) of the Constitution, the nominee is eligible for appointment to State Office since she is a Kenyan citizen and does not hold dual citizenship.
  - (2) **THAT**, the nominee possesses extensive skills in environmental matters and has engaged in environmental advocacy, policy forums, and clean-energy initiatives, demonstrating practical exposure to sustainability issues aligned with UNEP's mandate.
  - (3) **THAT**, the nominee has extensive professional and leadership experience in education, civil society engagement, and private enterprise, which she submitted has equipped her with skills in consensus-building, stakeholder engagement and public leadership necessary for multilateral diplomacy.
  - (4) **THAT**, the nominee demonstrated appreciation of the linkage between environmental sustainability and socio-economic development, particularly in the areas of health, nutrition, education and livelihoods, and expressed her intention to advance integrated approaches consistent with the Sustainable Development Goals and Kenya's development priorities.
  - (5) **THAT**, the nominee acknowledged the resource constraints facing the United Nations system, particularly in climate change programmes, and underscored the strategic importance of UNEP as the only United Nations headquarters located in the Global South and domiciled in Nairobi. She indicated that she would adopt a collaborative approach by convening multidisciplinary expertise and partnerships to mobilise solutions and strengthen UNEP's capacity.
  - (6) **THAT**, the nominee expressed her commitment to advancing Kenya's climate diplomacy, including supporting the implementation of resolutions adopted at the United Nations

- Environment Assembly and strengthening partnerships to ensure that climate initiatives translate into tangible benefits for vulnerable populations.
- (7) **THAT**, the nominee meets the requirements of Chapter Six (6) of the Constitution on leadership and integrity having obtained clearances from EACC, KRA, DCI, ODPP, ORPP and HELB.
  - (8) **THAT**, the nominee has neither been charged in a court of law nor adversely mentioned in any investigatory report of Parliament or any Commission of inquiry in the last three years.
  - (9) **THAT**, the nominee does not hold office in any political party, a requirement under Article 77(2) of the Constitution and the Schedule of the Public Appointment (Parliamentary Approval) Cap 7F.
  - (10) **THAT**, the nominee has never been dismissed from office under Article 75 of the Constitution for contravention of the provisions of Articles 75(1), Article 76, Article 77 and Article 78(2) of the Constitution.
  - (11) **THAT**, overall, the nominee demonstrated understanding of the policy, diplomatic and collaborative dimensions of the role and expressed readiness to work with technical experts, Government institutions and international partners to advance Kenya's environmental interests at UNEP.

#### 4.0 COMMITTEE'S GENERAL OBSERVATIONS



67. The Committee, having considered the nominee's academic credentials and professional qualifications, work and professional experience, personal integrity, as well as her performance during the approval hearing, made the following general observations:
- 1) The nominee is a Kenyan citizen and does not hold dual citizenship in conformity with Article 78 of the Constitution.
  - 2) The nominee committed not to participate in any other gainful employment while serving as a State Officer as required by Article 77(1) of the Constitution.
  - 3) In accordance with Article 77(2) of the Constitution and the Schedule of the Public Appointment (Parliamentary Approval) Act, Cap 7F, the nominee does not hold office in any political party.
  - 4) The nominee indicated compliance with Articles 75 and 76 of the Constitution on the conduct and financial probity of State Officers. She indicated the nonexistence of potential conflict of interest and committed to declare any should it arise.
  - 5) By the set deadline of receipt of memoranda from members of the public, the Committee had received two submissions via email to the approval of the nominee for appointment as Ambassador/Permanent Representative of Kenya to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). However, they did not meet the threshold under section 6(9) of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, which requires that "Any person may prior to the approval hearing, and by written statement on oath, provide the Clerk with evidence contesting the suitability of a candidate.
  - 6) The nominee presented her academic and professional credentials, made oral submissions during the approval hearing, demonstrating her suitability for appointment in accordance with the provisions of Section 6(7) of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, Cap 7F.

## 5.0 COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

68. Having conducted the approval hearing pursuant to Article 132(2)(e) of the Constitution; Sections 3 and 8 of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, Cap 7F; Section 20 (2) of the Foreign Service Act, Cap 185E and Standing Order 216(5)(f) of the National Assembly, **the Committee recommends that the House APPROVES the appointment of Canon (Dr.) Ida Betty Odinga, EGH as the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kenya to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).**

SIGNED: .....  ..... DATE: 24/02/26 .....

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

 <b>THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY PAPERS LAID</b>	
DATE: <b>24 FEB 2026</b>	DAY: TUESDAY
TABLED BY:	HON. NELSON KOECH, CBS, MP (CHAIRPERSON)
CLERK-AT THE-TABLE:	INZOU MWALE, 

## LIST OF ANNEXURES

- ANNEXURE 1:** TRANSMITTAL LETTER FROM H.E. THE PRESIDENT REGARDING PARLIAMENTARY APPROVAL OF THE NOMINEE FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE FOREIGN SERVICE
- ANNEXURE 2:** MESSAGE FROM THE HON. SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY TO THE HOUSE REGARDING NOMINATION OF ONE (1) PERSON FOR APPOINTMENT AS AMBASSADOR/PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
- ANNEXURE 3:** ADVERTISEMENT NOTIFYING THE PUBLIC OF THE APPROVAL HEARING AND SUBMISSION OF MEMORANDA
- ANNEXURE 4:** LETTER FROM THE CLERK OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY INVITING THE NOMINEE FOR THE APPROVAL HEARING
- ANNEXURE 5:** LETTERS FROM THE CLERK OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY TO EACC, KRA, DCI, ODPP, ORPP AND HELB REQUESTING INFORMATION ON THE NOMINEE
- ANNEXURE 6:** LETTERS OF CLEARANCE FROM EACC, KRA, DCI, ODPP, ORPP AND HELB
- ANNEXURE 7:** NOMINEE'S CLEARANCE CERTIFICATES FROM EACC, KRA, DCI, ORPP, HELB AND CREDIT REFERENCE BUREAU
- ANNEXURE 8:** NOMINEE'S CURRICULUM VITAE
- ANNEXURE 9:** MINUTES OF THE SITTINGS OF THE COMMITTEE
- ANNEXURE 10:** COMMITTEE'S REPORT ADOPTION SCHEDULE

**ANNEXURE 1:**

**TRANSMITTAL LETTER FROM H.E. THE PRESIDENT  
REGARDING PARLIAMENTARY APPROVAL OF THE  
NOMINEE FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE FOREIGN SERVICE**



**DIRECTORATE OF LEGISLATIVE & PROCEDURAL SERVICES**

**THE TABLE OFFICE**

**MEMO**

1. Adan Gindicha, PCA-1  
2. Aberayo Wasike, PCA-1

TO : Director, Departmental Committees  
FROM : Head of the Table Office Department  
DATE : 10<sup>th</sup> February 2026

to facilitate public participation and consideration  
11/2/26

**SUBJECT : Message from the President**

On Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> February 2026, the Honourable Speaker conveyed the following Message:

- **Nomination of Persons for Appointment to State Offices.**

Enclosed herewith, please find the said Message together with the following:

- a) Nomination Certificate, Curriculum Vitae and Selection Panel report for onward forwarding to the Departmental Committee on **Labour**; and
- b) Nomination Certificate for onward forwarding to the Departmental Committee on **Defence, Intelligence and Foreign Relations**. The other documents will be forwarded once received.

**WANJIRU NDINDIRI**

(Encls).

Copy : Clerk of the National Assembly  
Deputy Clerks  
Director, Legislative & Procedural Services  
Chief Librarian, Library & ICT Services

See  
Please make  
copies for  
DC - Labour (EKadell)  
DC - Defence (Muyoc)  
11/02/26



**PRESIDENTIAL  
NOMINATION No. 2 of 2026**

**THE CONSTITUTION OF KENYA**

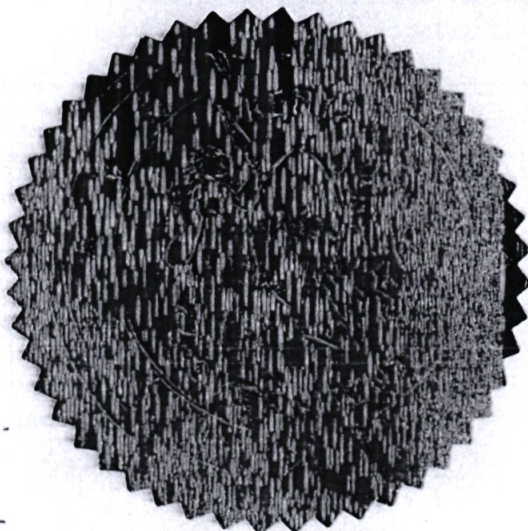
**NOMINATION  
*of*  
AMBASSADOR/PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE**

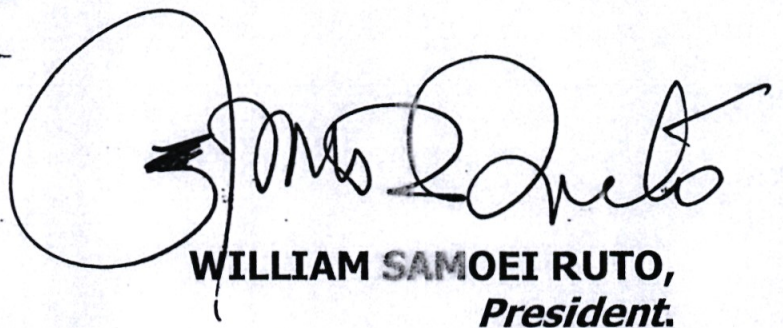
**IN EXERCISE** of the powers conferred by **Article 132 (2) (e)** of the Constitution, **I, WILLIAM SAMOEI RUTO**, President and Commander-in-Chief of the Kenya Defence Forces nominates —

**CANON DR. IDA BETTY ODINGA, E.G.H.,**

For appointment as the Ambassador/Permanent Representative to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF**, I have caused this Presidential Nomination Certificate to be issued under the **HAND OF THE PRESIDENT** and **PUBLIC SEAL OF THE REPUBLIC**, on this the.....<sup>30<sup>th</sup></sup>..... Day of September..... in the **YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY-SIX.**



  
**WILLIAM SAMOEI RUTO,**  
**President.**





CNA  
prepare the necessary  
communication.  
SJA  
19/2/26

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
CHIEF OF STAFF AND HEAD OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE

Telegraphic Address  
Telephone: +254-20-2227436  
When replying please quote

STATE HOUSE  
P.O. Box 40530-00100  
Nairobi, Kenya

Ref. No. **EOP/CAB.26/4A VOL.VII/(144)**

**2nd February, 2026**

and date

**Hon. Moses F.M. Wetangula, SC, EGH**  
Speaker  
The National Assembly  
Parliament of Kenya  
Parliament Building  
**NAIROBI**

DURS  
PROCS

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY  
RECEIVED  
09 FEB 2026  
SPEAKER'S OFFICE  
P. O. Box 31842, NAIROBI.

CNE  
10.2.26

Dear

**TRANSMITTAL**

**PARLIAMENTARY APPROVAL OF NOMINEE FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE FOREIGN SERVICE**

It is notified that **His Excellency the President** has exercised the constitutional prerogative vested in the Head of State and Government and caused nomination to the nation's Foreign Service.

In that regard, and pursuant to **Article 132(2)(e) of the Constitution** as read together with **Section 20(2) and 22(2)(a) of the Foreign Service Act, Chapter 185E, Laws of Kenya**; we transmit herewith the Presidential Nomination of **Canon Dr. Ida Betty Odinga, EGH**, for appointment as Permanent Representative United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) for the consideration by the National Assembly.

To aid the August House in its consideration and approval processes, kindly be pleased to receive the certificate of **Presidential Nomination No. 2 of 2026** and the Curriculum Vitae and Testimonials for the Nominee.

Accordingly, and by way of this letter, you are most kindly requested to consider the nominee on a priority basis.

Yours

**FELIX K. KOSKEI, EGH**  
**CHIEF OF STAFF &**  
**HEAD OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE**

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY  
RECEIVED  
10 FEB 2026  
SPEAKER'S OFFICE  
P. O. Box 31842, NAIROBI.

