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REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY ON THE CONSIDERATION OF THE KENYA QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORK BILL

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## 1.0 PREFACE

**Mr. Speaker, Sir**

The Committee on Education, Research and Technology is one of the Departmental Committees of the National Assembly established under Standing Order 216 and mandated to, inter alia; **'to study and review all legislations referred to it'**.

**Mr. Speaker, Sir**

The Committee on Education, Research and Technology was constituted by the House on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2013 comprising of the following members:

1. **The Hon. Sabina Chege, M.P.(Chairperson)**
2. **The Hon. Julius Melly, M.P. (Vice Chair)**
3. The Hon. (Prof.) Hellen Sambili, M.P.
4. The Hon. (Dr.) Wilber Ottichilo, M.P.
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25. The Hon. Dorcas Kedogo Luvalitsa, M.P.
26. The Hon. Ibren Nasra Ibrahim, M.P.
27. The Hon. Richard Makenga Katemi, M.P.
28. The Hon. Silverse Lisamula Anami

**Mr. Speaker, Sir,**

The Kenya Qualifications Bill was read for the First time in the House on 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2013 and thereafter committed to the Departmental Committee on Education, Research and Technology for consideration pursuant to the provisions of the standing orders no. 127.

*“A bill having been read a first time shall stand committed to the relevant departmental committee without question put.”*

Pursuant to Article 118(1) (b) of the Constitution and Standing Order 127(3), the Committee invited (through local dailies) interested members of the public to submit any representations they had on the Bill. The Committee also held a stakeholders forum on the 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2014 at the Kenya Technical Training College, where stakeholders drawn from various sectors attended.

**Mr. Speaker, Sir,**

## **2.0 OBJECTS OF THE KENYA QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORK BILL**

In examining the Bill, the Committee noted the following:

1. The main Objective of the Bill is to establish a framework for the recognition and standardization of qualifications obtained in institutions within and outside Kenya;
2. Part I of the Bill has the preliminary provisions;
3. Part II of the Bill establishes and assigns functions and powers of the Kenya Qualification Framework Authority. The functions of the authority include the supervision of the development of policies on National qualifications and accreditation of the same and advise institution and other persons who award national qualification. The Bill establishes and makes provisions with respect to the council of the authority;
4. Part III of the Bill makes financial provisions with respect to the council of the authority covering annual estimates, accounts and audit;
5. Part IV has the miscellaneous provisions and that the Bill concerns the County Government and will also occasion public expenditure; and
6. The Authority will act as an umbrella body that will provide the requirements for all the courses offered within and outside Kenya. This will eliminate the possibility of students

being awarded degrees that are not recognized by employers on account that they do not meet the requirements as needed by the specific employers.

### 3.0 CONSIDERATION OF THE KENYA QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORK BILL

In principle, the Committee and stakeholders were in agreement with the contents of the Bill. However the Committee sought to make amendments to the following **key** areas:

- i. **The Title of the Bill:** The Bill to be referred to as “ The Kenya National Qualification Framework Bill
- ii. **Justification for the Authority:** The Committee noted that the Bill is necessary in order to bring sanity in the award of qualifications and to also allow technical skills that have not previously awarded certificates, be able to acquire certificates. The Committee had reservations on the role of the authority visa viz the role of other examining bodies. The Committee was able to go through the Bill and was convinced that the Bill was necessary in order to establish a regulatory framework that will guide the sector.

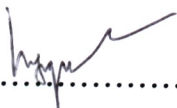
**Mr. Speaker, Sir,**

The Committee is thankful to the Offices of the Speaker and the Clerk of the National Assembly for the logistical and technical support accorded to it during its sittings. The Committee wishes to thank all the stakeholders for their participation in scrutinizing the Bill. Finally, I wish to express my appreciation to the Honourable Members of the Committee who sacrificed their time to participate in the activities of the Committee and preparation of this report.

