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Present

Prof. Yash Pal Ghai	-	NCC Chair
PLO Lumumba	-	NCC Secretary
Hon. Delegate Koitamet Ole Kina	-	NCC Vice Chair
Hon. Delegate Sultana Fadhil	-	NCC Vice Chair
Hon. Delegate Bonaya Godana	-	NCC Vice Chair

In Attendance

Amos Wako	-	Attorney General
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Secretariat Staff in attendance

Patricia Mwangi	-	Verbatim Recorder
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The meeting started at 9.45 am. with Prof. Yash Pal Ghai in the Chair.

The session started with traditional dances from the Digo Community followed by a Kikuyu dance.

Prof. Yash Pal Ghai: Good morning Ladies and gentlemen, and in the usual fashion we will begin with prayers so please take your seats. I am going to--

(Consultations at the “high” table).

Prof. Yash Pal Ghai: There will be only one prayer and of course as you know, later on we will have a thanks giving so there will be many prayers from all denominations and all religions. So, I am now going to ask Sheikh Ali Shee to open with a short prayer and then we will commence our work with the National Anthem after the first prayer and so please remain standing until then. Please stand now.

Hon. Delegate Sheikh Ali Shee: *Bismillahi. Kwa jina lako, Mumbaji wa mbingu na ardhi na vyumbe vyote. Tuko mbele yako tukiwa waja wako, wanyonge, wanyenyekevu tuki toa shukurani zetu kwako mumbaji wetu kwa kazi ambayo tumeifanya. Kazi hiyo ambayo tumeifanya tukaimaliza ni kwa sababu ya nguvu ambazo ulizo tupa na busara na hekima na uvumilivu na subira ambazo ulizijaza kwenye noyo za watu wetu na kwenye akili zao.*

Bila shaka eeh Mola wetu, sisi kutoa shukurani zetu kwako ni wajibu wetu na hivyo ndivyo ulivyo tuamurisha, tukitoa shukurani, tukishukuru utazidi kutuongezea baraka zako na hekima zako na uwezo wako. Shukurani hizo ambazo sisi, tunazileta kwako Mola wetu, zimetokana na juhudi kubwa ambazo zimefanywa na Wajumbe wetu waliokuwa hapa na vile vile na tashwishi ambazo zimetoka kwa raiya, kwa wananchi na kila pembe ya nchi hii. Wananchi wamekuwa na sisi, wakituombeya roho zao, noyo zao zilikuwa zimeelekea kwenye Bomas of Kenya, wakiomba kila pahala “eeh Mola kuwa pamoja na Bomas, kuwa pamoja na watu tuliowatuma, ili waweze kumaliza kazi tuliyowapa. Na Bila shaka, tumeona uwezo wako ulivyo fanya kazi, bila shaka tuna haja kubwa na kuungwa mkono tena mara ingine ili tukamilishe kabisa ile sehemu ndogo iliyo baki ya sherehe na kupata Draft ya mwisho.

Mola, wa bariki watu wetu, na wale wenzetu ambao wame kuwa kando na sisi, waliojitenga wengine. Eeh Mola wape moyo wa rudi wawe na wenzao Wakenya ili tuweze kuendesha taifa hili. Na wale ambao walio simama na msimamo mwingine, Mola wape moyo vile vile, wakubaliane na wakaribishe ndugu zao wakae pamoja, ili tusahao mambo ya Shetani ambayo amekumbwa nchi hii, Shetani ambaye atuongoza kwenye mvutano wa kikabila, mvutano ambao umeleta maafa makubwa kwenye bara hili letu. Mola umetulinda kwa miaka mingi na mvutano huo ingawa uko, tumeuona mvutano huo, Mola twelekeze, tusaidie tuweze kuondoa ukabila ambao ni cancer, ambao ni maradhi makubwa kwenye bara hili. Mola tupe nguvu kuweza kuondoa ukabila ambao ni maradhi makubwa yako katika nchi hii kama vile ilivyo katika nchi zingine za bara la Africa.