Copy to: **Hon. Kimani Ichungw'ah, EGH**  
Majority Leader  
The National Assembly  
Parliament of Kenya  
**NAIROBI**

**Mr. Samuel Njoroge, CBS**  
Clerk  
The National Assembly  
Parliament of Kenya  
**NAIROBI**

**Mr. Arthur A. Osiya, CBS**  
Principal Administrative Secretary  
Executive Office of the President  
**NAIROBI**

**Mr. Jasper Mbiuki, CBS**  
Head, Constitutional Affairs,  
Liaison & Assurance  
Executive Office of the President  
**NAIROBI**

**ANNEXURE 2:**

**MESSAGE FROM THE HON. SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY TO THE HOUSE REGARDING NOMINATION OF A PERSON FOR APPOINTMENT AS AMBASSADOR/ PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE**

6. In this regard, with respect to the nomination of the Permanent Representative to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the name of the nominee, together with her curriculum vitae and other testimonials, is hereby referred to the **Departmental Committee on Defence, Intelligence and Foreign Relations** for consideration.
7. With respect to the nominee for appointment as the **Chairperson of the Public Service Commission**, the name of the nominee, together with his curriculum vitae and other testimonials, is hereby referred to the **Departmental Committee on Labour** for consideration.
8. **Honourable Members**, it is important to note that the First Schedule to the Public Service Commission Act, Cap. 185 requires the National Assembly to consider the nominee for appointment to the Commission within fourteen days, while the Foreign Service Act, Cap. 185E does not provide any timelines. However, section 8 of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, Cap. 7F provides that the Committee to which such nomination is referred shall consider the matter and table a report in the House within **twenty-eight (28) days**. Accordingly, the approval processes shall proceed in accordance with the provisions of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act to afford the two Committees sufficient time to undertake the exercise.
9. **Honourable Members**, in this regard, the two (2) Departmental Committees are expected to immediately commence the approval processes, notify the nominees and the general public of the time and place for holding the approval hearings, and thereafter, upon conclusion, table their respective reports, within set timelines to enable the House to consider the matters.

**I thank you!**



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

Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> February 2026



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT - FIFTH SESSION  
THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MESSAGES

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

\_\_\_\_\_ (No. 001 of 2026) \_\_\_\_\_

NOMINATION OF PERSONS FOR APPOINTMENT TO STATE OFFICES

**Honourable Members,**

1. Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 42(1), I wish to report to the House that I have received **two (2) Messages** from His Excellency the President, seeking approval of persons nominated for appointment to specific State Offices.
2. In the First Message, His Excellency the President conveys that, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by the provisions of Article 132(2)(e) of the Constitution as read together with section 20(2) and 22(2)(a) of the Foreign Service Act, Cap. 185E, he has nominated **Canon (Dr.) Ida Betty Odinga, EGH**, for appointment as **Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kenya to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)**.
3. **Honourable Members**, in the second Message, His Excellency the President notifies that, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by the provisions of Article 233(2) and 250(2)(b) of the Constitution as read together with section 5 of the Public Appointment (Parliamentary Approval) Act, Cap. 7F, he has nominated **Mr. Francis Meja** for appointment as **Chairperson of the Public Service Commission (PSC)**.
4. **Honourable Members**, the President now seeks the approval of the National Assembly on the appointment of the two (2) distinguished nominees to the respective offices.
5. **Honourable Members**, Standing Order 45 provides that, upon receipt of notification of nomination for appointment, such nomination shall stand committed to the relevant Departmental Committee for consideration.

**ANNEXURE 3:**

**ADVERTISEMENT NOTIFYING THE PUBLIC OF THE  
APPROVAL HEARING AND SUBMISSION OF MEMORANDA**



**THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY  
THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT - FIFTH SESSION (2026)**

**IN THE MATTER OF ARTICLES 118(1)(b), 132(2), 233(2) AND 250(2)(C) OF THE  
CONSTITUTION  
AND  
IN THE MATTER OF SECTION 20 OF THE FOREIGN SERVICE ACT (CAP.185E)  
AND  
IN THE MATTER OF SECTION 11 OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION ACT (CAP  
185)  
AND  
IN THE MATTER OF THE PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS (PARLIAMENTARY APPROVAL)  
ACT (CAP. 7F)  
AND  
IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF PERSONS  
NOMINATED FOR APPOINTMENT AS AMBASSADOR/PERMANENT  
REPRESENTATIVE OF THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA TO THE UNITED NATIONS  
ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME (UNEP) AND CHAIRPERSON OF THE PUBLIC  
SERVICE COMMISSION**

**NOTIFICATION OF APPROVAL HEARINGS AND INVITATION TO SUBMIT MEMORANDA**

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with provisions of Articles 132(2)(e), 233(2) and 250(2) of the Constitution, Section 20 of the Foreign Service Act, Cap.185E, and Section 11 of the Public Service Commission Act, Cap. 185, His Excellency the President is empowered to nominate and with the approval of the National Assembly, appoint High Commissioners, Ambassadors and Diplomatic and Consular Representatives and the Chairperson of a Commission;

In exercise of the said powers, His Excellency the President nominated the following persons for appointment as Ambassador/Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kenya to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the Chairperson of the Public Service Commission—

FOREIGN SERVICE – AMBASSADOR /PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE		
NOMINEE	POSITION	STATION
Canon (Dr.) Ida Betty Odinga, EGH	Ambassador/Permanent Representative	Permanent Mission of Kenya to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), Nairobi

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION	
NOMINEE	POSITION
Mr. Francis Meja	Chairperson of the Public Service Commission

**AND WHEREAS**, following receipt of the nominations from H.E the President, the Hon. Speaker of the National Assembly with a Notification made on Tuesday, 10th February 2026 conveyed the Message to the Members of the National Assembly and referred the names and curricula vitae of the nominees to the **Departmental Committee on Defence, Intelligence and Foreign Relations** and the **Departmental Committee on Labour** for consideration and reporting to the House;

**IT IS NOTIFIED** to the general public that pursuant to **Article 118(1)(b) of the Constitution and section 6(4) of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act (Cap. 7F)**, the Departmental Committees shall conduct Approval Hearings (Vetting) of the nominees on Friday 20th February, 2026 at 10.00am at the venues indicated in the schedule below—

DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON DEFENCE, INTELLIGENCE AND FOREIGN RELATIONS			
NOMINEE	POSITION	STATION	VENUE
Canon (Dr.) Ida Betty Odinga, EGH	Ambassador/Permanent Representative	Permanent Mission of Kenya to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), Nairobi	Mini-Chamber, County Hall, 1st Floor

DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON LABOUR		
NOMINEE	POSITION	VENUE
Mr. Francis Meja	Chairperson of the Public Service Commission	Bunge Tower, 3rd Floor, Room 18

**AND WHEREAS**, section 6(9) of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act (Cap. 7F) provides that **"any person may prior to the approval hearing and by written statement on oath, provide the Clerk with evidence contesting the suitability of a candidate to hold the office to which the candidate has been nominated"**;

**IN COMPLIANCE** with Article 118(1)(b) of the Constitution and section 6(9) of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act (Cap. 7F), the Clerk of the National Assembly hereby invites members of the public to submit any representations they may have, by way of **written statements on oath (affidavits) with supporting evidence contesting the suitability of the candidates** for appointment to the offices they have been nominated to.

The memoranda may be forwarded to the **Clerk of the National Assembly, P.O. Box 41842-00100, Nairobi; hand-delivered to the Office of the Clerk, Main Parliament Buildings, Nairobi; or emailed to [cna@parliament.go.ke](mailto:cna@parliament.go.ke)** to be received on or before **Thursday, 19th February 2026 by 5.00 p.m.**

**IT IS FURTHER NOTIFIED THAT** the nominees are required to—

- (1) **Appear for the approval hearings with their original identity cards, academic and professional certificates and other relevant testimonials; and**
- (2) **Obtain letters/certificates of compliance from the following institutions—**
  - (a) The Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission;
  - (b) The Kenya Revenue Authority;
  - (c) The Higher Education Loans Board;
  - (d) The Directorate of Criminal Investigations;
  - (e) **The Office of the Registrar of Political Parties;**
  - (f) The Commission for University Education; and
  - (g) A Credit Reference Bureau.

**S. NJOROGE, CBS  
CLERK OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY  
Thursday, 12th February 2026**

**ANNEXURE 4:**

**LETTER FROM THE CLERK OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY  
INVITING THE NOMINEE FOR THE APPROVAL HEARING**



**THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY  
OFFICE OF THE CLERK**

P. O. Box 41842-00100  
Nairobi, Kenya  
Main Parliament Buildings

Telephone: +254202848000 ext. 3300  
Email: [cna@parliament.go.ke](mailto:cna@parliament.go.ke)  
[www.parliament.go.ke/the-national-assembly](http://www.parliament.go.ke/the-national-assembly)

When replying, please quote

**Ref. NA/DDC/DIFR/2026 (007)**

**11<sup>th</sup> February, 2026**

**Canon (Dr.) Ida Betty Odinga, EGH**

P.O 78040-00507

**NAIROBI**

Dear *Dr. Odinga*

**RE: INVITATION FOR VETTING BY THE DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON  
DEFENCE, INTELLIGENCE AND FOREIGN RELATIONS**

Following your nomination by His Excellency the President for appointment as an Ambassador/Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kenya to the United Nations-Environment Programme (UNEP), the Departmental Committee on Defence, intelligence and Foreign Relations hereby invites you for vetting pursuant to provisions of Section 6(3) of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act (CAP 7F) on **Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026** in the **Mini Chamber, County Hall, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Parliament Buildings at 10:00 a.m.**

Kindly fill out the attached questionnaire as required by the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act (CA 7F) and attach copies of your national identity card, academic and professional certificates, and any other testimonials. The questionnaire and the said attachments should be returned **on or before Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> February 2026.**

Further, you are required to bring along originals of the above documents and letters/certificates of clearance/compliance from the following institutions

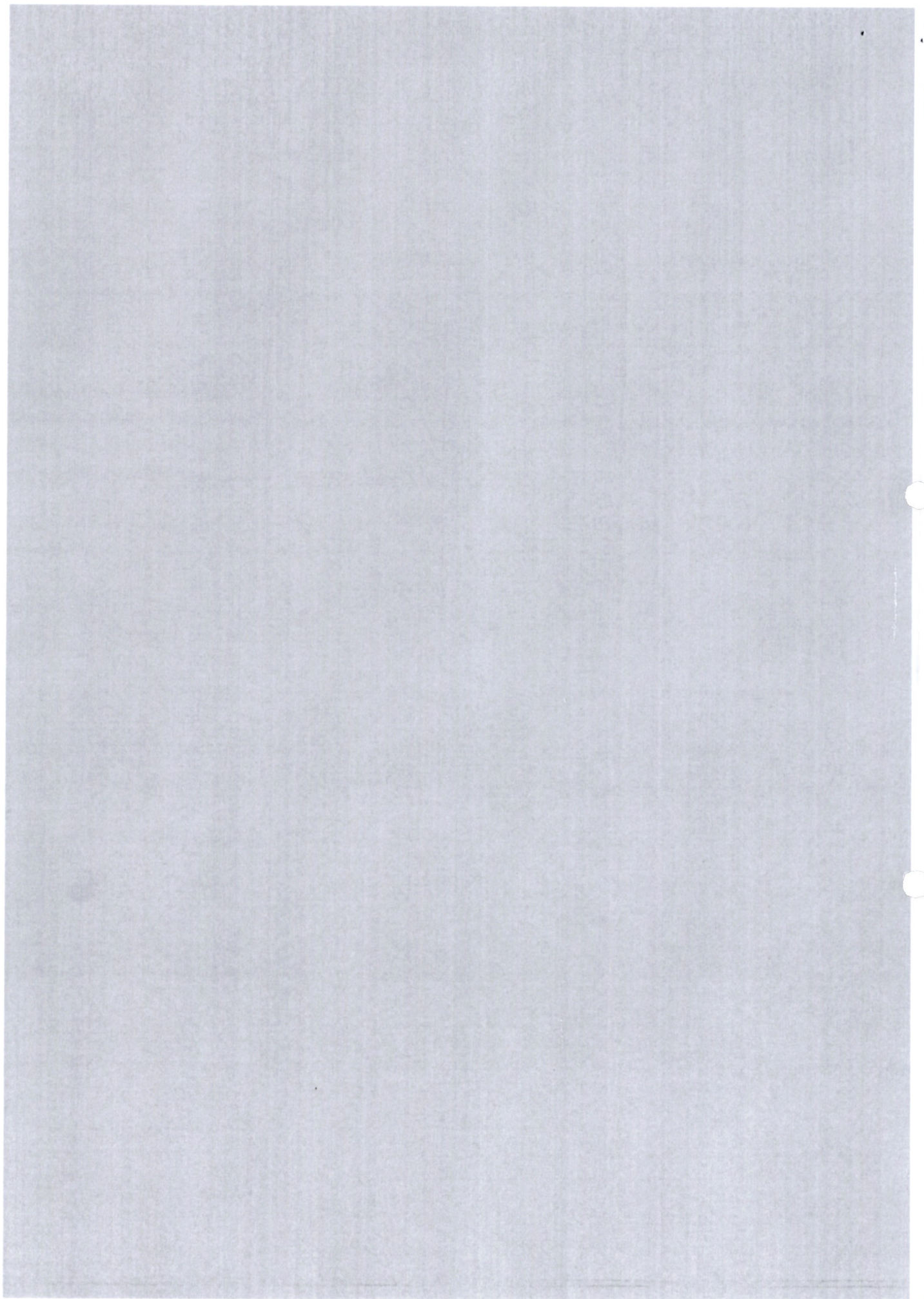
1. Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission.
2. Kenya Revenue Authority,
3. Higher Education Loans Board:
4. Directorate of Criminal Investigations; and
5. Office of the Registrar of Political Parties
6. A Credit Reference Bureau.

