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THE FOREIGN SERVICE BILL, 2021

A Bill for

AN ACT of Parliament to provide for the establishment management, administration, accountability and functioning of a professional foreign service of the Republic of Kenya and for connected purposes

ENACTED by the Parliament of Kenya as follows—

PART I—PRELIMINARY

1. This Act may be cited as the Foreign Service Act, 2021.

Short title.

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—

Interpretation.

"Academy" means the Foreign Service Academy established under section 31;

"attaché" means a public officer other than a mainstream foreign service officer deployed to a Kenya Mission abroad for specialized duties;

"Cabinet Secretary" means the Cabinet Secretary for the time being responsible for matters relating to foreign affairs;

"consular post" means any consulate-general, consulate, vice-consulate or consular agency;

"Council" means the Council of the Academy established under section 33;

"dependant child" means-

- (a) a biological offspring;
- (b) a legally adopted child under the age of twenty two years who is unmarried or school going child under the age of twenty four; or
- (c) a child with special needs,

who is wholly dependent on an Officer;

"diplomatic agent" means the Head of a Mission or a member of the diplomatic staff of the mission;

"Foreign Service" means the Foreign Service established by section 3.