Mola tubariki, bariki nchi yetu, wabariki watu wote ambao wanaongoza katika nchi hii na wale wenye kuongozwa, Mola tupe moyo wa kusubiri na kuvumilia na tunakuomba kwa jina lako, hatuna mwingine isipokua ni wewe, tu bariki. Amin.

(National Anthem.)

Prof. Yash Pal Ghai: Thank you. We give about thirty seconds for Delegates who are not seated yet to take their seats.

(Consultations at the “high” table as Delegates take their seats).

Prof. Yash Pal Ghai: Honourable Delegates, let me tell you what the programme for the day is. As you know we had at one time hoped that we would have the Constitution completed – the Draft I mean – by yesterday maybe and today we would be able to endorse the document and make arrangements for handing it over to the Attorney General. Unfortunately the drafting has taken us a little bit longer than we expected. Actually, I should not say as expected, in the original programme that we had, we had allowed three weeks for the finalization of the Draft. Due to the critical circumstances in which we find ourselves, we have tried to speed up that process and the Drafters have been working day and night to produce the final document. They tell me that they have been rushed and they need a little bit more time.

The head of the drafting team is Professor Crabbe from Ghana, he is by far the most experienced Draftsperson in the whole of the continent and the leading Drafters in many countries in Africa are his former pupils. So, he speaks with great authority and experience when he requests us to give them another couple of days so they can be satisfied with the quality of the work they have done. They have had to read through a lot of transcripts when there has been some uncertainty about what was decided, they have had to harmonize various provisions and I have been sitting with them sometimes and I know they start their work at 8:00 am, and they do not rest until 11:30 in the evening. So, they have done the best they could but I think we need a few more days. So what the Steering Committee proposed today on the basis of the information that I provided to them, is that we would meet on Tuesday to adopt the document. We hope that we will have the copies of the document ready by mid Monday and those will be made available to you so you have time to study the document then on Tuesday we will receive that in a formal way here and it will become the document of the Conference.

As you know, we actually have adopted the Constitution, in the sense that all the provisions, which go into the Constitution, were approved, all of them, by at least a two-thirds vote in the last three weeks and so we do have a Constitution and we now need to have the document that records all those decisions. So, expect the document on Monday and at mid-day, the Secretary will announce now or later the arrangements for the distribution of that document and then we will meet on Tuesday. I am told that on Tuesday the Cabinet is meeting, a meeting which was postponed from Thursday, so if we meet at 9:00 o'clock, then Ministers will be able to come and I am going to make an appeal to the State House to slightly delay the start of the Cabinet meeting so that all the Ministers can be here. *(Clapping)*. So, if we can meet at 9:00 am sharp we can first deal with the formal business of that meeting and then we can enjoy ourselves through music and dancing and lunch and spend as much time as we want together as we also say goodbye to each other for at least a while.

I was also asked to make some clarifications by the Steering Committee, the need for which arises from some statements which are circulating. The first point I want to make is that, there is no intention on the part of any Delegate, certainly not your Chairperson to lead a march onto Sheria House. *(Clapping)*. There have been newspaper reports that this is what we intend to do and there is really no basis for this I, as far as I know, we in the Secretariat are not organizing anything and no Delegate as far as I know has any such plans. This is just mischief on the part of people who have been engaged for a long time to derail the process. *(Clapping)*. You will notice that the Attorney General is sitting behind me, the Attorney General has been part of this-- *(Clapping)*. --He has been part of this process for many years, he was the person who came to me when I was living abroad to persuade me to come here and because he is so persuasive, I am here with you. *(Clapping)*. He is also a Commissioner of the CKRC and has played a full part in all this process and I am sure he is not going to hide away when the final document is ready. *(Clapping)*.

