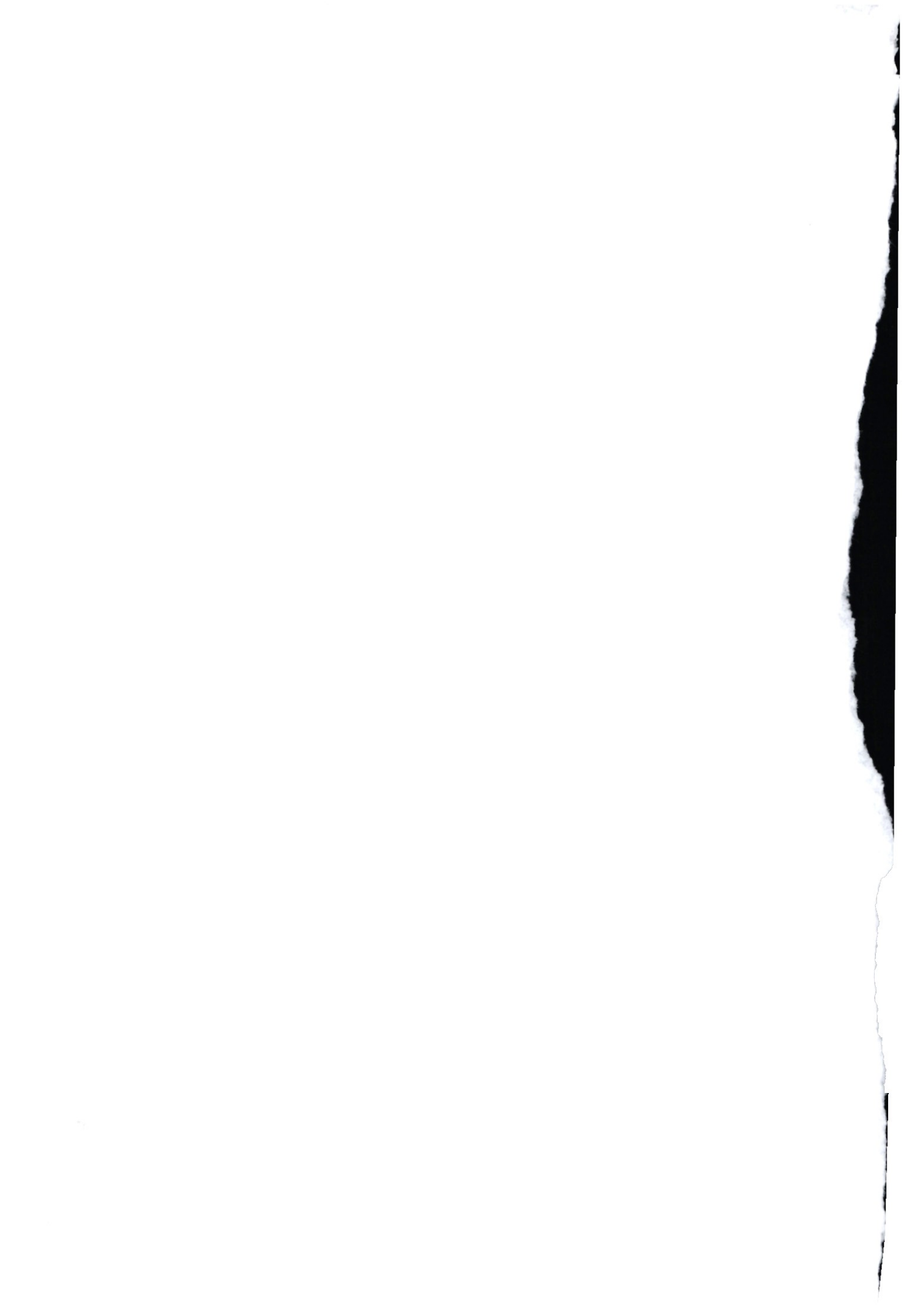


**REPUBLIC OF KENYA
KENYA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
TENTH PARLIAMENT – FOURTH SESSION**

**REPORT
OF THE
DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON FINANCE,
PLANNING & TRADE**

**ON THE APPROVAL OF MR. EDWARD R. OUKO
FOR APPOINTMENT AS THE
AUDITOR-GENERAL**

AUGUST, 2011



1.0 PREFACE

Mr. Speaker Sir,

on behalf of the Members of the Departmental Committee No. F on Finance, Planning & Trade, I would like to take this opportunity to present to the House, the Committee's Report on the approval for appointment of Mr. Edward R. Ouko as the Auditor-General.