The Committee's liaison officers for this subject are Mr. Abenayo Wasike, who may be contacted on Tel. No. 0721352053 or email: [abenayo.makokha@parliament.go.ke](mailto:abenayo.makokha@parliament.go.ke) and Mr. Muyodi Emmanuel, Tel. No. 0725247240 or email: [emmanuel.muyodi@parliament.go.ke](mailto:emmanuel.muyodi@parliament.go.ke).

Yours

**JEREMIAH NDOMBI, MBS**

**For: CLERK OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**



**ANNEXURE 5:**

**LETTERS FROM THE CLERK OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY  
TO HELB, KRA, DCI, ORPP, EACC, AND ODPP REQUESTING  
INFORMATION ON THE NOMINEE**



**THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY  
OFFICE OF THE CLERK**

P. O. Box 41842-00100  
Nairobi, Kenya  
Main Parliament Buildings

Telephone: +254202848000 ext. 3300  
Email: [cna@parliament.go.ke](mailto:cna@parliament.go.ke)  
[www.parliament.go.ke/the-national-assembly](http://www.parliament.go.ke/the-national-assembly)

When replying, please quote  
**Ref. NA/DDC/DIFR/2026 (002)**

11<sup>th</sup> February, 2026

**Mr. Geoffrey Monari**  
Chief Executive Officer, Higher Education Loans Board  
Anniversary Towers, University Way  
**NAIROBI**

Dear *Mr. Monari*,

**RE: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON CANON (DR.) IDA BETTY ODINGA, EGH, A NOMINEE FOR APPOINTMENT AS AMBASSADOR/PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE**

The National Assembly is in receipt of a notification of nomination of **Canon (Dr.) Ida Betty Odinga, EGH**, of ID No. **3461269** as Ambassador/Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kenya to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) by H.E the President.

As you are aware, the National Assembly is required to approve the nominee for appointment in accordance with the provisions of Article 132 (2) (e) of the Constitution and the Public Appointment (Parliamentary Approval) Act (CAP.7F).

Article 124(4) (a) of the Constitution provides that "**when a House of Parliament considers any appointment for which its approval is required under the Constitution or an Act of Parliament, the appointment shall be considered by a Committee of the relevant House.**"

In view of the foregoing, and in accordance with Standing Order 216(5) (f) as read with the second schedule to the National Assembly Standing Orders, the relevant Departmental Committee of the National Assembly is mandated to consider, for approval by the House, appointment under Articles 132 (2) (e).

Further, pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Public Appointment (Parliamentary Approval) Act (CAP 7F), the Committee is mandated to consider whether the nominee meets all Constitutional and Statutory requirements relating to the office in question.

In this regard, the nomination of **Canon (Dr.) Ida Betty Odinga, EGH** has since been committed to the Departmental Committee on Defence, Intelligence and Foreign Relations for consideration. Consequently, the Committee requests you to provide a report on repayment of any loans that may have been advanced by the Board to the nominee. This information will assist the Committee to effectively undertake its mandate.

We will appreciate if the information is received by **Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> February 2026.**

The Committee's liaison officers for this subject are Mr. Abenayo Wasike, who may be contacted on Tel. No. 0721352053 or email: [abenayo.makokha@parliament.go.ke](mailto:abenayo.makokha@parliament.go.ke) and Mr. Muyodi Emmanuel, Tel. No. 0725247240 or email: [emmanuel.muyodi@parliament.go.ke](mailto:emmanuel.muyodi@parliament.go.ke).

Yours



**JEREMIAH NDOMBI, MBS**  
**For: CLERK OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**



**THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY  
OFFICE OF THE CLERK**

P. O. Box 41842-00100  
Nairobi, Kenya  
Main Parliament Buildings

Telephone: +254202848000 ext. 3300  
Email: [cna@parliament.go.ke](mailto:cna@parliament.go.ke)  
[www.parliament.go.ke/the-national-assembly](http://www.parliament.go.ke/the-national-assembly)

When replying, please quote  
Ref. NA/DDC/DIFR/2026 (003)

11<sup>th</sup> February, 2026

**Mr. Humphrey Wattanga**  
Commissioner General, Kenya Revenue Authority  
Times Towers, 30<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Haile Selassie Avenue  
**NAIROBI**

Dear *Mr. Wattanga*

**RE: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON CANON (DR.) IDA BETTY  
ODINGA, EGH, A NOMINEE FOR APPOINTMENT AS  
AMBASSADOR/PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE**

The National Assembly is in receipt of a notification of nomination of **Canon (Dr.) Ida Betty Odinga, EGH**, of ID No. 3461269 as Ambassador/Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kenya to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) by H.E the President.

As you are aware, the National Assembly is required to approve the nominee for appointment in accordance with the provisions of Article 132 (2) (e) of the Constitution and the Public Appointment (Parliamentary Approval) Act (CAP.7F).

Article 124(4) (a) of the Constitution provides that "when a House of Parliament considers any appointment for which its approval is required under the Constitution or an Act of Parliament, the appointment shall be considered by a Committee of the relevant House."

In view of the foregoing, and in accordance with Standing Order 216(5) (f) as read with the second schedule to the National Assembly Standing Orders, the relevant Departmental Committee of the National Assembly is mandated to consider, for approval by the House, appointment under Articles 132 (2) (e).

Further, pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Public Appointment (Parliamentary Approval) Act (CAP 7F), the Committees is mandated to consider whether the nominee meets all Constitutional and Statutory requirements relating to the office in question.

In this regard, the nomination of **Canon (Dr.) Ida Betty Odinga, EGH** has since been committed to the Departmental Committee on Defence, Intelligence and Foreign Relations for consideration. Consequently, the Committee requests you to provide a report on tax compliance by the nominee. This information will assist the Committee to effectively undertake its mandate.

We will appreciate if the information is received by **Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> February 2026.**

The Committee's liaison officers for this subject are Mr. **Abenayo Wasike**, who may be contacted on Tel. no. 0721352053 or email: [abenayo.makokha@parliament.go.ke](mailto:abenayo.makokha@parliament.go.ke) and Mr. **Muyodi Emmanuel**, Tel. no. 0725247240 or email: [emmanuel.muyodi@parliament.go.ke](mailto:emmanuel.muyodi@parliament.go.ke).

Yours



**JEREMIAH NDOMBI, MBS**  
**For: CLERK OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**



**THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY  
OFFICE OF THE CLERK**

P. O. Box 41842-00100  
Nairobi, Kenya  
Main Parliament Buildings

Telephone: +254202848000 ext. 3300  
Email: [cna@parliament.go.ke](mailto:cna@parliament.go.ke)  
[www.parliament.go.ke/the-national-assembly](http://www.parliament.go.ke/the-national-assembly)

When replying, please quote

Ref. NA/DDC/DIFR/2026 (004)

11<sup>th</sup> February, 2026

**Mr. Amin Mohamed Ibrahim, EBS, MBS, OGW**

Director, Directorate of Criminal Investigations  
Mazingira House, Kiambu Road  
**NAIROBI**

Dear *Mr. Ibrahim*

**RE: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON CANON (DR.) IDA BETTY  
ODINGA, EGH, A NOMINEE FOR APPOINTMENT AS  
AMBASSADOR/PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE**

The National Assembly is in receipt of a notification of nomination of **Canon (Dr.) Ida Betty Odinga, EGH**, of ID No. **3461269** as Ambassador/Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kenya to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) by H.E the President.

As you are aware, the National Assembly is required to approve the nominee for appointment in accordance with the provisions of Article 132 (2) (e) of the Constitution and the Public Appointment (Parliamentary Approval) Act (CAP.7F).

Article 124(4) (a) of the Constitution provides that "**when a House of Parliament considers any appointment for which its approval is required under the Constitution or an Act of Parliament, the appointment shall be considered by a Committee of the relevant House.**"

In view of the foregoing, and in accordance with Standing Order 216(5) (f) as read with the second schedule to the National Assembly Standing Orders, the relevant Departmental Committee of the National Assembly is mandated to consider, for approval by the House, appointment under Articles 132 (2) (e).

Further, pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Public Appointment (Parliamentary Approval) Act (CAP 7F), Committee is mandated to consider whether the nominee meets all Constitutional and Statutory requirements relating to the office in question.

In this regard, the nomination of **Canon (Dr.) Ida Betty Odinga, EGH** has since been committed to the Departmental Committee on Defence, Intelligence and Foreign Relations for consideration. Consequently, the Committee requests you to provide information on whether the nominee is adversely mentioned in any investigations carried out by the Directorate of Criminal Investigations in the normal course of discharging its mandate. This information will assist the Committee to effectively undertake its mandate.

We will appreciate if the information is received by **Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> February 2026.**

The Committee's liaison officers for this subject are Mr. Abenayo Wasike, who may be contacted on Tel. No. 0721352053 or email: [abenayo.makokha@parliament.go.ke](mailto:abenayo.makokha@parliament.go.ke) and Mr. Muyodi Emmanuel, Tel. No. 0725247240 or email: [emmanuel.muyodi@parliament.go.ke](mailto:emmanuel.muyodi@parliament.go.ke).

Yours



**JEREMIAH NDOMBI, MBS**  
**For: CLERK OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**



**THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY  
OFFICE OF THE CLERK**

P. O. Box 41842-00100  
Nairobi, Kenya  
Main Parliament Buildings

Telephone: +254202848000 ext. 3300  
Email: [cna@parliament.go.ke](mailto:cna@parliament.go.ke)  
[www.parliament.go.ke/the-national-assembly](http://www.parliament.go.ke/the-national-assembly)

When replying, please quote  
**Ref. NA/DDC/DIFR/2026 (005)**

**11<sup>th</sup> February, 2026**

**Mr. John Cox Lorionokou**  
Registrar of Political Parties/CEO  
Office of the Registrar of Political Parties (ORPP)  
Lions Place, Waiyaki Way  
P.O BOX 1131-00600  
**NAIROBI**

Dear **Mr. Lorionokou**

**RE: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON CANON (DR.) IDA BETTY ODINGA,  
EGH, A NOMINEE FOR APPOINTMENT AS AMBASSADOR/PERMANENT  
REPRESENTATIVE**

The National Assembly is in receipt of a notification of nomination of **Canon (Dr.) Ida Betty Odinga, EGH, of ID No. 3461269** as Ambassador/Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kenya to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) by H.E the President.