Secondly I want to clarify the procedure that we shall follow in handing over the document to the Attorney General. There have been Press statements that once the document is given to the CKRC or, that the CKRC on its own initiative will revise the Constitution as it emerges from the National Conference. Let me clarify the position. It is true that the document that will be handed to the Attorney General, will be handed over by the Commission. This is in Section 28

Paragraph (2) of the Review Act. That Article does not give the authority to the CKRC to amend the document that comes from this House. *(Clapping)*. The CKRC will be handing two different documents to the Attorney General; one is the report on the whole process. Now, you have already received the reports of the CKRC when we began our work in April, you have at the beginning of each session of Bomas received a report on the preceding sessions of Bomas and now we are finalizing a report on this session of Bomas, the report on the adoption of the Constitution and that report, with previous reports will be given to the Attorney General to table in Parliament. Preparation is well advanced and by Tuesday we will have that document ready as well.

The second document is the document that you will receive on Monday and we will adopt or we will endorse on Tuesday. The CKRC in my interpretation has no authority whatsoever to change anything in that Constitution. *(Clapping)*. The only occasion on which the CKRC might have had to change some parts of the Constitution is, if we had required a Referendum and if there had been a Referendum and decisions made by the people, that decision would have to be included in the Draft Constitution and that responsibility has been given to the CKRC by the Review Act. But I am glad to say that we do not need a Referendum *(Clapping)* because under the Review Act, if you are unable to get a two-thirds vote on a particular issue and we feel that it is necessary and desirable to submit that question to the public in a Referendum, then the Conference makes that decision and we have not made any decision to refer any provision to the public. *(Clapping)*. So, given that we do not have a Referendum, the final document is the document that you have prepared. *(Clapping)*.

There had been some suggestion that the CKRC can amend the Draft because they might decide that this document does not reflect the views of the public. That is not what the Review Act says, the Review Act says, that the Commission on the basis of the decision – sorry let me read that again – that the CKRC can only have a document which represents the decisions of the National Constitutional Conference. It is very clear they cannot say that we have misunderstood the views of Kenyans therefore CKRC will redraft it. The Act is very clear that it is on the decisions adopted by the National Constitution Conference on which the document is prepared and therefore, there is no further authority in the CKRC to amend the Draft that you will formally hand over to the CKRC and the CKRC will hand over to the Attorney General. The

Attorney General has very kindly postponed a trip abroad on important matters so that he will be with us on Tuesday to receive the document. *(Clapping)*. He has assured me that his aim will be to take this to Parliament as soon as possible. *(Clapping)*. And you know that the Attorney General's office is only a five minutes walk to Parliament *(Laughter)*. So, I think Parliament will have a document perhaps even on Tuesday but certainly I am sure the Attorney General wants to discharge his obligations as quickly as possible and then let the matter be dealt with by Parliament. I do not think I have any further comment at this stage.

Today's programme is essentially one of Thanksgiving. I believe that Reverend Musungu and Archbishop Gitari will be officiating, if that is the term - I am not quite sure. So, after the Secretary has made any announcements that he has, I will then invite these two gentlemen to take over the proceedings of Thanksgiving and I will see you, if not before Tuesday; then Tuesday at 9 am. Thank you. *(Clapping)*

PLO Lumumba: Thank you. Good morning? Our resident officers, for those who are residents in hotels, will keep you updated. We are in the process of ensuring that your stay at the hotels is comfortable until Wednesday morning and we will, in keeping with our tradition on Fridays be making sure that your weekend is as smooth as it has been throughout the stay. *(Laughter)*. So, with that we now invite the Reverend Musungu and the Reverend - His grace – The Reverend, Dr. David Gitari, to lead the rest of the session to thank God who has been present at all times and who's hands has struck down mountains in our face. *(Clapping)*.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Present:

Hon. Delegate Rev. Patrick Musungu	-	Chairing
Hon. Delegate Rev. David Gitari	-	Chairing
Hon. Delegate Archbishop John Njue		
Hon. Delegate Rev. David Oginde		
Hon. Delegate Sister Gachambi		
Hon. Delegate Rihal Baldip		

Hon. Delegate Margaret Kekeo
Hon. Delegate Abdulrahman
Hon. Delegate Phoebe Ocholo
Hon. Delegate Gitu wa Kahengeri
Hon. Delegate Helen Mungathia
Hon. Delegate Archbishop Zachaeus Okoth
Moses Leleu Laima (Observer)

Hon. Delegate Rev. Patrick Musungu: Sister Gachambi, Fibi Ochola, Honourable Keko, Mzee Gitu wa Kahengeri, Honourable Helen, Rihal, Reverend Oginde and Archbishop Zachaeus Okoth. Then--

(Consultations at the “high” table).