The Committee membership comprises the following:-

The Hon Chrysanthus Okemo, EGH, M.P (**Chairman**)

The Hon. (Prof.) Philip Kaloki, M.P (**Vice Chairman**)

The Hon. Jakoyo Mudiwo, MGH, M.P.

The Hon. Musikari Kombo, M.P.

The Hon. Lucas Chepkitony, M.P

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The Hon. Ahmed Shabbir Shakeel, M P

The Hon. Nkoidila Ole Lankas, M.P.

The Hon. Lenny M. Kivuti, M.P

The Hon Sammy Mwaita, M.P.

Committee mandate

Finance, Planning & Trade Committee is one of the Departmental Committees established under Standing Order No. 198. In accordance with Second Schedule of the Standing Orders, the Committee is mandated to consider.-

- ◆ Public finance;
- ◆ Banking and insurance;
- ◆ National planning and population development;
- ◆ Trade, commerce and industry;
- ◆ Tourism promotion and management.

The functions of this Departmental Committee as established under Standing Order No. 198 are:-

- (i) To investigate, inquire into, and report on all matters relating to the mandate, management, activities, administration, operations and estimates of the assigned Ministries and Departments;
- (ii) To study the programme and policy objectives of the Ministries and Departments and the effectiveness for the implementation;
- (iii) To study and review all legislation referred to it;
- (iv) To study, assess and analyse the relative success of the Ministries and Departments as measured by the results obtained as compared with their stated objectives;
- (v) To investigate and inquire into all matters relating to the assigned Ministries and Departments as they may deem necessary and as may be referred to them by the House or a Minister; and
- (vi) To make reports and recommendations to the House as often as possible including recommendations of proposed legislation.

Mr. Speaker Sir

On the 23rd August, 2011 in a Communication to the House, you informed the House that by a letter dated 22nd August, 2011 from the Office of the Permanent Secretary, Secretary to the Cabinet and Head of Public Service, the National Assembly had been advised that H.E. the President had after consultation with the Rt. Hon. Prime Minister nominated Mr. Edward R. Ouko to be considered by the House for approval for appointment as the Auditor-General. You then directed that the name of the nominee and the accompanying curriculum vitae be forwarded to the Departmental Committee on Finance, Planning & Trade for consideration prior to approval by the House

and for the Committee to table it's Report on the same to the House on or before Thursday 25th August, 2011.

During its Sittings held on Wednesday 24th August, 2011, Mr. Edward R. Ouko, the nominee for the position of Auditor-General appeared before the Committee for vetting in accordance with the criteria established under Second Schedule of the Commission for the Implementation of the Constitution Act, 2010.

Mr. Speaker Sir,

On behalf of the Departmental Committee on Finance, Planning & Trade, I have the honour and pleasure to present the Committee's Report on the recommendation for the appointment of Mr. Edward R. Ouko as the Auditor-General for consideration and adoption by the House. May I take this opportunity to thank all Members of the Committee for their input and valuable contributions during the deliberations on the matter.

Thank you

Signed 

Hon. Chrysanthus Okemo, EGH, MP

**Chairman,
Departmental Committee on Finance, Planning &
Trade**

Date 

2.0 BACKGROUND

2.1 ESTABLISHMENT OF THE OFFICE OF AUDITOR-GENERAL

Article 229 of the Constitution provides that:-

- (1) There shall be an Auditor-General who shall be nominated by the President and with the approval of the National Assembly, appointed by the President.
- (2) To be qualified to be the Auditor-General, a person shall have extensive knowledge of public finance or at least ten years experience in auditing or public finance management.
- (3) The Auditor-General holds office, subject to Article 251, for a term of eight years and shall not be eligible for re-appointment.
- (4) Within six months after the end of each financial year, the Auditor-General shall audit and report, in respect of that financial year, on -
 - (a) The accounts of the national and county governments;
 - (b) The accounts of all funds and authorities of the national and county governments,
 - (c) Accounts of all courts;
 - (d) The accounts of every commission and independent office established by this Constitution;
 - (e) The accounts of the National Assembly, the Senate and the county assemblies;
 - (f) The accounts of political parties funded from public funds;
 - (g) The public debt, and
 - (h) The accounts of any other entity that legislation requires the Auditor-General to audit
- (5) The Auditor-General may audit and report on the accounts of entity that is funded from public funds.

- (6) An audit report shall confirm whether or not public money has been applied lawfully and in an effective way.
- (7) Audit reports shall be submitted to parliament or the relevant county assembly
- (8) Within three months after receiving an audit report, Parliament or the county assembly shall debate and consider the report and take appropriate action.