**Mr. Speaker, Sir,**

It is therefore my pleasant duty and privilege, on behalf of the Departmental Committee on Education, Research and Technology, to table the report in the House on the Kenya National Qualifications Framework Bill, 2013 for consideration and adoption Pursuant to Standing Order 127.

SIGNED.....



HON. SABINA WANGIRO CHEGE, MP.

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(CHAIRPERSON)

## 4.0 COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

### Title:

THAT the Title be amended by inserting the word National immediately after the word Kenya to read as the Kenya National Qualifications Framework Bill.

## PART I: PRELIMINARY

### Clause 1:

THAT Clause 1 be amended by inserting the word National immediately after the word Kenya to read as the Kenya National Qualifications Framework Bill.

### Clause 2:

THAT Clause 2 be amended

i) By inserting new definitions to read as follows:

i. "Gazette" means the official Kenya Gazette

"National Qualifications Framework" means the national system for the articulation, classification, registration, accreditation, quality assurance, monitoring and evaluation and publication of reports on and registers of national qualifications established by the Authority in accordance with this Act.

ii) By inserting a new paragraph providing for the guiding principles

The guiding principles for the framework shall be among others to promote access and equity, quality and relevance of qualifications, evidence based competence, flexibility of access to and affordability of education and training assessment and qualifications.

### Clause 3

Amend 3 (d) of the Bill by deleting the word "standards" and substituting thereof the word "benchmarks".

### Clause 4

Amend 4 (1) (e) be amended by inserting a new words immediately after the word "conviction" to read as "or be imprisoned for a term not exceeding six months or

both.”

## **PART II: ESTABLISHMENT OF THE AUTHORITY**

### **Clause 5**

**PART II: A** – inserting the word “National” immediately after the word “Kenya” and wherever the title of the Bill appears;

### **Clause 6 agreed to**

### **Clause 7**

Amend 7 (1) (b) by replacing the word “develop” with the word “establish”.

Amend by inserting new functions “j” “k” “l” and “m” to read as follows:-

“j) establish standards for harmonization and recognition of national and foreign qualifications.”

“(k) build confidence in the national qualifications system that contributes to the national economy.”

“(l) Provide pathways that support the development and maintenance of flexible access to qualifications.”

“(m) promote the recognition of national qualifications internationally.”

### **Clause 8 agreed to**

### **Clause 9**

Amend 9 (e) (iv) by deleting the words “the chairperson of the Association of Professional Societies of East Africa” and inserting thereof the words “one person nominated by an organization representing professional associations in Kenya”

Amend 9 (e) (v) by deleting the words “one person nominated by the Central Organisation of Trade Unions” and inserting thereof with the words “one person nominated by an organization governing workers unions”

### **Clause 10 agreed to**

### **Clause 11 agreed to**

### **Clause 12 agreed to**

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Clause 15 agreed to

Clause 16 agreed to

Clause 17 agreed to

### **PART III—FINANCIAL PROVISIONS**

Clause 18

Amend 18 (a) by inserting the words “payable to the Authority immediately after the words “monies”. And inserting a new paragraph immediately after the word “Authority;” to read as “Monies payable to the Authority in the course of the exercise of its powers or in the performance of its functions such monies or assets a may accrue to or vest in the Authority in the course of the exercise of its powers or in the performance of its functions under this Act, and”

Amend 18 (b) by inserting the word “as” immediately after the word “monies”

Clause 19 agreed to

Clause 20 agreed to

Clause 21 agreed to

Clause 22 agreed to

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Clause 26 agreed to

Clause 27 agreed to

Clause 28 agreed to

Clause 29 agreed to

Clause 30

Insert a new paragraph 30 to read as follows

“30. The Examining Bodies which were established under various Acts immediately prior to the coming into force of this Act shall continue to operate and



shall seek accreditation under this Act from the Authority within a period of two years from the date of the commencement of the Act.”