Hon. Delegate Bishop David Gitari: Archbishop John Njue, please join us also. Archbishop John Njue, please join us.

(Consultations at the “high” table and noise on the floor).

Hon. Delegate Rev. Patrick Musungu: You better give God His due. Even your walking out, you are using energy which God has given unto you. You do not take God for granted.

(Consultations at the “high” table and noise on the floor).

Hon. Delegate Rev. Patrick Musungu: The breath we have, the life we have is by God’s grace and do not give God left-overs.

(Consultations at the “high” table and noise on the floor).

Hon. Delegate Rev. Patrick Musungu: Honourable Delegates, it was and this is a culmination of a long struggle for over ten years since Kenyans begun agitating for constitutional reform. As we near the climax of the final lap of this endurance process, it is our humble and gracious

opportunity to turn our eyes once again back to God and appreciate what He has done for us as a Nation and in particular, what He has done for us as Delegates in this Conference because were it not for Him, it would not have been possible for us to assemble here up to this day.

We asked for His indulgence on 12th January and indeed He has shown His mercies and grace for he answered our prayers and that is why we have every reason to say, thank you for that manifestation of His power and grace in the process.

Therefore, I will invite Reverend Oginde to open this Thanksgiving session. We shall be saying repentance prayers, forgiveness prayers, we shall also have remembrance prayers for the families of our fellow Delegates, who have since departed to glory and who were part and parcel of this process but their families still live as Kenyans and today I saw an article in the press where one of the widows was giving thanks to God that finally the good work her husband was involved in has become part and parcel of the Draft Bill. (*Clapping*).

Those are some of the reasons why we need to give God thanks. You might not look at it positively so, but it has taken God to accomplish this assignment. Therefore, after Reverend Oginde, he will be followed by Sister Gachambi and then Rihal followed by Honourable Keko, followed by Sheikh Badawy, followed by Honourable Fibi Ochola and then *Mzee* Gitu wa Kahengeri, followed by Moses Leleu and then Archbishop Gitari and then I will give the final remark in that order. But we know we need stability, we need oneness, we need forgiveness because we know there are people who insulted others during this process, who stepped on others toes during this process, who cheated during this process, who were dishonest during this process, even some who were bribed or they bribed during this process and we need to seek forgiveness from God.

We need unity among our political leaders and in particular, we need God to endow our President with wisdom and stability, so that he can make just decisions during this trying moment of political transformation through this Constitution making process. We need to remain together as a family. We need to pray for the Commission and the Secretariat that for the remaining work, they will find harmony and togetherness towards this common purpose. We

will also need to ask God, even for the journey mercies, that come next week when we depart, all of us should be able to reach to our various destinations in one piece.

We need to pray even for those of us who are of diverse opinions over the Draft bill because some of us are not yet totally satisfied with the results. We need God to speak to us so that His will, prevails over our will. Therefore, the spirit of God will guide each one of this prayer, men and women to pray towards those directions and also pray that the spirit of God Himself, will so guide them. I invite those that I have called in that sequence to say the prayers.

Hon. Delegate Rev. David Oginde: Let us pray together.

Our Lord and our Heavenly Father, as we gather here this morning, our hearts are full of gratitude because Lord we know Your word tells us, that unless the Lord builds a house, those who build it labour in vain. Lord we believe that as we come to the close of this process, You have been with us, You have walked with us and You have been part of this whole process. We want to say thank You for bringing us this far. The journey has been long, there have been mountains, there have been valleys, there have been many things on the way, many obstacles but Father You have been with us and now we come towards the close of this Constitutional Review process and our hearts are full of gratitude and thanksgiving to you.

