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*[The County Assembly met at 3:07p.m at the County Assembly Buildings]
[The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Franklin Makanga) in the Chair]*

PRAYERS

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Makanga): Let us take our seats Honourable Members.
Yes, Clerk?

MOTION

PRIORITIZATION, IMPLEMENTATION AND AFFIRMATIVE ACTION FOR GENDER
MAINSTREAMING IN MOMBASA COUNTY

Yes, Honourable Milka Ngare, nominated MCA. Please move the Motion.

Hon. Ngare: Thank you, Mr. Speaker for giving me this opportunity to move the Motion. Prioritization, implementation, and affirmative action for gender mainstreaming in Mombasa County. Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to move the following Motion:

THAT AWARE THAT Article 27 of the Constitution of Kenya guarantees equality and freedom from discrimination, and under sub article (6) to (8), specifically mandates the state to take legislative and other measures, including affirmative action programs and policies to redress any disadvantage suffered by individuals or groups because of past discrimination and to ensure that not more than two-thirds of the members of elective or appointed bodies shall be of the same gender;

FURTHER AWARE THAT Article 232 of the Constitution and Section 3 of the County Government Act number 17 of 2012 require equitable resource allocation, inclusivity and accountability in public service delivery at both national and County levels;

COGNIZANT THAT gender mainstreaming combined with targeted affirmative action is an internationally recognized strategy endorsed by the United Nations, the African Union, and the National Gender and Equality Commission, known as (NGEC) to

integrate gender perspectives in all stages of policy making, budgeting, implementation, and evaluation while ensuring that historically disadvantaged groups, especially women, are proactively empowered;

DEEPLY CONCERNED that despite policy progress, Mombasa County women remain underrepresented in political leadership, have lower access to formal employment, own fewer productive assets, face barriers in accessing credit and markets, and remain disproportionately vulnerable to gender-based violence and harmful socio-cultural practices;

NOTING THAT the County government of Mombasa has direct constitutional and statutory responsibility over devolved functions, including health, trade, agriculture, water, social services, early childhood education, and local infrastructure, which provides critical entry, points for affirmative action and targeted gender programming;

FURTHER NOTING THAT other Counties, including Nakuru and Kisumu, have implemented gender-responsive policies that incorporate procurement, quotas for women-owned enterprises, targeted women's leadership training and gender-sensitive infrastructure projects, resulting in measurable social and economic gains;

THAT THIS ASSEMBLY RESOLVES-

- 1. THAT the County government of Mombasa, within six months, develop and adopt a Mombasa County gender mainstreaming and affirmative action policy and implementation framework, aligned to the Constitution, the County Government Act, and NGECE guidelines.*
- 2. THAT the same framework shall-*
 - a). Integrate Gender-Responsive Budgeting (GBR) in all County departments and agencies, ensuring not less than 30 per cent of all County procurement opportunities are reserved for women, youth, and persons with disabilities, in line with the Public Procurement and Asset Disposal Act;*
 - b). Establish departmental gender desks to provide technical guidance, coordinate affirmative action programs, and monitor compliance;*
 - c). Provide mandatory capacity building, gender-sensitivity training, and women's leadership mentorship programs for county staff, elected leaders, and community-based leaders;*
- 3. THAT the County Executive Committee Member, responsible for gender and social services, shall Table before the Assembly by 30th September of each year a Mombasa County Annual Gender Affirmative Action status report detailing progress, challenges, and proposed interventions;*
- 4. THAT the County Government, in collaboration with civil society organizations, women's groups, youth groups, faith-based institutions and private sector,*

shall implement County-wide public awareness and community dialogue programs to challenge harmful gender norms, prevent gender-based violence, and promote inclusive participation in governance and development.

Mr. Speaker, I will not dwell much on the Constitution part because I want to go straight to the prayers. Prayer number one. I would like Honourable Abdirahman to second the Motion.

Hon. Abdirahman Abdikadir: Mr. Speaker, I was planning to have otherwise but I am compelled to second this Motion.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Makanga): Honourable Abdirahman, are you seconding or do you still have reservations? You have your rights.

Hon. Abdirahman Abdikadir: Honourable Speaker, I am repeating again. My heart is elsewhere, but I am compelled to support this Motion and second it.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Makanga): Thank you. Honourable Members, the Motion having been moved and seconded by the respective Members, I now propose the question...

[Interruption]

What is it, Honourable Milka? Take your seat first. I now propose the question that the Motion by Honourable Milka Ngare on prioritization, implementation, and affirmative action for gender mainstreaming in Mombasa County be considered by this Honourable House in the same terms as moved?

[Question proposed and agreed to]

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Makanga): Yes, Honourable Milka Ngare, please make your contributions to the Motion.

Hon. Ngare: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for another chance. Again, I just want to define something, I think Members might have or one Member might have not understood this gender mainstreaming, it just means making gender equality a central part of everything; of the policies, of the plans, of the budgets and progress so that both men and women can gain equally or benefit equally without inequality being perpetuated. That is the main gist of this Motion, that all men and women should be equal in the benefits when it comes to budgeting and all the plans of the County of Mombasa. Having said that, I want to say that having departmental desks at the department will help sort many problems for example, today we had people coming here because of land issues. If we had a genuine desk at the department of lands, these issues would have been aired there and we would have had the Minister for Lands addressing the issues without members of the public necessarily coming to shout outside here also we would have members within that department. Others suffer things like GBV they can go to that desk, raise their alarm and that can be addressed that is the importance of having the gender desks, just like we have in the hospitals. We have provided mandatory capacity building, gender-sensitive training and women leadership mentorship programs for County staff so that we can have a breakdown of the cultural beliefs to enlighten the public on social cultural norms.