3.0 RECRUITMENT PROCESS FOR THE POSITION OF AUDITOR-GENERAL

- (i) Following the declaration of a vacancy by H E. the President on 25th July, 2011 vide Gazette Notice No. 8889, the Selection Panel received a total of one hundred and eighteen (118) applicants for the position of the Auditor-General.
- (ii) On 2nd August 2011, the Public Service Commission convened the Selection Committee pursuant to the provisions of section 5(4) of the Independent Offices (Appointment) Act, 2011 for the purposes of opening the applications and agreeing on the short-listing and the interview criteria
- (iii) The Selection Committee met on 11th August, 2011 and shortlisted eight (8) candidates to vie for the post. The names of all the applicants who had applied were published in Kenya Gazette on 11th August, 2011 and in the print media on 12th August, 2011. The names of the shortlisted candidates were published in the print media on 12th and 13th August, 2011
- (iv) Interviews were conducted on 16th and 17th August, 2011 and the results of the interviews are as tabulated in the score sheet below. A detailed summary of the results of the interviews is attached to the Report as ***appendix 1.***

No	Name of Applicant	Gender	County	TOTAL	Average Mark	Position
1	Edward R. Ouko	M	Siaya	430	71.7	1
2	Jackson K. Maingi	M	Machakos	428	71.3	2
3	Humphrey O. Wanyama	M	Busia	427	71.2	3
4	Muthoni Wangai	F	Nyeri	394	65.7	4
5	Elizabeth N. Nguring'a	F	Nyeri	439	58.2	5
6	John K. Kagondi	M	Kirinyaga	438	58.0	6
7	Evans Inyangala Kaiga	M	Vihiga	335	55.8	7
8	Sesi Salome Nthenya	F	Mukueni	271	45.2	8

- (v) The Office of the Permanent Secretary, Secretary to the Cabinet and Head of Public Service by a letter dated 22nd August 2011, advised the National Assembly that H.E. the President had after consultation with the Rt. Hon. Prime Minister nominated Mr. Edward R. Ouko to be considered by the House for approval for appointment as the Auditor-General on account of his top performance in the interview.
- (vi) On 23rd August, 2011 Mr Speaker in a Communication to the House, referred the name of the nominee and the accompanying curriculum vitae to the Departmental Committee on Finance, Planning & Trade for consideration prior to approval by the House and directed the Committee to table it's Report on the same to the House on or before Thursday 25th August, 2011

4.0 VETTING OF THE NOMINEE BY THE COMMITTEE

In conducting the vetting process, the Committee examined the nominee against the following criteria, amongst others, in accordance with the Second Schedule of the Commission for the Implementation of the Constitution Act, 2010

- (i) Academic qualifications
- (ii) Employment record
- (iii) Professional affiliations
- (iv) Potential conflict of interest
- (v) Knowledge of the relevant subject

(vi) Overall suitability for the position

During its Sittings held on Wednesday 24th August, 2011 the Committee orally interviewed Mr. Edward R. Ouko, the nominee to the position of Auditor-General. The Committee having considered the curriculum vitae of the nominee and having heard his submissions during the interview, made the following observations:-

- He is both academically and professionally qualified for the position being a holder of Bachelor of Commerce Degree (Hons.) in Finance and Accounting from the University of Nairobi (1976) and has extensive professional experience of over 25 years in matters of auditing, accounting and investigations.
- Has international exposure and is currently serving as the Auditor-General at the African Development Bank from March 2008 to-date where he directs the audit function and prior to June 2010, was in charge of the anti-corruption and fraud function in the Bank.
- His moral standing has not been called into question as confirmed by the Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Kenya and is equally tax compliant as confirmed by the Kenya Revenue Authority. He does also not hold any known partisan political persuasions
- He impressed the Committee on his conviction for reforms, vision, practical knowledge in auditing, understanding of the work of the Office of Auditor-General and on the issue of integrity in leadership in public finance sector

5.0 COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

The Committee Members unanimously supported the appointment of Mr. Edward R. Ouko on the evaluation grounds of academic and professional competence, moral probity and capacity for political non-partisanship. Therefore the Committee recommends that pursuant to Article 229 of the

Constitution, this House approves his appointment by H.E the President as the Auditor-General.