We know Jehovah Father that there are many lives that have been lost in this process for the past several years as people have fought for justice to be done in this Nation. Lord some have lost their lives in rallies, some have been maimed and injured, some have lost their lives in the streets; Lord all these have been because they wanted to see a better Kenya. They wanted to see a Nation that is guided by justice and democracy. Lord we want to thank You that finally we are seeing a light in the tunnel. Indeed, not all of us can be happy with what has been put in the document but we want to pray that even at this time, You will continue to superintend over the process, that finally that which comes out, will be that which will bring glory and honour to your name.

Lord, we want to pray, as I remember those people who have lost their lives. We want to pray especially, oh God, knowing that in the Bible we remember Samson who killed a lion and later

as he went down the same road, he found the carcass of that lion, there was honey that had been formed and he was able to get honey out of that carcass and Lord we are praying, that in this same process, the lives that have been lost, will not have been lost in vain. There will be some honey that will come out of it, something sweet, something good.

We want to pray for the families of those who have been bereaved in this process. We especially remember the family of Dr. Odhiambo Mbai; oh God of heaven, may your peace that surpasses all human understanding, may the comfort of God that comes from above, come down upon this family. We pray for those people who are behind this heinous act, that Father they will be revealed, they will be found out and be brought to justice and that Lord out of this whole process, something good will come to be.

We want to commit the rest of this journey into Your hands. We know that ahead of us, oh God, there is still much to be done before we can realize the fruits of this process. We know that this document will be but a piece of paper, unless it is implemented and implemented well. Father we pray that even as we go along doing all this, You will give guidance that finally if there is anything that is contrary to Your will and to Your purpose, it shall not be brought to pass, so that this Nation may know the peace and stability that we have known all along.

We want to pray at this moment oh God that You are going to be our God and our guide. I pray for each and every person who has sacrificed their time and resources to be in this place, that Lord Your hand of blessing would be upon them. We pray now, oh God as we near the end of this time and our period and stay here, that You will continue to be with us. We especially pray for Tuesday that Lord You will be with us here and Your peace will rule and reign, so that everything will be finalized in a smooth way that will bring glory to Your name, for we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Hon. Delegate Sister Therese Gachambi: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

(Singing) I thank You for Your faithfulness and love. Your love oh Lord is eternal.

Heavenly Father, we want to praise and thank You for the gift of Yourself to each one of us, to each of the Delegates. Lord, You have been with us, You have journeyed with us from Bomas I, Bomas II and Bomas III. Yes Lord, You have blessed us with the gift of each other. You have blessed us with all the opportunities to be able to deliberate, to reflect and to come out with guidelines that will help to bring unity, peace and stability to our Nation.

We realize Lord that in this process, as human beings, we have hurt each other. We have inflicted wounds because of our selfishness and perhaps of the desire to outdo each other and this morning Lord as we thank You, we want to ask for forgiveness. Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us what we need. Forgive us; help us to forgive each other as you have forgiven us.

Lord God, as we try to come to the end of this journey with a document that we seem to have put all efforts but we know is not perfect, it has to be perfected by You, purified with the fire of Your love that the document may bring peace, unity and love for each and every *mwananchi*. Lord, bless us, bless all those who have laboured day and night. Bless those who have suffered and bless each one, as we continue to realize that this is just a beginning and not the end. We have to walk with You and we have to walk with each other. We put ourselves under the blood of your son Jesus Christ, so that we may be purified and we ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Hon. Delegate Gitu wa Kahengeri: *Ewe Mungu wetu, muumba wa ardhi na dunia. Tunakuomba leo kwa sababu wewe mwenyewe ulituundia nchi ya Kenya kuishi hapo ndani na kuishi kwa raha. Watu wote wanoishi katika nchi hii, tunakuuliza Mungu wetu, tunahaja ya kuishi tukiwa pamoja na haja hiyo ndyio iliwafanya watu wa Kenya kifika katika ukumbi huu wa mkutano. Kujaribu kutengeneza mambo ambayo yatawafanya kuishi kama ndugu na dada kwa miaka yote ijayo. Tunajua wakati watu wanapopenda kufanya jambo fulani, ni lazima wakati mwingine kuwe na matatizo ya kila namna. Lakini anayetatua matatizo ya namna hii ni wewe Muumba wetu na ndio sababu yake leo asubuhi tutakuuliza usaidie sisi katika mapatano ya watu wa nchi ya Kenya. Kwa sababu ulisaidia sisi kuona umuhimu wa watu wa Kenya kuishi pamoja. Na kwa miaka mingi iliyopita, watu wa nchi hii wamekuwa wakizungumza habari ya umoja na haujapatikana. Mwisho wa mwaka uliopita uliona ya kwamba ni lazima watu wa Kenya waketi*

