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BOMAS OF KENYA ON 16TH FEBRUARY 2004

Present:

PLO Lumumba - Commission's Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 9.20 a.m. with the PLO Lumumba in the Chair.

PLO Lumumba: Good morning Ladies and Gentlemen. I will ask Mr. David Erulu to say prayers and immediately after the prayers, we will have the National Anthem. Let us be up standing for the prayers, please?

Hon. Delegate David Erulu: (Prayers)

Our Lord Almighty, bless this gathering. Bless all those that are with us here this morning for we are here starting a new week after a hard week last week. Oh God bless them, guide them in their deliberations this morning. Give them wisdom. Oh God hold the hands of those who are not with us here today, those who are trying not to come along with the process. Oh God we pray that You guide them and deliver them, bring them back to us so that we move as a team, the team we are representing here.

Oh God, we ask You to help us reach our destination at the end of this important exercise as all Kenyans are waiting for this very important document. We ask this in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

National Anthem played

PLO Lumumba: Today, Honourable Delegates, I will make a few announcements and I beg as well as request you that after the announcements, please do not kindly raise any Points of Order.

(Clapping)

PLO Lumumba: I say so because we have an image to protect and I want us to guard it jealously. I also beg you to understand some of the requests I will be making if you give me a little latitude. If you request your “In laws” that you desire to visit them and they tell you, “yes visit us” and you tell them “we will be 261 of us” and he replies and says “we only require 20 of you”, I believe you do not just go. *(Clapping)* We made a request to our “In law” Magadi Soda. They have written back to me in a letter dated 13th February saying that they cannot meet us today and that the only day on which they can meet us is tomorrow and that out of the 261 who desire to go, they will only accommodate 20. Sometimes, the visitor must have pride and I am suggesting that, we show our pride by saying, “we will come one day”. *(Clapping)* without naming that day. Therefore, that is my first announcement.

The second announcement is that as a result of that cancellation of the visit, our programme is a little disrupted. We are spending the day photocopying the very many materials which will be used tomorrow in the Tents. You will therefore, have a day during which day, I invite you to spend reading the documentation already in your custody in preparation for the very difficult and heavy day tomorrow.

The third announcement, those who are in the business of suing us never stop. Yet another suit has been filed against us in Mombasa. It will be heard on the 25th day of this month and the reason they assigned to the suit is this, “we are not finishing soon enough, we are spending too much money”. We will fight it as we have fought others, *(Clapping)* with the ferocity of a lion and the grace of a dove. This morning, yet another suit is being heard before the Honourable Justice Ringera, Justice Kubo and Justice - -. I have forgotten the other name - -.

An. Hon. Delegate: Kasango

PLO Lumumba: Kasango. It is a constitutional reference. It is being heard. If you chose to go and make an appearance there just to underscore the significance, the gods of justice will be on