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THE SELECTION PANEL FOR THE NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES TO THE OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL

THE INDEPENDENT OFFICES (APPOINTMENT) ACT, 2011

RESULTS OF INTERVIEWS HELD AT THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF KENYA ANNEX BOARDROOM
ON 16TH AND 17TH AUGUST, 2011

SCORE SHEET

S/No.	F/No.	Name of Applicant	Gender	ID.PP/No.	Country	ICPAK	CABINET OFFICE	SLO	OPM	MSPS	ODPM & MOF	Total	Average Mark	Position
1	14	Edward R. Ouko	M	6611607	Siaya	81	66	60	83	77	63	430	71.7	1
2	4	Jackson Kiio Maingi	M	0701583	Machakos	66	75	81	66	61	79	428	71.3	2
3	7	Humphrey Ogola Wanyama	M	7915425	Busia	64	85	79	67	62	70	427	71.2	3
4	25	Muthoni Wangai	F	4827975	Nyeri	59	69	70	60	67	69	394	65.7	4
5	17	Elizabeth W. Nguring'a	F	5100703	Nyeri	56	62	64	45	62	60	349	58.2	5
6	8	John K. Kagundu	M	3481752	Kirinyaga	60	52	62	65	54	55	348	58.0	6
7	61	Evans Inyangala Kaiga	M	6611629	Vihiga	52	56	52	60	59	56	335	55.8	7
8	15	Sesi Mary Salome Nthenya	F	5719620	Makueni	35	45	52	43	42	54	271	45.2	8

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MINUTES OF THE THIRTY-FIFTH SITTING OF THE DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE (F) ON FINANCE, PLANNING AND TRADE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 24TH AUGUST 2011, IN COMMITTEE ROOM NO. 9 MAIN PARLIAMENT BUILDING AT 2.30 P.M.

PRESENT

Hon. Chrysanthus Okemo, EGH, M.P. (**Chairman**)

Hon. Jakoyo Midiwo, MGH, M.P.

Hon. Ahmed Shakeel Shabbir, M.P.

Hon. Musikari Kombo, M.P.

Hon. Sammy Mwaita, M.P.

Hon. Nelson Gaichuhie, M.P.

Hon. Lucas Chepkitony, M.P.

Hon. Ntoitha M'Mithiaru, M.P.

ABSENT WITH APOLOGY

Hon. (Prof.) Philip Kaloki, M.P. (**Vice-Chairman**)

Hon. Lenny Kivuti, M.P.

Hon. Nkoidila Ole Lankas, M.P.

IN ATTENDANCE

KENYA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Florence Atenyo-Abonyo - First Clerk Assistant

Abduallah Aden - Third Clerk Assistant

MIN. NO. 147/2011

**VETTING OF THE NOMINEE FOR THE POSITION OF
AUDITOR-GENERAL**

In conducting the vetting process, the Committee examined the nominee against the following criteria, amongst others, in accordance with the Second Schedule of the Commission for the Implementation of the Constitution Act, 2010.

- (i) Academic qualifications
- (ii) Employment record
- (iii) Professional affiliations
- (iv) Potential conflict of interest
- (v) Knowledge of the relevant subject
- (vi) Overall suitability for the position

During its Sittings held on Wednesday 24th August, 2011 the Committee orally interviewed Mr. Edward R. Ouko, the nominee to the position of Auditor-General.

MIN. NO. 148/2011 **COMMITTEE'S OBSERVATIONS ON THE NOMINEE**
FOR THE POSITION OF AUDITOR-GENERAL

The Committee having considered the curriculum vitae of the nominee and having heard his submissions during the interview, made the following observations:-

- He is both academically and professionally qualified for the position being a holder of Bachelor of Commerce Degree (Hons.) in Finance and Accounting from the University of Nairobi (1976) and has extensive professional experience of over 25 years in matters of auditing, accounting and investigations
- Has international exposure and is currently serving as the Auditor-General at the African Development Bank from March 2008 to-date where he directs the audit function and prior to June 2010, was in charge of the anti-corruption and fraud function in the Bank.
- His moral standing has not been called into question as confirmed by the Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Kenya and is equally tax compliant as confirmed by the Kenya Revenue

Authority. He does also not hold any known partisan political persuasions.

- He impressed the Committee on his conviction for reforms, vision, practical knowledge in auditing and understanding of the work of the Office of Auditor-General and on the issue of integrity in leadership in public finance sector.

MIN. NO. 149/2011

**COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION ON THE NOMINEE
FOR THE POSTION OF AUDITOR-GENERAL**

The Committee Members unanimously supported the appointment of Mr. Edward R. Ouko on the evaluation grounds of academic and professional competence, moral probity and capacity for political non-partisanship. Therefore the Committee recommends that pursuant to Article 229 of the Constitution, this House approves his appointment by H.E the President as the Auditor-General.

