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### REPUBLIC OF KENYA

# ELEVENTH PARLIAMENT- (FIRST SESSION) THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

#### **PETITIONS**

CONVEYANCING OF A PETITION REGARDING PROPOSED

AMENDMENTS TO PUBLIC BENEFIT ACT, 2013 UNDER THE STATUES

LAW (MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS) BILL, 2013 AND THE KENYA

INFORMATION COMMUNICATION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2013.

## Honourable Members,

Standing Order 225(2) requires the Speaker to present to the House, any Petition other than those presented through a Member.

I therefore wish to convey to the House that my office has received a petition made by a body calling itself The Civil Society Organizations Reference Group. The Petition is in connection with amendments to the Public Benefit Organization Act, 2013 (Act No.18 of 2013) and the Kenya Information Communication Act.

The Petition dated November, 21st, 2013 is signed by citizens drawn from forty seven (47) Counties. There are praying that the National Assembly rejects the proposed amendments to the Public Benefit Organization Act, 2013 and the Kenya Information Communication (Amendment) Bill, 2013. As you are aware, Honourable Members, the first prayer relates to amendments contained in the Statute Law (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill, 2013, while the second one relates to a Bill which has since been considered by the House and whose Presidential Memorandum is schedule for consideration this week.

## Honourable Members,

This Petition therefore shall stands committed to the Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs and Energy, Information and Communication for consideration. The Committees are requested to consider the respective prayers in the Petition and report their findings in accordance with Standing Order 227 (2). The two Committees are at liberty to consider the respective Petition while considering the two Bills.

Thank you!

THE HON. MOSES CHEBOI, MP FIRST CHAIRPERSON OF COMMITTEE December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2013