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KENYA NATIONAL COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

[Date of assent: 27th August, 2011.]

[Date of commencement: 30th August, 2011.]

An Act of Parliament to restructure the Kenya National Human Rights and Equality Commission and to establish the Kenya National Commission on Human Rights pursuant to Article 59(4) of the Constitution; to provide for the membership, powers and functions of the Kenya National Commission on Human Rights, and for connected purposes

[Act No. 14 of 2011, Corrigendum 18 of 2012, Act No. 12 of 2012, Act No. 20 of 2020.]

PART I – PRELIMINARY

1. Short title

This Act may be cited as the Kenya National Commission on Human Rights Act, 2011.

2. Interpretation

(1) In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—

"Cabinet Secretary" means the Cabinet Secretary for the time being responsible for matters relating to human rights;

"chairperson" means the chairperson of the Commission appointed under section 11;

"Commission" means the Kenya National Commission on Human Rights established under section 3;

"Disciplined Service" includes—

- (a) the National Youth Service;
- (b) the Kenya Wildlife Service; or
- (c) any other Disciplined Service established by any written law;

"former Kenya National Commission on Human Rights" means the Commission established under the Kenya National Commission on Human Rights Act, (No. 9 of 2002);

"human rights" means the fundamental rights and freedoms protected under the Constitution, and the Laws of Kenya;

"National Security Organs" means the national security organs established under Article 239(1) of the Constitution;

"public officer" has the meaning assigned to it under Article 260 of the Constitution;

"secretary" means the secretary to the Commission appointed by the Commission under Article 250(12) of the Constitution in accordance with the procedure set out in section 21.

(2) Despite subsection (1), until after the first elections under the Constitution, references in this Act to the expression **"Cabinet Secretary"** shall be construed to mean **"Minister"**.