MIN. NO. 150/2011

ADJOURNMENT

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at Five O'clock

Signed

(Chairman)

Date 27/8/2011

MINUTES OF THE THIRTY-SIXTH SITTING OF THE DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE (F) ON FINANCE, PLANNING AND TRADE HELD ON THURSDAY 25TH AUGUST 2011, IN COMMITTEE ROOM NO. 9 MAIN PARLIAMENT BUILDING AT 10.00 A.M.

PRESENT

Hon. Chrysanthus Okemo, EGH, M.P. (**Chairman**)
Hon. Jakoyo Midiwo, MGH, M.P.
Hon. Musikari Kombo, M.P.
Hon. Nelson Gaichuhie, M.P.
Hon. Ahmed Shakeel Shabbir, M.P.
Hon. Sammy Mwaita, M.P.
Hon. Ntoitha M'Mithiaru, M.P

ABSENT WITH APOLOGY

Hon. (Prof.) Philip Kaloki, M.P. (**Vice-Chairman**)
Hon. Lenny Kivuti, M.P.
Hon. Nkoidila Ole Lankas, M.P.
Hon. Lucas Chepkitony, M.P.

IN ATTENDANCE

KENYA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Florence Atenyo-Abonyo - First Clerk Assistant
Abduallah Aden - Third Clerk Assistant

MIN. NO. 151/2011 **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

Minutes of the Thirty-Fifth Sitting of the Committee held on Wednesday 24th August, 2011 were confirmed by the Members present and signed by the Chairman after being proposed by Hon. Nelson Gaichuhie, MP and seconded by Hon. Musikari Kombo, MP.

MIN. NO. 152/2011 **ADOPTION OF THE COMMITTEE'S REPORT ON THE NOMINEE FOR THE POSITION OF AUDITOR-GENERAL**

Members unanimously supported and adopted the

Committee's Report on the approval for appointment of Mr. Edward R. Ouko as the Auditor-General by H E the President, pursuant to Article 229 of the Constitution.

MIN. NO. 153/2011

PENDING BILLS

The Committee was informed that the following Bills have been given First Reading and the Committee is required to table its Report in the House on the same by Friday 26th. August, 2011

- (i) The Commission on Revenue Allocation Bill, 2011
- (ii) The National Government Loans Guarantee Bill, 2011
- (iii) The Contingencies Fund and County Emergency Funds Bill, 2001

MIN. NO. 154/2011

MEETING WITH THE VISITING NAMIBIAN DELEGATION

1. The Committee met with the Members of the Public Accounts and Economy Committee from the Parliament of Namibian comprising the following:-

Hon. Hendrik Gaobaeb, MP (Chairman)

Hon. Germina N. Shitaleni, MP

Hon. Kazeangeere Z Tjeundo, MP

Hon. Moses Coma, MP

Hon. Dortehea Fransman – Committee Clerk

2. The Chairman informed the delegation that:-

(i) the Departmental Committee on Finance, Planning & Trade mandated is to consider:-

- ◆ Public finance;
- ◆ Banking and insurance;
- ◆ National planning and population development;
- ◆ Trade, commerce and industry;
- ◆ Tourism promotion and management

(ii) The line Ministries falling within the purview of the Committee are:-

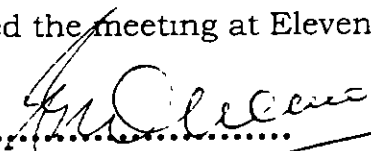
- Office of the Deputy Prime & Ministry of Finance
- Ministry of Planning, National Development & Vision 2030
- Ministry of Industrialization
- Ministry of Tourism
- Ministry of Trade

3. The visiting delegation informed the Committee that the Public Accounts and Economy Committee was created last year and is therefore fairly new. Therefore, the Committee deemed it necessary to visit their counterpart Committees in other countries to learn, share and exchange experience.

MIN. NO. 155/2011

ADJOURNMENT

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at Eleven O'clock.

Signed 
(Chairman)

Date 25/8/2011

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NATIONAL ASSEMBLY TENTH PARLIAMENT – THIRD SESSION

REPORT OF THE IGAD-IPU KENYA DELEGATION TO THE 2ND MEETING OF THE IGAD-IPU EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND THE 2ND CONFERENCE OF SPEAKERS OF IGAD MEMBER STATES HELD IN KAMPALA, UGANDA

27 -28 NOVEMBER 2008

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PREAMBLE

Mr. Speaker,

The Protocol establishing the Inter-Parliamentary Union of IGAD Member States (IGAD-IPU) came into force on 28 November 2007 after being ratified by four IGAD member states, namely: Ethiopia, Djibouti, Sudan and Somalia.

