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THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS OBLIGATIONS

APPOINTMENT

IT IS notified for general information that the Attorney-General, in consultation with the relevant ministries and stakeholders has appointed a committee to be known as the National Committee on International and Regional Human Rights Obligations. The membership of this Committee is as follows:

1. Office of Attorney-General and Department of Justice
2. Ministry of Labour and Social Protection
3. Ministry of Public Service, Gender and Youth Affairs
4. Ministry of Foreign Affairs
5. Ministry of Health
6. Ministry of Lands and Physical Planning
7. Ministry of Transport, Infrastructure, Housing and Urban Development
8. Ministry of Education
9. Ministry of Interior and Co-ordination of National Government
10. Kenya National Bureau of Statistics
11. Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions
12. Independent Policing Oversight Authority
13. Kenya Prison Service
14. National Police Service
15. Kenya National Commission on Human Rights
16. National Gender and Equality Commission
17. Council of Governors
18. Judiciary

The Committee will be chaired by the Attorney-General or his representative.

2. The functions of the Committee shall be to advise the government on measures necessary to comply with its international and regional human rights obligations and specifically to co-ordinate and prepare reports to and engage with international and regional human rights

mechanisms (including treaty bodies, the universal periodic review and special procedures), and to co-ordinate and track national follow-up and implementation of the treaty obligations and the recommendations emanating from these mechanisms. In this regard the Committee shall—

- (a) organize and facilitate the preparation of State periodic reports to various international and regional human rights mechanisms under the guidance of lead ministries in charge of reporting on various international and regional human rights treaties;
- (b) prepare responses to communications, visits from United Nations Special procedures and follow-up questions and recommendations/decisions received from international and regional human rights mechanisms;
- (c) co-ordinate data collection and information gathering from Government entities, Parliament and the Judiciary for reporting on and following up recommendations and decisions to facilitate implementation by line ministries;
- (d) organize and co-ordinate stakeholders' consultative meetings to raise awareness on the importance of the state reporting under international human rights instruments to which it is a party;
- (e) track, capture and cluster recommendations and decisions from international and regional human rights mechanisms, identify government agencies for implementation; develop follow-up plans, with time frames, and manage information regarding implementation;
- (f) co-ordinate the periodic review of the common core document on the general information on Kenya and submit the document to various treaty monitoring bodies;
- (g) Prepare country position papers on human rights issues raised in international and regional forums;
- (h) consider and advise on ratification of regional and international human rights treaties, and protocols;
- (i) support and participate in treaty specific standards training in conformity with the relevant treaty body's guidelines;
- (j) prepare annual reports on the status of compliance on reporting on human rights treaties to the Cabinet Secretary for the time being responsible for matters relating to human rights and administration of justice; and
- (k) carry out such other functions as may be necessary or incidental to the foregoing.

3. In performance of its functions, the Committee shall—

- (a) be responsible to the Attorney General as the lead agency responsible for ensuring compliance with human rights reporting requirements;
- (b) consult and work closely with relevant ministries, human rights commissions, civil society organizations and other institutions concerned with the promotion and protection of human rights. The Committee will establish modalities that promote such systematic engagement;
- (c) hold such number of meetings in such places and as such times as the committee shall consider necessary for the proper discharge of its functions;
- (d) co-opt any person(s) and or organizations (including non-state actors) as it may consider necessary or expedient for the proper performance of its functions;
- (a) solicit, receive and consider views from members of the public and other interest groups;

- (b) integrate a human rights based perspective and inclusivity into their work; and
- (c) conduct any other activities required for the effective discharge of its mandate.

4. The Secretariat of the Committee

The Committee shall have a secretariat comprising of officers from the Office of the Attorney-General and Department of Justice. The Secretariat shall be based at the Office of the Attorney-General and Department of Justice, Co-operative Bank House, 10th Floor, Haile Selassie Avenue, Nairobi and shall be responsible to the Committee for—

- (a) Providing appropriate background briefing to the Committee;
- (b) Preparing committee reports and disseminating any information deemed relevant to the committee;
- (c) Undertaking research and liaising with the relevant government departments and any other institutions in order to gather relevant information necessary for informing the committee; and
- (d) Creation and maintenance of a database of reports, position papers, concluding observations and recommendations.

Dated the 15th March, 2019

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