pamoja na tukaja katika ukumbi huu wa mkutano ili tuzungumze pamoja, tufahamikiane na tuone ya kwamba nchi yako hii hukuwapa kundi au mtu mmoja kuishi, ulitupa nchi hii tukiwa sote.

Kwa hivyo Mungu wetu tungekuuliza hata sasa ujaribu yote iwezekanayo ya kuwafanya watu walio katika mkutano huu wafahamu kuna haja ya watu wa Kenya kuwa na umoja. Bwana Mungu wetu ningekuuliza uwabariki walioko katika mkutano huu na ubariki watoto wao na jamii zao mahali walipotoka. Na uwasaidie kufahamu ya kwamba wao wamepewa jukumu na watu wa Kenya kulete watu wa Kenya pamoja. Sisi tulioko hapa, tunatumaini ya kwamba uliweka sisi hapa na umesaidia sisi kuendelea bila matatizo kwa sababu ulipenda tuwasaidie watoto wa nchi hii waliozaliwa, wanaozaliwa sasa, na watakozaliwa hata sisi tukiwa tumekwisha ondoka katika dunia. Kwa hivyo Baba Muumba wa Mbingu, nakuuliza uwaongoze viongozi wa nchi hii mahali popote walipo. Wakiwa katika mkutano huu, wakiwa katika Serikali ya Kenya, wakiwa katika ukulima uwasaidie kujua ya kwamba nchi hii ni nchi yao na ikipata kabisa usikizano, ni kwa uwezo ambao wewe mwenyewe umekwisha kuwapa hawa watu.

Muumba Mbingu na Dunia, hatuwezi kuona nchi yetu ikienda kando. Watu wakisemeana maneno tukijua wewe uliyeko mbinguni ndie wewe mwenyewe uliwaweka katika nchi hii. Wageuze fikira zao na fahamu kwamba umewapa jukumu ya kuwaleta watu wa Kenya pamoja. Mimi nataka kuomba na tunakuuliza leo Mungu wetu ya kwamba usaidie Serikali ambao tumeweka katika mamlaka kwa wakati huu. Iendeshe mambo ya watu wa nchi hii kwa njia moja ya mapenzi na haki ili sisi, yale uliyotuumbia kukaa nayo katika nchi yetu, raha na mafanikio yaweze kupatikana. Nakuuliza Mungu wetu, uwasaidie Delegates walioko hapa na walio katika nchi ya ukumbi huu kuweza kufika kwao nyumbani leo wakiwa salama, na uwasaidie pia wakirudi katika ukumbi huu Jumatatu, wawe wamefahamu ya kwamba hapa katika ukumbi wa Bomas of Kenya, walikuja kwa sababu ya kutengeneza mambo ya nchi hii yetu uliyumba kutoka Kajiado mpaka Moyale, kutoka Bahari ya Hindi mpaka Busia, wanaoketi katika hapo tunatumaini ndio uliwabariki kukaa katika nchi ya Kenya. Na kwa hivyo kila mtu anayeishi Kenya, umsaidie afahamu ya kwamba yoyote atakayokuwa akifanya na aifanye kwa manufaa ya watu wa Kenya kwa jumla. Naomba hayo kwa Jina la Baba, na la Mwana na la Roho Mtakatifu. Amina.