**SCHEDULE: THE CONDUCT OF THE BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL**

Amend 4 by inserting deleting “s” appearing in the word “numbers” to read as “number”

Amend 5 by inserting “by” immediately after the word “shall” and inserting the word “simple” immediately after the word “majority”

5.0 COMMITTEE MINUTES

**MINUTES OF THE 11<sup>TH</sup> SITTING OF THE DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY HELD ON TUESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2014, BOARD ROOM, 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR, PROTECTION HOUSE, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS AT 10.00 A.M.**

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**PRESENT**

1. **Hon. Sabina Chege, M.P.(Chairperson)**
2. Hon. Jacob Macharia, M.P
3. Hon. Mary Seneta, M.P.
4. Hon. Joseph M'eruaki, M.P.
5. Hon. Dr. Susan Chebet, M.P.
6. Hon. Eric Keter, M.P
7. Hon. Harrison Kombe, M.P.
8. Hon. Cecilia Ng'etich, M.P
9. Hon. Mohamed Huka, M.P.
10. Hon. Rose R. Mitaru, M.P.
11. Hon. (Prof.) Hellen Sambili, M.P.
12. Hon. Muriuki Njagagua, M.P.
13. Hon. Moses Injendi, M.P
14. Hon. Kenneth Okoth, M.P.
15. Hon. Geoffrey M. Odanga, M.P.
16. Hon. Jared Opiyo, M.P.
17. Hon. Michael Kisoi, M.P.
18. Hon. Halima Ware Duri, M.P.
19. Hon. Dorcas Kedogo, M.P.
20. Hon. Ibren Nasra Ibrahim, M.P.
21. Hon. Richard Makenga, M.P.
22. Hon. Silverse Anami Lisamula, M.P

**APOLOGIES**

23. Hon. Julius Melly, M.P. (Vice Chairperson)
24. Hon. Yusuf Chanzu, M.P

**ABSENT**

25. The Hon. Anthony Kimaru, M.P
26. Hon. Joseph Nyumu, M.P.
27. Hon. Joseph Manje, M.P.
28. Hon. (Dr.) Wilber Ottichilo, M.P.
29. Hon. (Dr.) Christine Ombaka, M.P.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

**National Assembly Secretariat**

Leah Wanjiru – First Clerk Assistant  
Wellington Namenge – Research Officer  
Elijah Ichwara – Audio Officer

**MIN. NO. DC.D/ 45/ 2014**

**PRELIMINARIES**

The meeting was called to order at 10.30 a.m and started with a word of prayer from Ms. Leah Wanjiru. The Chair then proceeded to welcome the Officials from the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology. Thereafter a round of Introductions was done.

**MIN. NO. DC.D/ 46/ 2014 CONSIDERATION OF THE KENYA QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORK AUTHORITY BILL**

The meeting had been convened to consider the Kenya Qualifications Framework (KQF) Bill that was read a first time and thereafter it was committed to the Committee on Education, Research and Technology in accordance to the provisions of Standing Order No. 127 of the National Assembly. The Committee was informed as follows:-

- 1) The legislative proposal was seeking to establish a framework for the recognition and standardization of qualifications obtained in institutions within and outside Kenya;
- 2) The KQF Bill was a national policy that was seeking to describe the levels of educational qualifications and set standards for qualification outcomes;
- 3) The Objectives of the KQF Bill was to establish national standards and levels for outcomes of education and training;
- 4) The KQF Bill was also intended to support the development and maintenance of pathways and equivalencies which provided access to qualifications and assist people to move easily and readily between the different Education & Training sectors as well as between these sectors and the labour market; and
- 5) The Bill sought to align the KQF with international qualifications framework to support the national and international mobility of workers through increased recognition of the value and comparability of Kenyan qualifications.
- 6) KQF would encourage lifelong learning to allow individuals to start at the level that suits them and then build up their qualifications as their needs and interests develop and change over time.
- 7) KQF would also provide access to certificates and licences recognized by the Government;
- 8) KQF would ensure consistency between the standards and qualifications and the job requirements/ demands;

- 9) KQF would ensure transparency in training provision , conformance to standards and preciseness of accountability for learning outcomes ;
- 10) KQF would provide common understanding of policies and guidelines on credit transfers, articulation, portability, bridges pathways and a Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)
- 11) Finally, the KQF would also provide the standards, taxonomy and typology of qualifications as bases for granting approvals to providers and stakeholders. It would also harmonize qualifications in education and training across Kenyans.

