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## MINISTRY OF STATE FOR IMMIGRATION AND REGISTRATION OF PERSONS

#### ESTABLISHMENT OF THE TASK FORCE ON CITIZENSHIP AND RELATED PROVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION

IT IS notified for the general information of the public that the Minister of State for Immigration and Registration of Persons, for the purposes of developing legislation on citizenship and compiling proposals for amendments in the existing related Acts of Parliament in fulfilment of the requirements of Chapter Three and Fifth Schedule of the Constitution on enactment of legislations, hereby establishes a Task Force.

1. The Task Force shall comprise of the following persons:

Mumo Matemu—(Chairperson)
James Omondi Opundo—(Vice-Chairperson)

### Members

Ruth Bolline Aluoch Caroline Achieng Oduor Margaret Chepng'etich Lucy Njeri Njihia Stephen Kokonya John Muiwa Kinyumu Omar Abdallar Dhadho Josephine Sinyo Paul Dume Mwangemi Arun Devani Lucy Wangari Karanja

#### Joint Secretaries:

Caroline Oshuru Oyula Nicholas Ongeri Maronda Susan Nyawira Kuruga

- 2. The Terms of Reference of the Task Force are to:
  - (a) Prepare a detailed work plan indicating the detailed milestones and timelines and present to the appointing authority.

- (b) Examine the Births and Deaths Registration Act, Cap. 149, Registration of Persons Act, Cap. 107, Kenya Citizenship Act, Cap. 170, Immigration Act, Cap. 172, Aliens Restriction Act, Cap. 173 and Refugees Act of 2006 Laws of Kenya, and identify the areas of conflict with the Constitution of Kenya.
- (c) Regularly co-ordinate and consult with all relevant ministries, departments and agencies to identify the challenges and the existing gaps in the existing legislations above mentioned.
- (d) Examine the draft National Policies on Citizenship and Immigration, Registration of Persons, Civil Registration and Refugee Affairs.
- (e) Commission studies or researches as are necessary for effective execution of its mandate.
- (f) With reference to the specific provisions of the Constitution, collect and collate public views including views from Kenyans in Diaspora to develop consensus on proposals limiting the effect of constitutional provisions on the descendants of Kenyans Citizens who are born outside Kenya, voluntary renunciation, statelessness, citizens' entitlements and refugee management.
- (g) Undertake Stakeholder and Public consultation to develop consensus for the proposal to be included in the intended draft bills and policies.
- (h) Make proposals on appropriate legislations, regulations, miscellaneous amendments and policy frameworks to anchor well and fully implement the provisions of the Constitution on Chapter 3.
- (i) Make reports as may be required by the appointing authority.
- (j) Hold meetings, public forums or benchmark on best practises or such consultations as it shall deem necessary.
- (k) In consultation with the appointing authority, co-opt such experts in particular areas of need as may be necessary.
- Co-opt such number of support staff as may be necessary for functions to be assigned on necessity basis.

- In carrying out its mandate, the Task Force shall be answerable to the Minister of State for Immigration and Registration of Persons through the Permanent Secretary.
- 4. The Task Force Secretariat shall be based at Maendeleo House, 7th Floor, P.O. Box 30395–00100, Nairobi, Kenya.
- 5. The terms of office of the Task Force shall be for a period of nine (9) months with effect from 16th December, 2010, and the

Minister of State for Immigration and Registration of Persons may, when necessary, extend the period.

Dated the 16th December, 2010.

OTIENO KAJWANG', Minister of State for Immigration and Registration of Persons.