Hon. Delegate Helen Mungathia: *Tuendelele na maombi.* (Singing) Thank you God for friendship and fellowship. Loving God, we give you thanks and praise for your bountiful kindness and untold blessing upon us. Have mercy on us. Oh God we bring our failures, our faults, our selfishness to you during this process and the accomplishment of the same, oh Lord. Forgive us for trying to solve our problems on our own. We seek your forgiveness and we ask you to grant us the Holy Spirit. Help us to lay aside all desires to be evil and discourage violence and selfishness. Father you have told us, if your are for us who can be against us? Thank you Father for you have taken us that far. We have seen you hand of mercy and we want to bless you for that. Thank you Father because you have brought us here as a people, as a people with one aim to accomplish the work that we were set to do by our people. We want to pray for the government this time oh dear Lord. We want to bless our President. We want to bless all those who work with him Lord in that office. We want to pray for all the Delegates and the hard work that they have been able to do oh dear master. It is because we pray that you begin with us dear Lord and because of that because Father, you have told us whatever we ask in faithfulness, you are going to give us. We thank you Lord for this time and the far that you have taken us. Continue blessing us Lord even for the weekend and the few days that God we are going to wait so that God, we may say, yes Father we have done it and you have given us the document that all of us, all the Kenyans have been waiting for. Bless us now and be with us for we have prayed this prayer trusting in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Hon. Delegate Bishop Zacheus Okoth: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. (Sings) God our Father and Creator, we have something today in the house of God, the Kenya house of God. And that something is our Constitution. Lord from 1991 we have been working for this precious document and now it is the work of your hands we have completed it with 20 Chapters plus. Lord we ask you to give us the heart to carry this Constitution for the generation to come. (*Sings*)

God our Father, we the Kenyan people are your house. You dwell in us and with us. Our hearts are full of joy but the work we started with your help has come to completion. Kenyans are rejoicing, those who want to know about their rights will carry the Bill of Rights. Those who want to know about being a citizen, will find the Citizenship. Those who want to know how Kenya will organize their finances will find it in the Chapter on Finance. Those who want to

know how to be governed will find it in the Legislature. Those who want to know how our future will be and guided and how devolved powers have been localized will find then in Devolution. God, this Constitution is for the joy of our people now and especially those to come. It is not ours alone it is for your people that have been longing for this great document. *(Sings)*.

Heavenly Father, we know that this document will be accepted and appreciated. We need your Holy Spirit to enter in the hearts and minds of our Kenyans with a spirit of wisdom, with a spirit of understanding, with a spirit of fortitude, with a spirit of piety and fear of the Lord. God we know that by our strength we cannot accept it. By our own wisdom, by our own selfishness we cannot appreciate all that you have given to us. Lord, we know that this document is there with your spirit and with your wisdom. May Kenyans appreciate this precious gift coming from your wisdom and coming from your light. Lord, we ask you that you may enter into all our hearts and minds and give us the courage to implement this document for the sake of our people. *(Sings)*.

Heavenly Father, you are the giver of peace. You have guided us with this peace in the last 40 years of our Independence and yet we know that on this road of receiving this Constitution, we have had roadblocks, we have had difficulties, we have had differences of opinion, we have had differences even of understanding. But Lord you have kept us together, you have kept us at peace. We have only had what we could term as war of words but we have not carried guns, pistols and knives at each other. Lord we know that you are with us. You know that our heart is longing for your peace. We know that you treasure the life of every Kenyans and you want to keep all of us at peace with one another. Lord we pray that the peace that you gave to us may continue to reign. We are a country that have lived in peace since we obtained our Independence and the colonial times. Lord we ask you to keep us one, let Kenyans be one, let Kenyans be peaceful, loving people. Let Kenyans be people of good will to each other. May we wash away our differences, wash away those areas of strife, soften our hearts, let us pick the words that come from your heart and from your wisdom and may Kenyans continue to work together for the glory of your name and we know that you love us, and we know that you love our people. We ask all this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hon. Delegate Moses Laima: (Prayer from the Sengwen Community) *Kasaing Yoindetap tukuk tugul ole iberur Kenya kung'ete mutet nyi po tai, nyi po let cherengo ok Kongasis.* May