As you are aware, the National Assembly is required to approve the nominee for appointment in accordance with the provisions of Article 132 (2) (e) of the Constitution and the Public Appointment (Parliamentary Approval) Act (CAP.7F).

Article 124(4) (a) of the Constitution provides that "**when a House of Parliament considers any appointment for which its approval is required under the Constitution or an Act of Parliament, the appointment shall be considered by a Committee of the relevant House.**"

In view of the foregoing, and in accordance with Standing Order 216(5) (f) as read with the second schedule to the National Assembly Standing Orders, the relevant Departmental Committee of the National Assembly is mandated to consider, for approval by the House, appointment under Articles 132 (2) (e).

Further, pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Public Appointment (Parliamentary Approval) Act (CAP 7F), the Committees is mandated to consider whether the nominee meets all Constitutional and Statutory requirements relating to the office in question.

In this regard, the nomination of **Canon (Dr.) Ida Betty Odinga, EGH** has since been committed to the Departmental Committee on Defence, Intelligence and Foreign Relations for consideration. Taking into consideration Article 77(2) of the Constitution, which prohibits an appointed state officer from holding office in a political party, the Committee requests you to provide information on whether the nominee holds office in any political party in Kenya. This information will assist the Committee to effectively undertake its mandate.

We will appreciate if the information is received by **Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> February 2026.**

The Committee's liaison officers for this subject are Mr. Abenayo Wasike, who may be contacted on Tel. No. 0721352053 or email: [abenayo.makokha@parliament.go.ke](mailto:abenayo.makokha@parliament.go.ke) and Mr. Muyodi Emmanuel, Clerk, Tel. No. 0725247240 or email: [emmanuel.muyodi@parliament.go.ke](mailto:emmanuel.muyodi@parliament.go.ke).

Yours



**JEREMIAH NDOMBI, MBS**  
**For: CLERK OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**



**THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY  
OFFICE OF THE CLERK**

P. O. Box 41842-00100  
Nairobi, Kenya  
Main Parliament Buildings

Telephone: +254202848000 ext. 3300  
Email: [cna@parliament.go.ke](mailto:cna@parliament.go.ke)  
[www.parliament.go.ke/the-national-assembly](http://www.parliament.go.ke/the-national-assembly)

When replying, please quote  
Ref. **NA/DDC/DIFR/2026(006)**

11<sup>th</sup> February, 2026

**Mr. Abdi A. Mohamud, MBS**  
Secretary/Chief Executive Officer  
Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC)  
Integrity Centre, Milimani/Valley Road Junction  
**NAIROBI**

Dear **Mr. Mohamud**

**RE: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON CANON (DR.) IDA BETTY ODINGA,  
EGH, A NOMINEE FOR APPOINTMENT AS AMBASSADOR/PERMANENT  
REPRESENTATIVE**

The National Assembly is in receipt of a notification of nomination of **Canon (Dr.) Ida Betty Odinga, EGH**, of **ID No. 3461269** as Ambassador/Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kenya to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) by H.E the President.

As you are aware, the National Assembly is required to approve the nominee for appointment in accordance with the provisions of Article 132 (2) (e) of the Constitution and the Public Appointment (Parliamentary Approval) Act (CAP.7F).

Article 124(4) (a) of the Constitution provides that "**when a House of Parliament considers any appointment for which its approval is required under the Constitution or an Act of Parliament, the appointment shall be considered by a Committee of the relevant House.**"

In view of the foregoing, and in accordance with Standing Order 216(5) (f) as read with the second schedule to the National Assembly Standing Orders, the relevant Departmental Committee of the National Assembly is mandated to consider, for approval by the House, appointment under Articles 132 (2) (e).

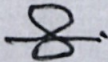
Further, pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Public Appointment (Parliamentary Approval) Act (CAP 7F), the Committee is mandated to consider whether the nominee meet all Constitutional and Statutory requirements relating to the office in question.

In this regard, the nomination of **Canon (Dr.) Ida Betty Odinga, EGH** has since been committed to the Departmental Committee on Defence, Intelligence and Foreign Relations for consideration. As the Constitutional body mandated to oversee the implementation of the provisions of Chapter Six of the Constitution, the Committee requests you to provide any information touching on the integrity of the nominee that may be in the possession of the Commission. This information will assist the Committee to effectively undertake its mandate.

We will appreciate if the information is received by **Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> February 2026.**

The Committee's liaison officers for this subject are Mr. Abenayo Wasike, who may be contacted on Tel. No. 0721352053 or email: [abenayo.makokha@parliament.go.ke](mailto:abenayo.makokha@parliament.go.ke) and Mr. Muyodi Emmanuel, Tel. No. 0725247240 or email: [emmanuel.muyodi@parliament.go.ke](mailto:emmanuel.muyodi@parliament.go.ke).

Yours



**JEREMIAH NDOMBI, MBS**

**For: CLERK OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**



**THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY  
OFFICE OF THE CLERK**

P. O. Box 41842-00100  
Nairobi, Kenya  
Main Parliament Buildings

Telephone: +254202848000 ext. 3300  
Email: [cna@parliament.go.ke](mailto:cna@parliament.go.ke)  
[www.parliament.go.ke/the-national-assembly](http://www.parliament.go.ke/the-national-assembly)

When replying, please quote

**Ref. NA/DDC/DIFR/2026(008)**

**11<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

**Mr. Renson M. Ingonga, OGW**  
Director of Public Prosecutions  
ODPP House, Ragati Road, Upper Hill  
**NAIROBI**

Dear *Mr Ingonga*

**RE: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON CANON (DR.) IDA BETTY ODINGA,  
EGH, A NOMINEE FOR APPOINTMENT AS AMBASSADOR/PERMANENT  
REPRESENTATIVE**

The National Assembly is in receipt of a notification of nomination of **Canon (Dr.) Ida Betty Odinga, EGH**, of **ID No. 3461269** as Ambassador/Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kenya to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) by H.E the President.

As you are aware, the National Assembly is required to approve the nominee for appointment in accordance with the provisions of Article 132 (2) (e) of the Constitution and the Public Appointment (Parliamentary Approval) Act (CAP.7F).

Article 124(4) (a) of the Constitution provides that "**when a House of Parliament considers any appointment for which its approval is required under the Constitution or an Act of Parliament, the appointment shall be considered by a Committee of the relevant House.**"

In view of the foregoing, and in accordance with Standing Order 216(5) (f) as read with the second schedule to the National Assembly Standing Orders, the relevant Departmental Committee of the National Assembly is mandated to consider, for approval by the House, appointment under Articles 132 (2) (e).

Further, pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Public Appointment (Parliamentary Approval) Act (CAP 7F), the Committee is mandated to consider whether the nominee meets all Constitutional and Statutory requirements relating to the office in question.

In this regard, the nomination of **Canon (Dr.) Ida Betty Odinga, EGH** has since been committed to the Departmental Committee on Defence, Intelligence and Foreign Relations for consideration. Consequently, the Committee requests you to provide a report on whether there

are any active criminal proceedings against the nominee or any other previous charges. This information will assist the Committee to effectively undertake its mandate.

We will appreciate if the information is received by **Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> February 2026.**

The Committee's liaison officers for this subject are Mr. Abenayo Wasike, who may be contacted on Tel. No. 0721352053 or email: [abenayo.makokha@parliament.go.ke](mailto:abenayo.makokha@parliament.go.ke) and Mr. Muyodi Emmanuel, Tel. No. 0725247240 or email: [emmanuel.muyodi@parliament.go.ke](mailto:emmanuel.muyodi@parliament.go.ke).

Yours



**JEREMIAH NDOMBI, MBS**  
**For: CLERK OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**ANNEXURE 6:**

**LETTERS OF CLEARANCE FROM HELB, KRA, DCI, ORPP,  
EACC, AND ODPP**



① DDC  
13/2/26

# HIGHER EDUCATION LOANS BOARD

Tel: 0711052000  
E-mail: contactcentre@helb.co.ke  
Website: www.helb.co.ke

Anniversary Towers  
University Way  
P.O Box 69489-00400  
Nairobi, Kenya

HELB/RR/112009/V/478

12<sup>th</sup> February 2026

**Mr. Samuel J. Njoroge, CBS**  
Clerk of the National Assembly  
Parliament Buildings,  
P.O Box 41842-00100  
**NAIROBI**

② Aberayo Wanjiku, HoD  
for the attention of the Dept.  
Comm. on Defence.  
DM 16/02/26

Dear Sir,

## CLEARANCE OF NOMINEE FOR APPOINTMENT AS AMBASSADOR/PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE

We acknowledge receipt of your letter dated **11<sup>th</sup> February 2026**, with reference number **NA/DDC/DIFR/2026 (002)**, regarding the background check on the status of HELB loan repayment for **Canon (Dr.) Ida Betty Odinga, EGH** nominated for appointment as Ambassador/Permanent Representative.

Our team has diligently reviewed the HELB loan repayment status of the above-mentioned, ensuring accuracy and compliance with the information provided. We understand the importance of this inquiry in the overall assessment process.

Please find below her status.

S/No.	NAME OF NOMINEE	ID NUMBER	STATUS	YEAR OF ISSUE
1.	Canon (Dr.) Ida Betty Odinga, EGH	3461269	Not a loanee	N/A

We appreciate the collaboration between the National Assembly and HELB. We remain committed to maintaining the highest standards of professionalism and confidentiality throughout the background check process. Thank you for entrusting us with this responsibility, and we look forward to contributing to the successful appointment.

Yours Sincerely,

**GEOFFREY MONARI**  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

13 FEB 2026



ISO 9001:2015 Certified.

③ Emmanuel Mwangi  
Pls. bring to the attention  
of the Committee.  
16/02/2026





**KENYA REVENUE AUTHORITY**

ISO 9001:2015 CERTIFIED

Office of the Commissioner General

*(3) Mr. Mugod*  
*Please deal*  
*[Signature]*

KRA/5/1002/5(13600)

17<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Mr. Samuel Njoroge, CBS  
Clerk of the National Assembly  
P. O. Box 42842-00100  
Parliament Buildings  
**Nairobi**

*1) IDU*  
*No deals under*  
*Committee on*  
*Defense.*  
*[Signature]*  
*CMB*  
*17/2/26*

Dear Clerk,

**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON CANON (DR.) IDA BETTY ODINGA, EGH, A NOMINEE FOR APPOINTMENT AS AMBASSADOR/PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE**

Reference is made to your letter Ref: NA/DDC/DIFR/2026(003) dated 11<sup>th</sup> February 2026 requesting for tax compliance report for one (1) shortlisted candidate for appointment as Ambassador/Permanent Representative.

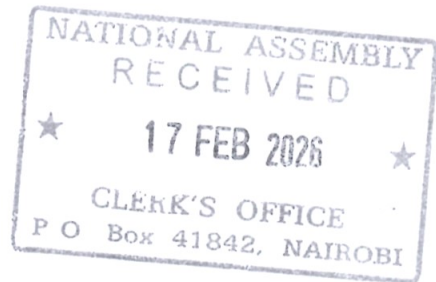
Please see below the tax compliance status of the nominee:

No.	Name	ID No.	PIN	Status
1.	Canon (Dr.) Ida Betty Odinga, EGH	3461269	A001129244L	Compliant

This is submitted for your further action.

Yours sincerely,

*[Signature]*  
**Humphrey Wattanga, EBS**  
**COMMISSIONER GENERAL**



*(2) Abenayo Wawike, HoP*  
*Pls bring to the attention of the Dept.*  
*Committee on Defense to aid in*  
*the approval hearing.*  
*Dm 18/2/26*



**Tulipe Ushuru, Tujitegemee!**



# NATIONAL POLICE SERVICE

Telegrams: "CRIMINAL". Nairobi  
Email: [director.dci@cid.go.ke](mailto:director.dci@cid.go.ke)  
Telephone: 0202603724/020343312



Directorate of Criminal Investigations  
Mazingira House Kiambu Road  
P.O. Box 30036-00100,  
NAIROBI

## DIRECTORATE OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS

DCI/CRO/SEC/6/7/2/A/VOL.XVIII/161

16<sup>th</sup> February 2026

The Clerk of the National Assembly,  
Main Parliament Buildings,  
P. O. Box 41842-00100,  
NAIROBI.