The objectives of IGAD-IPU as stipulated in the Protocol for Inter-Parliamentary Union of IGAD Member States are listed below:

- (i) promote unity and strengthen ties of cooperation among IGAD Member States Parliaments;
- (ii) promote peace, security and stability within the IGAD sub-region;
- (iii) promote and ascertain good governance, transparency and rule of law within IGAD Member States;
- (iv) promote respect for and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms, justice and gender equality;
- (v) promote dialogue and exchanges between Parliaments of IGAD Member States and between the Union and other regional Inter-Parliamentary Organizations;
- (vi) promote, create awareness and popularise the aims and objectives of the Union and IGAD among the peoples of the IGAD sub-region.

The first meeting of the Conference of Speakers of Parliaments of IGAD member states, the highest organ of the Union, took place in Addis Ababa on 28 November 2007.

The meeting was attended by Speakers of Parliaments of Djibouti, Ethiopia, Uganda, Sudan and Somalia. Kenya was represented by high level government officials for the parliament was dissolved because of the General Elections in the country.

The first meeting of the Executive Council, the second highest organ of the parliamentary Union took place on 25-26 May 2008 in Khartoum, Sudan under the chairmanship of Hon. Ahmed Ibrahim El-Tahir, Speaker of the National Assembly of the Sudan.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Second IGAD-IPU Meeting of the Executive Council and the Second Conference of Speakers of Parliaments of IGAD Member States was held on the side line of the 53rd Session of the Executive Council and the 31st Conferene of the African Parliamentary Union on 28-29 November 2008, Kampala, Uganda.

The core issues deliberated upon were intended to set a clear basis on which to run the affairs of IGAD-IPU that consequently enabled the fulfilment of the Union's mandate. This only possible by strengthening all three organs of the Union: the Conference, the Executive Council and the Secretariat.

These issues included among others:

- the draft structure and budget for IGAD-IPU Secretariat; and
- the selection of a candidate to the post of Secretary General; etc.

CONSTITUTION OF DELEGATION

The Kenya National Assembly as a member of the IGAD-IPU sent a delegation with the sole objective to attend and consequently participate in the deliberations of:

- the Second Meeting of the IGAD-IPU Executive Council; and
- the Second Conference of the Speakers of Parliaments of IGAD Member States.

The delegation comprised the following:

The Hon. Farah M. Maalim, MP (Deputy Speaker – Kenya National Assembly)

Accompanied by:

Ms. Anne Musandu – Third Clerk Assistant/ Secretary to the Delegation

Also in attendance from Kenya was:

Hon. Felix Useru Kanyauchi – former Member of Parliament for Gwassu Constituency and a candidate for the position of Secretary General of IGAD-IPU.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Delegation to the Second Meeting of the Executive Council and the Second Conference of Speakers of IGAD-IPU is grateful to the Hon. Speaker and the Liaison Committee of the Kenya National Assembly for facilitating the visit. The Committee would further like to thank the Clerk of the National Assembly and

parliamentary staff for all the logistical and technical support accorded that guaranteed its successful attendance.

Furthermore, the Delegation specially thanks the IGAD Secretariat headed by the Executive Secretary, Eng. Mahboub Mohamed Maalim who ably facilitated positive and fruitful deliberations.

Last but not least, the Delegation by all means recognizes the people of Uganda whose warm hospitality ensured a comfortable and memorable stay in Kampala.



**HON. FARAH M. MAALIM, MP
DEPUTY SPEAKER AND LEADER OF THE DELEGATION
KENYA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

APRIL 2009

THE SECOND MEETING OF THE IGAD-IPU EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Opening Session

The Second Meeting of the Executive Council of IGAD-IPU was held on 27 November 2008 in Kampala, Uganda under the chairmanship of Hon. Mohamed El-Hassan Elamin, the Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly of Sudan. It was attended by representatives from Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, Sudan and Uganda.

The Deputy Speaker welcomed the delegates to the meeting and expressed his hope that the meeting would be of great value to the countries in the region to foster development and integration. He further stated that it was his wish to see the organization grow from strength to strength and make good progress for the future of the people in the region.

He noted that all over the world, countries were grouping together for common objectives and hoped the IGAD region would benefit from such grouping.

He also thanked the people and the government of Uganda for accepting to host the meeting and for the good hospitality extended to all the delegates since their arrival in Uganda.

Adoption of the Draft Agenda

The Council after considering the draft agenda, adopted the same without amendments.

Adoption of the draft minutes of the First Meeting of the Executive Council

The Council considered the minutes of the First Meeting of the Executive Council and adopted the same without amendments.