The Committee having gone through the KQF Bill noted that the Bill would be timely if enacted would ensure regulation of certificates offered by different colleges both locally and internationally. The KQF Authority would also work closely with professional bodies and institutions to ensure that learners are given the right qualifications.

### **Committee's Concerns**

The Committee was concerned that:-

- i. The Bill if enforced into law would lead to the KQAF superintending over other examining bodies like KASNEB, KNEC and others. The Committee was informed that KQAF would only work to regulate the qualifications thus will not hamper their operations; and
- ii. The Framework should also encompass the spirit of regional integration in so far as harmonizing educational qualifications in the East Africa region was concerned. In response, PS informed the Committee was in the process of finalizing Regional Qualifications Framework.

### **MIN. NO. DC.D/ 47/ 2014 CONSIDERATION OF THE BUDGET POLICY STATEMENTS 2014**

The Committee was informed as follow:-

The sector had been allocated Kshs. 268 billion which was a reduction of Kshs. 7.1 billion from what was requested when the sector was submitting their request.

The Ministry would not be able to set up the proposed 135 Technical and Vocational Training Institutes (TVET) that had been earmarked for the next Financial Year 2014/15.

The Ministry had several shortfalls in the budget 2014/15 including the funding of Free Day Secondary Education (FDSE) and Free Primary Education (FPE).

On the part of TSC, the Commission would not be able to recruit teachers if their allocation was not increased. In addition, the Commission would not be able to embark on the promotion of teachers, bearing in mind that most teachers are eligible for promotion.

Noting, that the Ministry and the TSC could only work with the ceilings provided by National Treasury, the Committee directed the Ministry and the TSC to rationalize their shortfalls including the areas that they feel would be negatively impacted.

**MIN.NO. DC.D/48/2014: ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

No other business arose.

**MIN.NO. DC.D/49/2014: ADJOURNMENT/ DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 5.30 p.m.

Signed.....



(CHAIRPERSON)

HON. SABINA CHEGE, MP

Date.....

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**MINUTES OF THE 27<sup>TH</sup> SITING OF THE DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY HELD ON 10<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2014 AT THE BOARDROOM, 9<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR, HARAMBEE SACCO PLAZA AT 10:00 A.M.**

**PRESENT**

1. Hon. Sabina Chege, M.P. -
2. The Hon. Julius Melly,MP
3. The Hon. Rose Rwamba Mitaru,M.P
4. The Hon. Dr. Susan Chebet,M.P
5. The Hon. Mohamed Adan Huka, M.P
6. The Hon. Yusuf Chanzu, M.P
7. The Hon. Njagagua Muriuki,M.P
8. The Hon. Opiyo Jared Odhiambo,M.P
9. The Hon. Kedogo Dorcas Luvalitsa,M.P
10. The Hon. Makenga Richard Katemi,M.P
11. Hon. Eric Keter, M.P.
12. Hon. Moses Injendi, M.P.
13. Hon.Halima Ware Duri, M.P
14. Hon. Harrison Kombe, M.P.
15. Hon. Geoffrey Makokha Odanga, M.P.
16. Hon. Kenneth Okoth,M.P