*Attn: Jeremiah Ndombi, MBS*

### REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON CANON (DR) IDA BETTY ODINGA, EGH, A NOMINEE FOR APPOINTMENT AS AMBASSADOR/PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE

Further to our letter Ref. DCI/CRO/SEC/6/7/2/A/VOL.XVIII/157 dated 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026 on the above matter, Canon (Dr) Ida Betty Odinga EGH of ID No. 3461269 presented herself and forensic fingerprint analysis was conducted in the criminal database and found no previous criminal records.

Mohamed I. Amin, CBS, OGW, 'ndc' (K)  
DIRECTOR OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

Telephone: +254(0)204022000

Mobile: 0772281357

Email: [info@orpp.or.ke](mailto:info@orpp.or.ke)

Website: [www.orpp.or.ke](http://www.orpp.or.ke)

When replying please quote



Strengthening Political Parties

Lion Place, 1<sup>st</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Floor

Off Waiyaki Way

P.O. Box 1131-00606

Sarit Centre, Nairobi.

**Ref:** ORPP/ORG/34 Vol IX (59)

**Date:** 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2026

Clerk of the National Assembly  
Clerk's Chambers  
Parliament Buildings  
P. O. Box 41842 - 00100  
**NAIROBI**

**Attn:** Jeremiah Ndombi, MBS

Dear Sir,

**RE: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON CANON (DR.) IDA BETTY ODINGA, EGH, A NOMINEE FOR APPOINTMENT AS AMBASSADOR/PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE**

Reference is made to letter Ref: NA/DDC/DIFR/2026 (005) dated 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2026 on the above subject matter.

Pursuant to Article 77 (2) of the constitution and according to the records held by this office as at 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2026 the nominee tabulated herein is not official nor a member of any registered political party in Kenya.

S/No.	Nominee	National Identity Card Number	Official of Registered Political Party
1.	Canon (Dr.) Ida Betty Odinga, EGH	3461269	Not an Official

Yours faithfully,

**J.C Lorionokou**  
Registrar of Political Parties/CEO



## ETHICS AND ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSION

INTEGRITY CENTRE (Jakaya Kikwete/Valley Road Junction) P.O. Box 61130 – 00200, NAIROBI, Kenya  
TEL.: 254 (020) 4997000, MOBILE: 0709 781000; 0730 997000  
EMAIL: [eacc@integrity.go.ke](mailto:eacc@integrity.go.ke) WEBSITE: [www.eacc.go.ke](http://www.eacc.go.ke)

When replying please quote:

**Our Ref: EACC.7/10/5 VOL. XXXV (82)**

**18<sup>th</sup> February, 2026**

**The Clerk**  
National Assembly  
Office of the Clerk, Main Parliament Buildings  
P O Box 41842 – 00100  
**NAIROBI**

**Attn: Jeremiah Ndombi, MBS**

**RE: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON CANON (DR) IDA BETTY ODINGA, EGH,  
A NOMINEE FOR APPOINTMENT AS AMBASSADOR/PERMANENT  
REPRESENTATIVE**

---

Your letter referenced **NA/DDC/DIFR/2026(006)** dated **11<sup>th</sup> February 2026**, on the above subject matter refers.

Please note that the Commission has not undertaken any investigations pursuant to its mandate nor has it recommended prosecution against **Canon (Dr) Ida Betty Odinga, EGH** of **ID No. 3461269**.

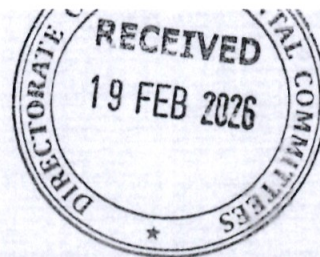
The information provided herein is based on records available as of **18<sup>th</sup> February 2026**.

Yours

*Sincerely*

**Abdi A. Mohamud, EBS, MBS**  
**SECRETARY/CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

@DLC  
Please deal  
18/02/26



**OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS**

Telegraphic address: "Personnel", Nairobi  
Telephone: Nairobi 0202732090  
Fax: 2243524  
Email: info@odpp.go.ke  
When replying, please quote

ODPP HOUSE, RAGATI ROAD  
P.O. BOX 30701 - 00100  
NAIROBI,  
KENYA.



Date: 13<sup>th</sup> January, 2026

Ref: ODPP/SPP/GEN

**Mr. Samuel Njoroge, CBS**  
Clerk of the National Assembly  
Main Parliament Buildings  
P.O. Box 41842 - 00100  
**NAIROBI**

(2) Abenayo Hwaida, Hoo  
To place before the Dept. Committee on  
Refere to aide in the approval  
hearing of the nominee.  
Dm 19/02/26

Dear Sir,

**RE: INFORMATION ON CANON (DR.) IDA BETTY ODINGA, EGH  
- NOMINEE FOR APPOINTMENT AS AMBASSADOR /  
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE**

Reference is made to the above captioned matter and your letter Ref. NA/DDC/DIFR/2026(008) dated 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2026, requesting information on Canon (Dr.) Ida Betty Odinga, EGH, holder of ID No. 3461269, who has been nominated by H.E. the President as a candidate for appointment as Ambassador/Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kenya to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

Following a thorough review of our records, I wish to confirm as follows: -

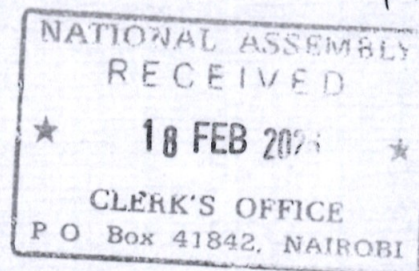
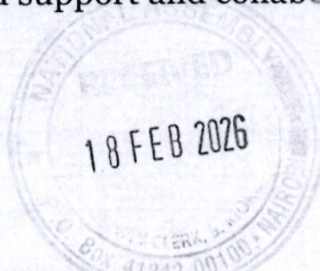
S/No	Name	I.D. No.	Gender	Ongoing Criminal Proceedings
1	Ida Betty Odinga, EGH	3461269	Female	None

Accordingly, there are no active criminal proceedings or previous charges recorded against the nominee.

Thank you for your continued support and collaboration.

Yours sincerely,

**RENSON M. INGONGA, CBS, OGW**  
**DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS**



(3) Mr. Mungodi  
Please note  
19/02/26

**ANNEXURE 7:**

**NOMINEE'S CLEARANCE CERTIFICATES FROM HELB, KRA,  
DCI, ORPP AND EACC**

Certificate Serial No. 954962

# HIGHER EDUCATION LOANS BOARD



## Compliance Certificate

This is to confirm that;  
**IDA BETTY ODINGA**

Holder of National IDNO. **3461269** is not a beneficiary of the University Loans scheme

Chief Executive Officer

Chief Operations Officer

### Caveat

- a) This certificate is issued on the basis of information available to the Board as at the date shown above. The Board reserves the right to withdraw the certificate if new evidence materially alters the compliance status of the recipient.
- b) This is a system generated certificate. To confirm genuineness and validity of this certificate use the HELB checker available at : <https://portal.helb.co.ke> or contact our office.

Date of Issue: 16-02-2026

Valid until: 16-02-2027

[www.kra.go.ke](http://www.kra.go.ke)

**Taxpayer PIN :** A001129244L

**Certificate Date:** 16/02/2026

**Name and Address :**

Ida Betty Odinga  
Karen, Nairobi, Langata District,  
PO Box:78050,  
Postal Code:00507

**Certificate Number:**

KRAWON1537049726



**This is to confirm that Ida Betty Odinga,  
Personal Identification Number A001129244L  
has filed relevant tax returns and  
paid taxes due as provided by Law.**

**This Certificate will be valid for  
twelve (12) months up to 15/02/2027.**

**Caveat:** This certificate is issued on the basis of information available with the authority as at the certificate date mentioned above. The Authority reserves the right to withdraw the certificate if new evidence materially alters the tax compliance status of the recipient.

**Disclaimer :** This certificate is system Generated and therefore does not require signature. You may confirm validity of this certificate on the iTax Portal by using the TCC Checker. This certificate confirms your compliance status for a period of five years preceding the date of issue. The certificate may however be with withdrawn on grounds of outstanding debt affecting periods prior to this.

NATIONAL POLICE SERVICE



**DIRECTORATE OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS**

**DIRECTORATE OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS HEADQUARTERS**

**P.O.Box 30036-00100 GPO  
NAIROBI, KENYA**

**Ref. No. PCC-L55RNPRA**

**Date. 16 February 2026**

**POLICE CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE**

*I hereby certify that the fingerprints recorded from*

**IDA BETTY ODINGA**

*holder of ID No. **3461269** have been searched in Criminal Records*

*Office's database with/without previous record. The validity of the information on this certificate is as of the date of issue.*

**REMARKS IN CASE OF PREVIOUS RECORD**

**OFFENCE(S): NIL**

**RESULTS OF TRIAL: NIL**

**DATE: NIL**

***This Certificate has been issued without any alteration or any erasure***



**(W.N KIRAI)**

***For: Director, Directorate of Criminal Investigations  
(P.T.O)***

**NOTE: This is a computer generated certificate, to verify the authenticity of this document, scan the QR Code or use the link <https://dci.ecitizen.go.ke/verify>, send DCI to 21546 Then Dial \*512# and select "Police Clearance"**

**REMARKS**

- 2. OFFENCE(S): **NIL**  
.....  
RESULTS OF TRIAL: **NIL**  
.....  
DATE: **NIL**  
.....
- 3. OFFENCE(S): **NIL**  
.....  
RESULTS OF TRIAL: **NIL**  
.....  
DATE: **NIL**  
.....
- 4. OFFENCE(S): **NIL**  
.....  
RESULTS OF TRIAL: **NIL**  
.....  
DATE: **NIL**  
.....
- 5. OFFENCE(S): **NIL**  
.....  
RESULTS OF TRIAL: **NIL**  
.....  
DATE: **NIL**  
.....  
OFFENCE(S): **NIL**  
.....  
RESULTS OF TRIAL: **NIL**  
.....  
DATE: **NIL**  
.....
- 7. OFFENCE(S): **NIL**  
.....  
RESULTS OF TRIAL: **NIL**  
.....  
DATE: **NIL**  
.....



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

Telephone: +254(0)204022000  
Mobile: 0772281357  
Email: [info@orpp.or.ke](mailto:info@orpp.or.ke)  
Website: [www.orpp.or.ke](http://www.orpp.or.ke)  
When replying please quote



Lion Place, 1<sup>st</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Off Waiyaki Way  
P.O. Box 1131-00606  
Sarit Centre, Nairobi.

**Ref:** ORPP/ORG/34/1 VOL II (44)

**Date:** 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2026

**IDA BETTY ODINGA**  
P.O. Box 10216 - 00100  
NAIROBI

Dear Madam,

**RE: REQUEST FOR POLITICAL PARTY MEMBERSHIP CLEARANCE**  
**IDA BETTY ODINGA – ID NO. 3461269**

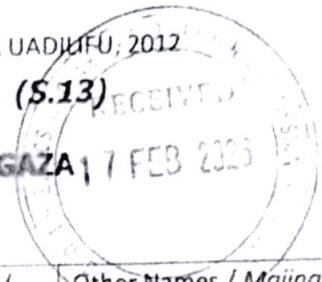
The above subject matter refers.

This Office acknowledges receipt of your letter dated 16<sup>th</sup> February 2026 and duly notes the content therein.

According to the records held by this Office as at 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2026, **Ida Betty Odinga** of **ID No. 3461269** is not an official nor a member of any registered political party in Kenya.