Consideration and Recommendation of the Revised Draft Structure and Budget for IGAD-IPU Secretariat

The Council considered the views expressed by Ethiopia on the living standards in Addis Ababa in relation to the budget and confirmed that the draft budget was adequate.

The Executive Secretary of IGAD clarified on the new directives issued by the Assembly of IGAD Heads of State and Government on revitalization of IGAD and Staff rationalization that was also going to consider staff remunerations.

The Council after taking into consideration all the issues presented adopted the Draft structure and the Budget for the IPU Secretariat.

Consideration and Recommendation of the candidate to the post of Secretary General of the Union's Secretariat

Kenya withdrew its candidate in favour of Djibouti's candidate. In the same light, Sudan also withdrew its candidate in favour of the Djibouti candidate. Somalia also stated that for the sake of unity, it was withdrawing its candidate in support of the Djibouti candidate.

Ethiopia and Uganda did not present candidates for consideration but shared the sentiment of Kenya, Sudan and Somalia supported the candidate of Djibouti.

There being consensus, the Council recommended the candidate from Djibouti, Mr. Bourhan Daoud Ahmed for the position of Secretary General of IGAD-IPU.

Djibouti paid tribute and thanked all the member states who supported their candidate and promised to cooperate with all of them in promoting the values of IGAD-IPU. Mr. Bourhan Daoud Ahmed, also proposed that in future IGAD-IPU would endeavour to hold its meetings apart from other conferences and meetings.

Consideration of the Draft Agenda for the 2nd Conference of Speakers of IGAD-IPU.

The Council considered the draft agenda of the Conference of Speakers and adopted the same and recommended it to the Conference of Speakers.

Uganda and Kenya raised the issue of the Kenya candidate being considered for a position in filling the remaining posts in the IGAD-IPU Secretariat. Members agreed that while qualification was paramount in considering the best candidates to fill in vacant positions, equity would be considered to satisfy every member state.

The Chairman in his closing remarks thanked all the participants for their openness and deliberations and wished them a fruitful meeting in the Conference of Speakers.

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Executive Council would be communicated after consultation with the IGAD Secretariat.

THE SECOND CONFERENCE OF THE SPEAKERS OF PARLIAMENTS OF IGAD MEMBER STATES

The Agenda of the Second Conference of the Speakers of Parliaments of IGAD Member states included the following pertinent issues:

- 1.0 Adoption of the proposed Draft Structure and Budget for the IGAD-IPU Secretariat.
- 2.0 Selection of candidate to the post of Secretary General of the Union in accordance with the Terms of Reference.
- 3.0 General briefing on the current Political, Economic and Social Situation in the IGAD Region by member states.

Opening Remarks by H.E. Ahmed Ibrahim El Tahir, Speaker of the Sudan National Assembly, President of the Executive Council.

The President welcomed the delegates and expressed confidence of fruitful deliberations. He stressed the importance of peace and security in the region. He further explained that peace and security were paramount because they were required for progress.

Statement by Representative of the Host country.

The representative of the Host country, Uganda welcomed the delegates and expressed his wish for successful discussions.

Statement by Eng. Mahboub M. Maalim, Executive Secretary of IGAD

In his statement, the Executive Secretary expressed concern on the overall ratification of the Protocol for the Inter-Parliamentary Union of IGAD Member States.

He noted that not all member states had ratified the protocol.

It is important to note that Kenya is one of the states that has not complied with this urgent and critical requirement.

Adoption of the proposed Draft Agenda of the Second Conference IGAD-IPU Speakers of Parliaments

The Draft Agenda for the Conference was considered and adopted without amendments.

Adoption of the Draft Minutes of the First Conference of Speakers of Parliaments of IGAD Member States

The Draft Minutes of the First Conference of Speakers of Parliaments of IGAD Member states were adopted.

Adoption of proposed Draft Structure and Budget for the IGAD-IPU Secretariat

The following is a summary of the Draft Budget (Currency US\$) for the IGAD-IPU Secretariat Office was adopted without amendments:

Description	Unit Price	Quantity	Total Budget Requirement
Salary & allowance for staff			794,037,55
Office Rent	3,500,00	12,00	42,000,00
Vehicle purchase	38,000,00	2,00	76,000,00
Office furniture & equipment for new staff			60,000,00
General overhead expense			40,000,00
TOTAL			1,012,037,55

Selection of candidate to the post of Secretary General of the Union in accordance with the Terms of Reference

The fundamental role of the Secretary General is to be CEO of the Secretariat of Union. The Secretary General will aim to intensify regional parliamentary cooperation at different levels, ensuring coordination and fostering political support for the formulation and execution of regional activities. He/She will provide an efficient information network between and for the different Parliaments and help to establish and consolidate networks between sector-specific Parliamentary Committees, paving the ground and preparing a basis for a more institutionalized cooperation in this field.

