



THE SENATE

FOURTH SESSION



REQUEST FOR A STATEMENT ON THE DEADLINE OF 1ST OCTOBER 2016 AS THE DATE UPON WHICH THE ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT (EPA) OUGHT TO HAVE BEEN SIGNED AND RATIFIED.

Mr. Speaker Sir,


I rise pursuant to Standing Order 45 (2) b, to seek a statement from the Chairperson of the Senate, Standing Committee on Finance, Commerce and Budget.

In the statement the Chairperson should explain the following –

1. Given that the European Union (EU) deadline of 1st October 2016 as the date upon which the Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) ought to have been signed and ratified, what are Kenya's options to safeguard the duty free quota free market access to the EU?
2. Are the discussions going on in UNCTAD14 likely to help in any way to extend the 1st October 2016 deadline?
3. In the event of the loss of the duty free quota free market access, what would be the impact of exporters of Flowers, Tea and Coffee Farmers and how can we mitigate these effects?
4. What are the possible options that might be pursued by Kenya/EAC in order to safeguard the duty free quota free access to the EU market and avoid trade disruption?
5. What are we doing as a country given the reluctance of some of the EAC Partner States, while still trying to maintain cohesion in the region and the Customs Union?


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Sen. Mutahi Kagwe – Senator, Nyeri County

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