Yours faithfully,

**J. C. Lorionokou**  
Registrar of Political Parties/CEO

**FIRST SCHEDULE (S.13) /TARATIBU YA KWANZA (S.13)****SELF-DECLARATION FORM / FOMU YA KUJITANGAZA****1. GENERAL INFORMATION / TAARIFA YA JUMLA**

Title / Cheo	Surname / Jina la ukoo	First Name / Jina la Kwanza	Middle Name / Jina la Katikati	Other Names / Majina Mengine
<b>Mr/Mrs/Prof/ Miss/Ms/Dr Bw/Bi/Prof/ Binti/Bibi/Dkt</b>	Odinga	Ida	Betty	
ID CARD No. Na. ya Kitambulisho	PASSPORT NO. NA. ya PASIPOTI	EXPIRY DATE OF PASSPORT TAREHE YA MUDA WA PASIPOTI KUISHA	PIN NO. NA. ya PIN	
3461269	CK 19547	09 <sup>th</sup> January 2029	A0011292441	
SEX (Tick) JINSIA (Weka Alama)	Occupation: Businesswoman Kazi:			
Male Kiume <input type="checkbox"/>	E-Mail Address: jeffoyer2012@gmail.com Anwani ya Barua pepe:			
Female Kike <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Postal Address: PO Box 78040 Nairobi Anwani ya Posta: SL Posta:		Code: 00507 Msimbo:	
	Other Addresses: 28 Mwitw Road Anwani Nyingine:			
Telephone No. Na. ya Simu 020 -3598463	Mobile No. Na. ya Rununu 0722-252667	Other Numbers Nambari Nyingine 0733-362124		
RESIDENCE MAKAZI	ESTATE/TOWN/LOCATION MTAA/MJI/LOKESHENI			Mwitw estate
	DISTRICT WILAYA			Langata
	COUNTY KAUNTI			Langata
	TOWN/CITY MJI/JIJI			Nairobi
	COUNTRY NCHI			Kenya
<b>2. BIRTH INFORMATION / TAARIFA YA KUZALIWA</b>				
DATE OF BIRTH /TAREHE YA KUZALIWA			24 <sup>th</sup> August 1950	



BIRTH CERTIFICATE NO. / NA. YA CHETI CHA KUZALIWA	Kabamet
PLACE OF BIRTH / MAHALI PA KUZALIWA	Kabamet
DISTRICT OF BIRTH / WILAYA YA KUZALIWA	Baringo
COUNTY OF BIRTH / KAUNTI YA KUZALIWA	Kenya
COUNTRY OF BIRTH / NCHI YA KUZALIWA	

**3. NATIONALITY / UTAIFA**

Kenyan <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dual <input type="checkbox"/>
Mkenya	Kotekote (Provide details _____) (Toa maelezo _____)

**4. MARITAL STATUS / HALI YA NDOA**

SINGLE <input type="checkbox"/> NINGALI SIJAOA/ SIJAOLEWA	MARRIED <input type="checkbox"/> NIMEOA/NIMEOLEWA	SEPARATED <input type="checkbox"/> NIMETENGANA
DIVORCED <input type="checkbox"/> NIMETALAKIANA	WIDOWED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NIMEFIWA	

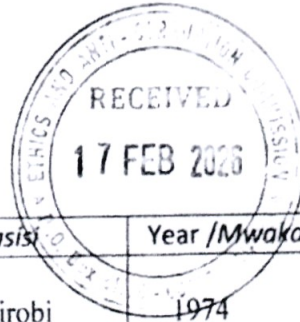
IF MARRIED GIVE NAMES OF THE SPOUSE(S) (Surname, First Name, middle name, others)  
KAMA UMEOA TOA MAJINA YA MUME/MKE(Wa) WAKO (Jina la ukoo, Jina la Kwanza, jina la kati, mengine)  
Not Applicable

NATIONALITY OF SPOUSE  
UTAIFA WA MKE/MUME  
Not Applicable

NAME OF CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 18 YEARS  
JINA LA WATOTO WALIO CHINI YA UMRI WA MIAKA 18  
Not Applicable

**5. EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS / KUFUZU KWA KIELIMU**

PRIMARY CERTIFICATE CHETI CHA MSINGI <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SECONDARY SHULE YA UPILI <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	'A' LEVEL KIWANGO CHA 'A' <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
DIPLOMA STASHAHADA <input type="checkbox"/>	DEGREE SHAHADA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MASTERS UZAMILI <input type="checkbox"/>
OTHERS VINGINE		PHD UZAMIFU <input type="checkbox"/>



HIGHEST ACADEMIC QUALIFICATION OBTAINED  
KUFUZU KWA JUU ZAIDI KWA KIAKADEMIA ULIKOPATA

Qualification / Kufuzu	Institution / Taasisi	Year / Mwaka
Bachelor Degrees Arts - Education	University of Nairobi	1974

**6. LANGUAGE SPOKEN / LUGHA UNAZOZUNGUMZA**

First Language Lugha ya Kwanza	Second Language Lugha ya Pili	Others Nyingine
English	Kiswahili	Luo and Luhya

**7. MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL ORGANISATION(s) (If any)**

**UANACHAMA WA SHIRIKA(MA) YA KITAALAMU (Kama yapo)**

Name of Organization Jina la Shirika	Date of Admission Tarehe ya Kuandikishwa	Membership No. Na. ya Uanachama

**8. REASON(S) FOR DECLARATION / SABABU ZA KUJITANGAZA**

Purpose for which declaration is required / Kusudio la kuhitajika kwa kujitangaza huku

Election       Employment   
Upigaji kura      Kuajiriwa

Others (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_  
Nyingine (Bainisha)

State office for which the declaration is being submitted  
Ofisi ya serikali ambayo kujitangaza huku kunawasilishwa **NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**9. MORAL AND ETHICAL QUESTIONS / MASWALI YA NIDHAMU NA KIMAADILI**

Answers to the following questions are mandatory. If YES to any question you must provide additional information on a supplementary sheet.

Majibu kwa maswali yafuatayo ni lazima. Kama NDIYO katika swali lolote lazima utoe taarifa ya ziada kwenye karatasi nyingine.

	YES	NO
a) Have you ever engaged in any form of dishonesty in the conduct of public affairs a) Umewahi kujihusisha na hali yoyote ya kutokuwa mwaminifu katika kazi zako na shughuli za umma		✓
b) Have you ever abused a public office? b) Umewahi kutumia vibaya ofisi ya umma?		✓
c) Have you ever misrepresented information to the public? c) Umewahi kuwakilisha kwa njia isiyofaataarifa kwa umma?		✓
d) Have you ever engaged in wrongful conduct whilst in the furtherance of personal benefit?		✓



d) Umewahi kujihusisha katika tabia mbaya huku ukitaka kujinufaisha kibinafsi?		
e) Have you ever misused public resources? e) Umewahi kutumia vibaya rasilimali za umma?		✓
f) Have you ever discriminated against anyone of any grounds other than as provided for under the Constitution or any other law? f) Umewahi kubagua yeyote kwa misingi yoyote mbali na vile ilivyoelezwa katika Katiba au sheria yoyote nyingine?		✓
g) Have you ever falsified official or personal records? g) Je, umewahi kudanganya katika rekodi rasmi au za kibinafsi?		✓
h) Have you ever been debarred or removed from the Register of Members of your professional organization? h) Umewahi kupigwa teke au kuondolewa kutoka kwenye Rejista ya Wanachama wa shirika lako la kitaalamu?		✓
i) Have you ever had any occupational or vocational license revoked and/or otherwise subjected to any other disciplinary action for cause in Kenya or any other country i) Umewahi kujipata katika hali ya leseni yako ya kikazi au ya kiufundi kutupiliwa mbali na/au vinginevyo kuchukuliwa hatua nyingine ya kinidhamu katika nchi ya Kenya au nchi yoyote nyingine		✓
j) Have you ever dismissed from employment on account of lack of integrity? j) Umewahi kufutwa kazi katika ajira kutokana na ukosefu wa uadilifu?		✓
k) If you have been a public officer, have you ever failed to declare your Income, Assets and Liabilities as required under the Public Officer Ethics Act, 2003? k) Kama umewahi kuwa ofisa wa umma, umewahi kushindwa kutangaza Mapato yako, Mali na Gharama kama unavyohitajika katika Kifungu cha sheria cha Maadili ya Ofisa wa Umma, 2003?		✓
l) Have you ever been the subject of disciplinary or criminal proceedings for breach of the Public Officer Ethics Act, 2003 or a Code prescribed thereunder? l) Umewahi kuwa mada katika taratibu za kinidhamu au kihalifu kwa kuvunja kifungu cha sheria cha Maadili ya Ofisa wa Umma 2003, au Msimbo ulioainishwa hapo chini?		✓
m) Have you ever been convicted of any offence and sentenced to serve imprisonment for a period of at least six months? m) Umewahi kushtakiwa kwa kosa lolote na kuhukumiwa kifungo gerezani kwa kipindi kipatacho miezi sita?		✓
n) Have you ever had an application for a Certificate of Clearance or a Certificate of Good Conduct or for a visa or other document authorizing work in a public office denied and/or rejected for cause in Kenya or any other country?		✓



n) Umewahi kutuma ombi la Cheti cha kuondolewa Hatia au Cheti cha Kinidhamu au cha visa au nyaraka nyingine zinazoidhinisha kazi katika ofisi ya umma na hivyo basi wewe kunyimwa na/ au kukataliwa kwa sababu yoyote nchini Kenya au nchi yoyote nyingine?

**10. EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION / TAARIFA YA KUAJIRIWA**

NAME OF EMPLOYER JINA LA MWAJIRI	POSITION/RANK CHEO/WADHIFA	DATE OF FIRST APPOINTMENT TAREHE YA KUAJIRIWA KWA KWANZA	DATE OF PRESENT APPOINTMENT TAREHE YA KUAJIRIWA KWA SASA
1) EAST AFRICAN SPECTRE	MANAGING DIRECTOR	2003	TO DATE
2) MINISTRY OF EDUCATION	EDUCATION OFFICER NAIROBI	1988	1992
3) OPODA FARM, LIVESTOCK AND CROP FARMING, BONDO	PROPRIETOR	1980	
4) KENYA HIGH SCHOOL	TEACHER	1976	1998
5) HIGHWAY HIGH SCHOOL	TEACHER	1974	1975
WORKSTATION KITUO CHA KAZI  NAIROBI	NATURE OF EMPLOYMENT (Constitutional/Elective/Permanent/Contractual/Other) AINA YA KUAJIRIWA (Kikatiba/Kuteuliwa/Kudumu/Kikandarasi/Nyingine)  PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENT		

**OATH AND AFFIRMATION / KIAPO NA UTHIBITISHWAJI**

I solemnly swear (or affirm) and certify, under penalty of false declaration under the Oaths and Statutory Declarations Act (Cap 15 of the Laws of Kenya), that all the foregoing statements in this declaration are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

*Ninaapa ya kwamba (ninathibitisha) na kuidhinisha, katika adhabu ya kujitangaza kwa uongo chini ya kifungu cha sheria cha Viapo na Kujitangaza Kisheria (Ibara 15 ya Sheria za Kenya), kwamba kauli zote zilizotajwa katika kujitangaza huku ni za kweli na sahihi kwa kadri ninavyojua.*

Dated at / Mnamo tarehe 16<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2026....., this / kwenye.....

day of / siku hii ya .....

SIGNATURE OF DECLARANT: .....  
SAINI YA ANAYEJITANGAZA:

*D. D. D. D. D.*



SWORN/DECLARED BEFORE ME / ALIYELISHWA KIAPO/TANGAZWA MBELE YANGU

This / Mnamo 17<sup>th</sup>..... day of / siku hii ya February....., 20 26.....

at / katika mahali hapa..... Nairobi.....

COMMISSIONER FOR OATH/MAGISTRATE  
KAMISHNA WA KIAPO/ HAKIMU



**ANNEXURE 8:**

**NOMINEE'S CURRICULUM VITAE**

**H.E. Excellency, Ida Betty Odinga, E.G.H.**

**Nairobi, Kenya**

**Email: [Info@easpectre.com](mailto:Info@easpectre.com)**

**Tel: + 254 0203598463**

## 1. Biography:

**Name:** H. E. Ida Betty Anyango Oyoo Odinga

**Birth:** 24 August 1950, Kabarnet, Baringo County

**Nationality:** Kenyan

## 2. Executive Profile

H. E. Betty Ida Odinga is a respected African stateswoman, a trailblazer and transformative leader, with extensive experience in public service, regional, national, continental, and global policy advocacy, education, and the private sector. Her lifelong dedication to democratic governance, social justice, and sustainable development has shaped Kenya's democratic and social progress by championing women's empowerment, children's rights, education, public health, and inclusive growth.

