

REPUBLIC OF KENYA

**THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY  
THIRTHEENTH PARLIAMENT (SECOND SESSION)**

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**CONVEYANCE OF PUBLIC PETITION**

*(No. 06 of 2023)*


**REGARDING AMENDMENT TO THE KENYA INFORMATION AND  
COMMUNICATIONS ACT**

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- 1. Honourable Members,** Article 119 of the Constitution accords any person the right to petition Parliament to consider any matter within its authority. Further, Standing Order 225(2)(b) requires the Speaker to report to the House any Petition other than those presented by a Member.
- In this regard, **Honourable Members,** I wish to report to the House that my office has received a petition from one Mr. Patrick Kaberia, Director of PAWA Africa, a civil society organization engaging in civic leadership, social justice, socio economic development, sustainability and governance regarding amendment to the Kenya Information and Communications Act.
- The Petitioner observes that due to rapid growth of the ICT and Digital Economy, there is an urgent need to amend the Kenya Information & Communications Act to align it with the current and emerging realities of a connected digital world to enhance growth and expansion of both economic and social sectors of the nation.
- The petitioner further highlights emerging issues in the digital economy such as information and cyber security threats, copyright issues, content creation, broadcast and communication, misinformation, online and mobile transactions in a global competition and digital transformation that need to be regulated. This will enable the deriving of maximum benefits while averting possible threats posed by trends in IT and digital economy and to help maintain better internet governance.

5. **Hon. Members**, the petitioner therefore prays that the National Assembly introduces amendments to the Kenya Information and Communications Act to better govern the Digital Economy.
6. **Honourable Members**, having established that the matter raised in the Petition is well within the authority of this House; and further, that the matters raised in this Petition are not pending before any court of law, constitutional or legal body, I hereby commit the Petition to the Public Petitions Committee for consideration pursuant to Standing Order 208A.
7. The Committee is required to consider the Petition and report its findings to the House and to the Petitioner in accordance with Standing Order 227(2).

**I thank you.**

  
**THE RT. HON. MOSES WETANG'ULA, EGH, MP**  
**SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

Date .....1/3/23.....