**Chairperson**

Vice Chairperson

**ABSENT WITH APOLOGY**

17. Hon. Cecilliah Ng'etich, M.P.

**ABSENT**

18. Hon. Joseph Manje, M.P.
19. Hon. Anthony Kimaru, M.P.
20. Hon. Hellen Sambili, M.P.
21. Hon. Dr. Christine Ombaka, M.P
22. The Hon. Joseph Meruaki, M.P
23. Hon. Ibren Nasra Ibrahim, M.P
24. The Hon. Micahel Kisoi Manthi,M.P
25. The Hon. Silverse Lisamula Anami, M.P
26. The Hon. Jacob Macharia, M.P
27. The Hon. Mary Seneta, M.P
28. The Hon. Dr. Wilber Khasilwa Ottichilo, M.P

**IN ATTENDANCE**

National Assembly Secretariat

1. Ms. Leah Wanjiru
2. Mr. Jimale Mohamed
3. Mr. Mugoma John
4. Mr. Muyodi Meldaki Emmanuel
5. Mr. Dima Dima Wildo
6. Ms. Colletah Sigilai

First Clerk Assistant  
Third Clerk Assistant  
Third Clerk Assistant  
Third Clerk Assistant  
Senior Legal Counsel  
Legal Counsel

**MIN.NO.DC.D/ 118/2014: PRELIMINARIES**

The meeting was called to order at 10:30am by the Chair, Hon. Sabina Chege with a word of prayer from the Hon. Mohamed Huka, M.P.

**MIN.NO.DC.D/119/2014: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The agenda item was deferred to the next sitting.

**MIN.NO.DC.D /120/2014: STATEMENT REQUESTED BY THE HON. GEORGE KALUMA, M.P AND OTHER PENDING STATEMENTS**

The Chairperson welcomed Hon. Kaluma, MP to the meeting who had attended the meeting upon the invitation of the Committee. He thanked the Committee for according him an opportunity to clarify some issues raised in the statement. He further sought the Committee's indulgence to appear before the Committee in another date as he needed more time to prepare documentary evidence on the issues. He promised to submit (by close of business that day) a summary of the evidence including a 1600 pages report of evidence for Committee's consideration. The Committee then resolved to meet him on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June at 9.00 a.m in order to go through the issues before meeting the MOEST and KU the following week.

**MIN.NO.DC.D /121/2014: PENDING ISSUES**

The Senior Legal Officer who was representing the principal was invited to take Members through the status of the following Bills.

- I. Proposed Basic Education (Amendment) Bill
- II. Proposed University (Amendment) Bill
- III. Kenya Qualifications Framework Bill.

He noted that at that moment he would only be able to comment on the Proposed Basic Education (Amendment) Bill.

He explained to the Committee the process that the Bill will go through before it was published. He noted that the Bill having been generated by the Committee will not have to undergo prepublication scrutiny. In Addition, the Bill would be submitted to the Budget and Appropriations Committee (B &AC) to examine whether it was money Bill or not. The Chair promised to get in touch with the Chair B &AC to have the Bill prioritized for consideration.

The legal counsel will meet the Committee after finalizing on the final document.

The Committee Members considered the report on the amendments to the Kenya Qualifications Framework Bill. The following amendments were proposed:

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:**

**Title:**

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## **PART I: PRELIMINARY**

### **Clause 1:**

**THAT** Clause 1 be amended by inserting the word National immediately after the word Kenya to read as the Kenya National Qualifications Framework Bill.

### **Clause 2:**

**THAT** Clause 2 be amended

### **Interpretation**

i) By inserting new definitions to read as follows:

i. "Gazette" means the official Kenya Gazette

"National Qualifications Framework" means the national system for the articulation, classification, registration, accreditation, quality assurance, monitoring and evaluation and publication of reports on and registers of national qualifications established by the Authority in accordance with this Act.

### **Guiding Principles**

ii) By inserting a new paragraph providing for the guiding principles

The guiding principles for the framework shall be among others to promote access and equity, quality and relevance of qualifications, evidence based competence, flexibility of access to and affordability of education and training assessment and qualifications.