Described as a phenomenal leader, she embodies a careful blend of courage, wisdom, strength, and empathy. Her resilience, steadiness, strategic thinking, competence, and sharp mind on issues like politics, education, economics, and development exemplify her qualities. Her unspoiled integrity and deep love for Kenya have earned her the title "*Min Piny*" (Mother of the Nation). In many critical moments in this country, she has acted both as a fearless protector of life and a champion of national unity. She has quietly nurtured our democracy and cohesion, standing out as a nurturing face of the nation.

An authoritative voice in linking grassroots empowerment with high-level policy advocacy, she founded the 25,000-member League of Kenya Women Voters to promote women's political participation nationwide. Additionally, she has participated in other women's initiatives, including advocating for the Constitution of Kenya (Amendment) Bill 2018, which seeks to enhance women's political representation.

As part of extensive multilateral and international engagements, at Africa's First Ladies Summit on Nutrition and Education in New York, she hosted a roundtable on effective solutions to end maternal and child malnutrition, leading to a landmark declaration committing to include nutrition in the global development agenda. She has participated in high-level engagements, taken on various leadership roles at global forums on health, nutrition, education, and development, attended the High-Level Panel on Global Education, and represented the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women.

She has also demonstrated private-sector leadership as the pioneering female Managing Director of East Africa Spectre Ltd., promoting responsible industrial growth, advancing public-private partnerships, and influencing sustainable energy policies. Her service on institutional boards and leadership within civil society have contributed to governance reform, social inclusion, and community-based development and collaboration.

Through the Ida Odinga Trust and related initiatives, she continues to emphasise girls' education, health equity, nutrition, and sustainable community development aligned with global development priorities. Her efforts have been recognised, and she has received numerous national and international honours, including Kenya's Presidential **Elder of the Order of the Golden Heart (E.G.H.)**, **two Honorary Doctorates in Philosophy**, and the title of **Africa's Universal Peace Ambassador**.

### 3. Education

- 1974: Bachelor of Arts, Education, University of Nairobi
- 1970: A Levels – The Highlands Girls’ School
- 1968: O Levels – Ogande Girls High School

### 4. Languages

- English - Fluent
- Kiswahili – Fluent
- Luo – Fluent
- Luhya – Fluent

### 5. Personal Leadership Philosophy

- **Resilience under adversity:** Transforming personal and political challenges into platforms for service and influence.
- **Education as empowerment:** Belief in education as the foundation for personal liberation and societal transformation.
- **Inclusive participation:** Deep commitment to gender equity, ensuring women have equitable access to leadership opportunities.
- **Service over status:** Prioritising community advancement and grassroots impact over personal acclaim.
- **Diplomacy and dialogue:** Emphasising consensus, collaboration, and dignified engagement in public discourse.

### 6. Core Diplomatic & Policy Competencies

- **Multilateral Diplomacy and International Representation:** Proven experience engaging with global forums, intergovernmental organisations, and international partners, effectively representing national and regional interests within multilateral policy settings.
- **Sustainable Development Policy Leadership:** Demonstrates a proven commitment to promoting sustainable development priorities, especially in education, health, gender equality, nutrition security, environmental protection, and inclusive governance in line with global development agendas.
- **Strategic Advocacy and Public Diplomacy:** Extensive experience promoting social justice, democratic participation, and women’s empowerment through national advocacy platforms and international policy engagement.

- **Negotiation and Consensus-Building:** Demonstrates strong skill in fostering dialogue, forming coalitions, and facilitating agreement among diverse stakeholders across government, civil society, and international development sectors.
- **Governance and Institutional Leadership:** Extensive senior leadership experience across public service, civil society, academic boards, and private-sector governance, aiding in institutional strengthening and policy execution.
- **Partnership Development and Stakeholder Engagement:** Proficient in building strategic relationships with development partners, multilateral agencies, civil society organisations, and private-sector actors to promote shared development goals.
- **Gender Equality and Social Inclusion Expertise:** Strong dedication to women's leadership, children's rights, and fair participation in development, with ongoing contributions to gender-responsive policies and advocacy initiatives.
- **Cross-Sector Leadership and Development Coordination:** Ability to connect public, private, civil society, and international sectors to foster integrated approaches to sustainable development, social change, and economic growth.

## 7. Public Service and Boards

- Patron, Women Governors Caucus (G7), Advisory Council, June 2024 – to date.
- Patron, Kenya Medical Women's Association, 2008 – 2012.
- Patron, Kenya Breast Health Organisation, 2008 – 2012.
- Champion, Integrated Carepack Program, 2008 – 2012.
- Chairperson, Paraplegic Association of Kenya Advisory Board, 2002 – 2006.
- Council Member, Maseno University, 2003 – 2006.
- School Board Memberships
  - BOG Member for Nyamira Girls Secondary School 2002 - 2006
  - BOG Member for Gobei Secondary School 1990 - 1994
  - BOG Member for Ndede Island Primary School 2001 - 2005
  - BOG Member for Bar Opuk Primary School 2012 - 2016
- Patron, White Ribbon Alliance – Kenya, 2008 - 2013
- Patron, Freedom from Fistula Foundation, 2008 - 2013
- Champion – Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN) and UNICEF nutrition initiatives, 2008 - 2013
- Founder and Patron, Kenya League of Women, 1992
- Global Peace Ambassador, UN, 2016

## 8. Private Sector Leadership and Entrepreneurship

- Managing Director of East African Spectre from 2003.
- Proprietor, Opoda Farm, Livestock and Crop Farming, Bondo, from 1980.

## 9. Civil Society and Philanthropy

### Civil Society Activism

- Founder and Patron, League of Kenya Women Voters, 1992.

### Ida Odinga Trust (IOT), 2008 - Present

- The IOT is a non-partisan, non-profit-making organisation that advances the rights of women and children in education, maternal health, and nutrition.
- Breast cancer awareness
- White Ribbon Alliance, to enhance awareness, prevention of fistula, and eradication of chigoe flea infestations in underserved communities
- Eradication of jiggers, particularly in rural communities.
- Provision of educational scholarships.

## 10. Mentor and Educator

- Education Officer, Nairobi, 1988 – 1992
- Teacher, Kenya High School, 1976 – 1998.
- Highway High School, 1974 – 1975.
- Lifelong mentor for girls and women leaders.

## 11. Global Engagement and Thought Leadership

### America

YEAR	INSTITUTION/ORGANISATION
2025	Official closing remarks, Caucus of Women Governors, Transforming Women's Leadership: Beyond Numbers to Tangible Outcomes, United Nations, New York
1997 - Present	Speaker, participant, Commission on the Status of Women, United Nations, New York
2010	Participant African Synergy and Rand Corporation, Los Angeles
2010	Roundtable host, United Nations MDG Summit, New York
2010	Chief guest and keynote speaker, AMREF, New York

### Europe

YEAR	INSTITUTION/ORGANISATION
2011	Panel, Gordon and Sarah Brown Foundation

### Asia

YEAR	INSTITUTION/ORGANISATION
2025	Peace Ambassador representative, Universal Peace Federation Seoul South Korea
2016	Peace Ambassador representative, Universal Peace Federation Seoul, South Korea
2010	First lady representative, African Synergy and Rand Corporation, Los Angeles
2009	Panelist, International Congress on Nutrition Bangkok, Thailand
2005	Panelist, Awid Women's Conference in Bangkok Thailand
1995	Kenyan representative, Beijing Women's Meeting, China

### Middle East

YEAR	INSTITUTION/ORGANISATION
2012	Keynote speaker, Shaffala Center Doha, Qatar
2012	Keynote speaker, UNESCO -CRANS Montana Forum, Baku, Azerbaijan

### Africa

YEAR	INSTITUTION/ORGANISATION
2010	Keynote speaker, Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN), Johannesburg, South Africa
2010	Keynote speaker, Susan G Komen for The Cure
2009	Keynote speaker, UNICEF, First Rwanda National Nutrition Summit, Kigali Rwanda
2009	Paper presentation, Forum on China-Africa Cooperation Women's Forum, Cairo, Egypt
2009	Keynote speaker, Copenhagen Consensus Centre

## 12. Environmental, Climate & Sustainable Development Leadership

- Initiating environmentally sustainability initiatives – energy saving initiatives in schools, encouraging planting trees and promoting the use of efficient energy sources such as gas, leading to the adoption in many schools and institutions in the country.
- Collaborated with the late Nobel Peace Laureate Prof. Wangari Maathai and the Green Belt Movement for local and global advocacy on environmental justice, including planting trees to protect the environment.
- Influenced and championed clean energy policies and mitigating climate change in Africa, as a core part of the East Africa Spectre, the premier gas manufacturing firm in East and Central Africa. The firm was a pioneer in managing, innovating and growing, running the East African Spectre, which mitigates climate and clean energy.

### 13. Strategic and Policy Advisor

- First Lady to the Prime Minister. Responsibilities included advisory and policy work on women's empowerment, inclusion and equality, education, nutrition and health, and sustainability, 2008 – 2013.

### 14. Honours and Awards

- Honorary Doctor of Philosophy Degree in Humanities – Great Lakes University – Kenya, 2011
- Universal Peace Ambassador, Africa, 2025
- Kenya's Most Powerful Women, The Standard 2010
- Trailblazer Award and the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Human Achievers Foundation, 2025
- Presidential Award of the Elder of the Order of Golden Heart (EGH, 2018)
- Distinguished African Amazon Award by The Centre for Economic and Leadership Development, 2012
- Susan G. Komen, 2010
- Honorary Doctor of Philosophy Degree in Humanities, Igbinedion University, 2011

**15. References**

Prof. Hazel Miseda Mumbo  
Vice-Chancellor  
Great Lakes University  
P.O. Box 2234 – 40100  
Kisumu  
Kenya

H.E. Prof. Peter Anyang Nyong'o  
Governor of Kisumu County  
P.O. Box 215 – 40100  
Kisumu  
Kenya

Sir Chief (Dr) Gabriel Osawaru Igbinedion  
48 Saddlebrook Dr  
Saddle Brooke Estate  
Midrand 1684  
Johannesburg  
South Africa

**ANNEXURE 9:**

**MINUTES OF SITTINGS OF THE COMMITTEE**



**THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**  
**13<sup>TH</sup> PARLIAMENT - FIFTH SESSION - 2026**  
**DIRECTORATE OF DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEES**  
**DC - DEFENCE, INTELLIGENCE AND FOREIGN RELATIONS**

---

**MINUTES OF THE 5<sup>TH</sup> SITTING OF THE DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON  
DEFENCE, INTELLIGENCE AND FOREIGN RELATIONS HELD ON MONDAY,  
23<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY, 2026, AT 10:00 A.M. IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM ON 2<sup>ND</sup>  
FLOOR, CONTINENTAL HOUSE, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS**

---

**PRESENT**

1. **The Hon. Koech Nelson, CBS, M.P.** - Chairperson
2. **The Hon. Maj. (Rtd.) Sheikh Abdullahi Bashir, CBS, M.P.** - Vice Chairperson
3. The Hon. Odhiambo Millie Grace Akoth, CBS, M.P.
4. The Hon. Wanjira Martha Wangari, CBS, M.P.
5. The Hon. Yusuf Hassan Abdi, 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. Kwenya Thuku Zachary, M.P.
10. The Hon. Luyai Caleb Amisi, M.P.
11. The Hon. Ikana Fredrick Lusuli, M.P.
12. The Hon. Mohamed Abdikadir Hussein, M.P.
13. The Hon. Kandie Joshua Chepyegon, M.P.