He/She will contribute to strengthening the democratic efficiency and effectiveness of the Parliaments in the sub-region; promoting bilateral and multilateral cooperation among Parliaments in the region and to bringing closer to IGAD the parliamentary structures of the region.

Being the Chief Executive Officer of the IGAD-IPU, the Secretary General will focus on strengthening the sub-regional parliamentary dimensions thus contributing to the enhanced overall cooperation in IGAD.

He/She will promote sub-regional approach in the process of IGAD integration and will assist positioning the sub-region as a whole at the African scene and globally.

The Secretary General shall report to the Speakers of the Parliament of the Member states, and is responsible for the Secretariats consistent achievement of its mandate and in this regard he/she will be responsible for the financial and administrative management in programs development.

The Conference then confirmed the appointment of Djibouti's Mr. Bourhan Daoud Ahmed for the position of Secretary General of IGAD-IPU.

General Briefing on the Political, Economic and Social Situation in the IGAD Region by Member States

The President of the Executive Council called upon Kenya to give a general briefing of its current political, economic and social situation. The President noted that Kenya had during the First Conference sought to have this agenda item included during subsequent conferences.

In the briefing, the Deputy Speaker, Hon. Farah M. Maalim, MP enlightened the Conference on the current political situation in Kenya. He gave a follow up of what had been achieved as the country got back on track following the widespread violence, untold human suffering, internal displacement and incalculable loss of property that characterized the aftermath of the disputed elections in December 2007. He explained that Kenya was in the process of

ensuring the future integrity of the electoral process and gave an overview of both the Kriegler Independent Review Commission and the Waki Commission. He further informed the Conference that Kenya's constitutional and legal framework relating to elections had a number of weaknesses and inconsistencies that would be revised to ensure a solid foundation for coping with the challenges that future elections would be likely to present.

On the economy, the Deputy Speaker explained the achievements of the Constituency Development Fund and also told the Conference about Kenya's Vision 2030 economic development plan to develop several different economic zones in various parts of the country. On the existing global financial crisis, the Government had put in place mechanisms to closely monitor the situation and its likely short and long term effects on Kenya's economy and to determine how best the country could mitigate against these likely effects.

On the social front, he informed the Conference that Kenya was still grappling with the issue of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) but acknowledged that Government had been able to resettle a large number and was currently working towards ensuring that all IDPs are resettled.

In addition, the Deputy Speaker gave outline of Kenya's position in its fight against HIV/AIDS stating that the Government continued to steadily ensure more and more People Living with HIV/AIDS were receiving free Antiretroviral treatment from Government hospitals. He further explained the recently launched voluntary male circumcision campaign as part of the country's national HIV prevention strategy.

The President lauded Kenya's comprehensive briefing.

Sudan briefed the Conference on the continued implementation of the 2005 Comprehensive Peace Agreement based on three points: peace, democracy and economic growth.

On Darfur, the Conference was informed that there were continuous efforts aimed at bringing lasting peace and that it was the government's responsibility to bring peace. However, Sudan took issue with the International Crime Court's support for a warrant of arrest against the country's President. The charges against the President were uncalled for and uncultured in terms of political development.

Ethiopia expressed the need for peaceful co-existence with Eritrea denoting the consequences of instability.

Uganda expressed the importance of the pending signing of the peace agreement with Joseph Kony of the Lord's Resistance Army so that Northern Uganda could settle in peace.

Closing

In closing, the Executive Secretary urged the Member States to remain united so as to ultimately improve all aspects of life for all citizens. He said that IGAD-IPU supported:

- efforts of development in the region;
- peace efforts in all IGAD member states; and
- strengthening of relations between member countries.

The newly appointed Secretary General for IGAD-IPU:

- thanked all members for their support;
- promised to serve efficiently;
- said that he would act to have an effective and functioning institution as soon as possible; and
- would spare no effort to execute the tasks ahead with professionalism.

Kenya expressed fervour in the role that Parliaments could play in brokering peace between warring factions within the region.

Ethiopia proposed that in future, it would be in the interest of the Union to have media coverage of its proceedings so as to enlighten various interested parties.

The Speaker of the Djibouti Parliament proposed that the next meeting of the Executive Council be held in Djibouti. Members noted that all arrangements of future meetings would be communicated in due course.