### **Objects of the Bill**

#### **Clause 3**

Amend 3 (d) of the Bill by deleting the word "standards" and substituting thereof the word "benchmarks".

#### **Clause 4**

Amend 4 (1) (e) be amended by inserting a new words immediately after the word "conviction" to read as "or be imprisoned for a term not exceeding six months or both."

## **PART II: ESTABLISHMENT OF THE AUTHORITY**

### **Clause 5**

**PART II: A** – inserting the word "National" immediately after the word "Kenya" and wherever the title of the Bill appears;

**Clause 6 agreed to**

**Clause 7**

Amend 7 (1) (b) by replacing the word “develop” with the word “establish”.

Amend by inserting new functions “j” “k” “l” and “m” to read as follows:-

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“m) promote the recognition of national qualifications internationally.”

**Clause 8 agreed to**

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Amend 9 (e) (iv) by deleting the words “the chairperson of the Association of Professional Societies of East Africa” and inserting thereof the words “one person nominated by an organization representing professional associations in Kenya”

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**PART III—FINANCIAL PROVISIONS**

**Clause 18**

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Amend 18 (b) by inserting the word "as" immediately after the word "monies"

**Clause 19 agreed to**

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**Clause 30**

**Insert a new paragraph 30 to read as follows**

**"30.** The Examining Bodies which were established under various Acts immediately prior to the coming into force of this Act shall continue to operate and shall seek accreditation under this Act from the Authority within a period of two years from the date of the commencement of the Act."

#### **SCHEDULE: THE CONDUCT OF THE BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL**

Amend 4 by inserting deleting "s" appearing in the word "numbers" to read as "number"

Amend 5 by inserting "by" immediately after the word "shall" and inserting the word "simple" immediately after the word "majority"

The reports was adopted as follows:

**Proposed by the Hon. Harrison Kombe, M.P**

**Seconded by the Hon. Julius Melly, M.P**

The Committee also considered the report on the Study Visit to Portugal Report. The Committee made several recommendations that would be helpful the implementation of the ICT integration project. The

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Committee would look at the final report after the inclusion of the recommendations and have it tabled for debate in the House.

**MIN.NO.DC.D /122/2014: ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**Committee sittings**

The Committee raised that meetings should be called on Mondays afternoon instead of Fridays since most of the Members are engaged in their Constituencies on Mondays.

**Budget Estimates FY 2014/15**

The committee noted that the B & AC had recommended in their report the reduction of the amounts (by Kshs. 500 million) allocated to Youth Polytechnic on account that the matter was under the County Governments mandate. The money had been reallocated to Kenyatta University for construction of a modern children's hospital. The Committee noted that the idea was noble but it would have serious financial implications on the management of the Youth Polytechnics including the students. The Committee registered its objection to the recommendation and Members were urged to be present in the House to defend the Committee's position.

In addition, the Committee noted that the Kshs. 243 million, being the money allocated to the MOEST to take care of infrastructural development of schools had been recommended for reallocation to CDF by B& AC to be divided equally among all the 290 constituencies. The Committee agreed to support the redirection of the money back to the Ministry. The Committee added that some constituencies had very poor infrastructure than others hence it would be improper to channel the moneys through the CDF framework.

**Study Visit**

The Chair informed the Members that plans were being put in place to undertake a benchmarking visit to Canada on Technical and Vocational training . The following Members constitute the delegation:-

1. Hon. Sabina Chege, M.P – Leader of the Delegation
2. Hon. Ken Okoth, M.P
3. Hon. Moses Injendi, M.P
4. Hon. Joseph M'eruaki, M.P
5. Hon. Halima Ware Duri, M.P
6. Hon. Eric Keter, M.P
7. Hon. (Prof.) Hellen Sambili, M.P

**MIN.NO.DC.D/122/2014: ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 01:15 P.M.

Signed.....

**(CHAIRPERSON)**

Date..... 11/6/14. Hon. SABINA W. CHEGE, M.P.

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