**APOLOGIES**

1. The Hon. Muratha Anne Wanjiku, M.P.
2. The Hon. Logova Sloya Clement, M.P.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

**THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

1. Mr. Muyodi Emmanuel - Clerk Assistant I
2. Mr. Bernard Njeru - Clerk Assistant III
3. Mr. Edwin Machuki - Clerk Analyst II
4. Mr. Martin Sigei - Research Officer III
5. Mr. Lenny Muchangi - Legal Counsel II
6. Mr. Derrick Kathurima - Media Relations Officer III
7. Mr. Alex Amwata - Hansard Reporter II

- |                      |   |                   |
|----------------------|---|-------------------|
| 8. Mr. Mark Mbutia   | - | Audio Officer III |
| 9. Mr. Adam Kiplagat | - | Research Intern   |
| 10. Louisa Koki      | - | Clerk Intern      |

## **AGENDA**

1. Preliminaries – Prayers, Adoption of the Agenda.
2. Communication from the Chair.
3. Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting.
4. **Consideration and adoption of a report on an Approval hearing of a person nominated for appointment as permanent representative to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).**
5. Any other Business.
6. Adjournment/Date of the next Sitting.

### **MIN.NO.DDC/DIFR/023/2026:**

### **PRELIMINARIES**

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m., prayer was said and a round of introductions was done. The agenda above was unanimously adopted, having been proposed by Hon. Wanjira Martha Wangari, CBS, M.P. and seconded by Hon. Kwenya Thuku Zachary, M.P.

### **MIN.NO.DDC/DIFR/024/2026:**

### **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting was deferred to a later date.

### **MIN.NO.DDC/DIFR/025/2026:**

### **CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF A REPORT ON AN APPROVAL HEARING OF A PERSON NOMINATED FOR APPOINTMENT AS PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME (UNEP)**

The Committee having considered the report on the vetting of the nominee, unanimously adopted the report with the following observations and recommendations having been proposed by Hon. Yusuf Hassan Abdi, CBS, M.P and seconded by Hon. Hon. Ikana Fredrick Lusuli, M.P.

### **COMMITTEE'S GENERAL OBSERVATIONS**

The Committee, having considered the nominee's academic credentials and professional qualifications, work and professional experience, personal integrity, as well as her performance during the approval hearing, made the following general observations:

- 1) The nominee is a Kenyan citizen and does not hold dual citizenship in conformity with Article 78 of the Constitution.
- 2) The nominee committed not to participate in any other gainful employment while serving as a State Officer as required by Article 77(1) of the Constitution.

- 3) In accordance with Article 77(2) of the Constitution and the Schedule of the Public Appointment (Parliamentary Approval) Act, Cap 7F, the nominee does not hold office in any political party.
- 4) The nominee indicated compliance with Articles 75 and 76 of the Constitution on the conduct and financial probity of State Officers. She indicated the nonexistence of potential conflict of interest and committed to declare any should it arise.
- 5) By the set deadline of receipt of memoranda from members of the public, the Committee had received two submissions via email to the approval of the nominee for appointment as Ambassador/Permanent Representative of Kenya to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). However, they did not meet the threshold under section 6(9) of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, which requires that "Any person may prior to the approval hearing, and by written statement on oath, provide the Clerk with evidence contesting the suitability of a candidate.
- 6) The nominee presented her academic and professional credentials, made oral submissions during the approval hearing, demonstrating her suitability for appointment in accordance with the provisions of Section 6(7) of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, Cap 7F.

#### **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**


Having conducted the approval hearing pursuant to Article 132(2)(e) of the Constitution; Sections 3 and 8 of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, Cap 7F; Section 20 (2) of the Foreign Service Act, Cap 185E and Standing Order 216(5)(f) of the National Assembly, **the Committee recommends that the House APPROVES the appointment of Canon (Dr.) Ida Betty Odinga, EGH as the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kenya to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).**

**MIN.NO.DDC/DIFR/026/2026**

**ADJOURNMENT AND DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m. The next meeting will be held on Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026 at 11:30 am in 2<sup>nd</sup> floor committee room, Continental House, Parliament Buildings.

**SIGNED:** .....



**DATE:** .....24/02/26.....

**THE HON. NELSON KOECH, CBS, M.P.**

**CHAIRPERSON, DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON DEFENCE,  
INTELLIGENCE AND FOREIGN RELATIONS.**



**THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**  
**13<sup>TH</sup> PARLIAMENT - FIFTH SESSION - 2026**  
**DIRECTORATE OF DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEES**  
**DC - DEFENCE, INTELLIGENCE AND FOREIGN RELATIONS**

**MINUTES OF THE 4<sup>TH</sup> SITTING OF THE DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON  
DEFENCE, INTELLIGENCE AND FOREIGN RELATIONS HELD ON FRIDAY, 20<sup>TH</sup>  
FEBRUARY, 2026, AT 10:00 A.M. IN MINI CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL,  
PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS**

---

**PRESENT**

1. **The Hon. Koech Nelson, CBS, M.P.** - **Chairperson**
2. **The Hon. Maj. (Rtd.) Sheikh Abdullahi Bashir, CBS, M.P.** - **Vice Chairperson**
3. The Hon. Odhiambo Millie Grace Akoth, CBS, M.P.
4. The Hon. Yusuf Hassan Abdi, CBS, M.P.
5. The Hon. Kanchory Elijah Memusi, M.P.
6. The Hon. Kandie Joshua Chepyegon, M.P.
7. The Hon. (Dr.) Kasalu Irene Muthoni, M.P.
8. The Hon. Muratha Anne Wanjiku, M.P.
9. The Hon. Mohamed Abdikadir Hussein, M.P.

**APOLOGIES**

1. The Hon. Wanjira Martha Wangari, CBS, M.P.
2. The Hon. Kirima Moses Nguchine, M.P.
3. The Hon. Kwenya Thuku Zachary, M.P.
4. The Hon. Luyai Caleb Amisi, M.P.
5. The Hon. Ikana Fredrick Lusuli, M.P.
6. The Hon. Logova Sloya Clement, M.P.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

**MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AND DIASPORA AFFAIRS**

1. Canon (Dr.) Ida Betty Odinga, EGH - Nominee
2. Ms. Rosemary Odinga - Nominee's Daughter
3. Dr. Makau Mutua - Nominee's Advisor
4. Ms. Irene Shirley - Nominee's Personal Assistant
5. Ms. Judith Owino - Nominee's Office Administrator
6. Mr. Jeff Oyier - Nominee's Advisor
7. Ms. Peninah Opee - Nominee's Protocol Officer

## **THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

1. Mr. Muyodi Emmanuel	-	Clerk Assistant I
2. Mr. Bernard Njeru	-	Clerk Assistant III
3. Mr. Edwin Machuki	-	Clerk Analyst II
4. Mr. Daniel Ominde	-	Research Officer III
5. Mr. Lenny Muchangi	-	Legal Counsel II
6. Ms. Noelle Chelagat	-	Media Relations Officer I
7. Mr. Alex Amwata	-	Hansard Reporter II
8. Mr. Salat Abdi	-	Principal Serjeant-at-Arms II
9. Mr. Mark Mbuthia	-	Audio Officer III
10. Ms. Maryan Gabow	-	Public Communications Officer III
11. Mr. Adam Kiplagat	-	Research Intern

## **AGENDA**

1. Preliminaries – Prayers, Adoption of the Agenda.
2. Communication from the Chair.
3. Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting.
4. **Approval hearing of a person nominated for appointment as permanent representative to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).**
5. Any other Business.
6. Adjournment/Date of the next Sitting.

### **MIN.NO.DDC/DIFR/019/2026:**

### **PRELIMINARIES**

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m., prayer was said and a round of introductions was done. The agenda above was unanimously adopted, having been proposed by Hon. Kandie Joshua Chepyegon, M.P. and seconded by Hon. Muratha Anne Wanjiku, M.P.

### **MIN.NO.DDC/DIFR/020/2026:**

### **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting was deferred to a later date.

### **MIN.NO.DDC/DIFR/021/2026:**

### **APPROVAL HEARING OF A PERSON NOMINATED FOR APPOINTMENT AS PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME (UNEP)**

Canon (Dr.) Ida Betty Odinga, EGH, appeared before the Committee on Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026, at 10.00 am and was vetted under oath pursuant to Article 132(2)(e) of the Constitution, the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, Cap 7F, the Foreign Service Act, Cap 185E and the National Assembly Standing Orders.

The Committee, having reviewed the nominee's completed questionnaire, curriculum vitae and oral submission, made the following observations regarding her suitability for appointment as

Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kenya to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the Committee observed: -

- (1) **THAT**, in accordance with Article 78(1) and (2) of the Constitution, the nominee is eligible for appointment to State Office since she is a Kenyan citizen and does not hold dual citizenship.
- (2) **THAT**, the nominee possesses relevant academic training in Geography at the undergraduate level, which introduced her to environmental issues, and has subsequently engaged in environmental advocacy, policy forums and clean-energy initiatives, giving her practical exposure to sustainability matters aligned to UNEP's mandate.
- (3) **THAT**, the nominee has extensive professional and leadership experience in education, civil society engagement, and private enterprise, which she submitted has equipped her with skills in consensus-building, stakeholder engagement and public leadership necessary for multilateral diplomacy.
- (4) **THAT**, the nominee demonstrated appreciation of the linkage between environmental sustainability and socio-economic development, particularly in the areas of health, nutrition, education and livelihoods, and expressed her intention to advance integrated approaches consistent with the Sustainable Development Goals and Kenya's development priorities.
- (5) **THAT**, the nominee acknowledged the resource constraints facing the United Nations system, particularly in climate change programmes, and underscored the strategic importance of UNEP as the only United Nations headquarters located in the Global South and domiciled in Nairobi. She indicated that she would adopt a collaborative approach by convening multidisciplinary expertise and partnerships to mobilise solutions and strengthen UNEP's capacity.
- (6) **THAT**, the nominee expressed her commitment to advancing Kenya's climate diplomacy, including supporting the implementation of resolutions adopted at the United Nations Environment Assembly and strengthening partnerships to ensure that climate initiatives translate into tangible benefits for vulnerable populations.
- (7) **THAT**, the nominee meets the requirements of Chapter Six (6) of the Constitution on leadership and integrity having obtained clearances from EACC, KRA, DCI, ODPP, ORPP and HELB.
- (8) **THAT**, the nominee has neither been charged in a court of law nor adversely mentioned in any investigatory report of Parliament or any Commission of inquiry in the last three years.
- (9) **THAT**, the nominee does not hold office in any political party, a requirement under Article 77(2) of the Constitution and the Schedule of the Public Appointment (Parliamentary Approval) Cap 7F.
- (10) **THAT**, the nominee has never been dismissed from office under Article 75 of the Constitution for contravention of the provisions of Articles 75(1), Article 76, Article 77 and Article 78(2) of the Constitution.
- (11) **THAT**, overall, the nominee demonstrated understanding of the policy, diplomatic and collaborative dimensions of the role and expressed readiness to work with technical experts,

Government institutions and international partners to advance Kenya's environmental interests at UNEP.

**MIN.NO.DDC/DIFR/022/2026**

**ADJOURNMENT AND DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m. The next meeting will be held on Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026 at 10:00 am in 2<sup>nd</sup> floor committee room, Continental House, Parliament Buildings.

**SIGNED:** .....  .....

**DATE:** ..... 23/02/26 .....

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

**ANNEXURE 10:**

**COMMITTEE'S REPORT ADOPTION SCHEDULE**



REPUBLIC OF KENYA  
THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY  
13<sup>TH</sup> PARLIAMENT – FIFTH SESSION- 2026

DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON DEFENCE, INTELLIGENCE, AND  
FOREIGN RELATIONS.

REPORT ADOPTION LIST

REPORT ON:

**APPROVAL HEARING OF CANON (DR.) IDA BETTY ODINGA, EGH FOR  
APPOINTMENT AS PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE REPUBLIC OF  
KENYA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME (UNEP)**

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, **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2026**

NO.	NAME	SIGNATURE
1.	The Hon. Koech Nelson, CBS, M.P. (Chairperson)	
2.	The Hon. Maj. (Rtd.) Sheikh Abdullahi Bashir, CBS, M.P. (Vice Chairperson)	
3.	The Hon. Odhiambo Millie Grace Akoth, CBS, M.P.	
4.	The Hon. Wanjira Martha Wangari, CBS, M.P.	
5.	The Hon. Yusuf Hassan Abdi, 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.	