We have a lot of patriarchal practices which gives a lot of subordination to women, girls normalizing things like women are not supposed to go to school, it is for the men that can also be articulated at such kind of areas during capacity building forums so that they understand that both of them are very important and equal in whatever is being shared. So, we shall also limit the harmful practices like early child marriages, wife beating, where some communities believe that a wife must be beaten in order for that marriage to be strong it is because of lack of education, lack of awareness that such kind of things happen in communities. Wives are supposed to be respected and there are also communities where men are also battered but when we have such kind of capacity building the public is made aware then such things will not happen. Finally, when the Minister for Gender brings us reports, then we will be able to understand the gaps and the challenges so that they are addressed in good time. It is a powerful tool for promoting accountability, transparency and inclusive development for both genders. Evidence-based planning decision-making also identifies gaps and challenges and a representation in leadership roles so that we have both men and women being given leadership roles as per the national constitution and as per the NGEC guidelines given for each County and international level. So, I urge the Members of this House that this is not for women only, it is for gender equality for both men and women that we pass this Motion and within by 30th September we should be having a report from the Minister for Gender to give us the state of this gender mainstreaming. How is it going? What are the challenges? What are the...

[Interruption]

...I'm being... Sorry, I urge the House to pass the Motion and so that we can have a timely report to be able to address the gender mainstreaming and affirmative action as per the National government. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Makanga): Thank you Honourable Milka. Yes, Honourable Abdulrahman Hussein. Okay Honourable Jactone Oluoch Madialo, please make your contribution within a minute.

Hon. Madialo: Thank you. Thank you so much Honourable Speaker. Before Milka brought this Motion to this Assembly, she had requested me to second but because now she has turned to Honourable Abdurahman instead of me, it has given me the resolve to support this Motion the more.

[Laughter]

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Makanga): Thank you. So, you have been shortchanged, however thank you for your contribution. Yes, Honourable Florence Kachumbo Mkanjala, please make your contribution?

Hon. Kachumbo: Thank you Mr. Speaker for the chance to air my views. I would like to congratulate Milka for bringing such a good Motion. Mine would be on the second plea part C where she is saying; *that the Assembly resolves mandatory capacity building and gender sensitivity training and women's leadership mentorship programmes*". I want to say that there is a lot that can be done in the community, especially for women, like young mothers. You find like women who are my age or not even my age, less, like 14 years, 13 years, they are suffering and this is where this capacity building programmes will really come in handy to help such people

because you find such mothers are suffering from stigmatization. They do not know how to maneuver such challenges. Many of them do not have money to take care of their children. Many of them do not have resources or rather they are not well equipped with education or knowledge on how to find the government programmes for example, there are so many programmes that are running in different Counties, like when you find Makueni County, they have the community health voluntary programme whereby they do free screening for people for cervical cancer, this is something that we do not have in Mombasa. So, I urge the County and my fellow MCAs to actually agree to pass this Motion so that such programmes will be implemented so that our women, not only women, also men, but mostly women, so many women are suffering in the community and we need such capacity building so many they do not know, leave alone young mothers, also many people do not know how to reach the government programmes that are initiated in the Counties. So, I will really congratulate you, *Mheshimiwa*. I support you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Makanga): Thank you, Honourable Florence. Yes, Honourable Mariam Shariff Baimu.

Hon. Baimu: Ahsante sana Mheshimiwa Spika kwa kuweza kunipatia nafasi hii. Mimi nimesimama kuunga mkono hoja hii ilioletwa mbele yetu na Mheshimiwa Milka, kongole sana. Tunaona mara nyingi kina mama kusema ukweli hasa sisi tulio kwenye uongozi kwa mfano tuko thuluthi ndogo sana na kusema ule ukweli hii hoja tukiwa tutapitisha nina imani tutazidi kupewa ile nguvu maanake tunaona mfano hii *resolution* yake aliopeana aya ya kwanza poleni namba mbili tunaona katika mambo ya ununuzi (Procurement) ama katika ile hali ya vitu vya tenda ikiwa zimetoka kwa mfano, hapa inatakikana asilimia 30 angalau iweze kwenda kwa kina mama na vijana na watu wenye ulemavu. Kwa hivyo itakuwa vizuri sana ikiwa tutapitisha hii hoja maanake tunaona mara nyingi hizi tenda huwa zinatoka, lakini je hiyo asilimia 30 ya hizo *category* tatu zilizotajwa wanapata hizo nafasi za kupata hizo tenda? Kwa hivyo nimesimama Mheshimiwa Milka, samahani Mheshimiwa Spika kuunga mkono hoja ilioletwa na Mheshimiwa Milka, ahsante sana.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Makanga): Yes, Honourable Mwaka Mwaludonda?

Hon. Mwaka Bakari: Ahsante sana Mheshimiwa Spika. Nami nimesimama kuweza kuiunga hoja hii mkono ilioletwa na Mheshimiwa Milka kwa sababu mama ni kitu muhimu sana ndani ya huu ulimwengu; mama ndiye ambaye anapitia mambo mengi na madhila mengi ndani ya maisha kwa sababu kila alitoka upande wa mama na niseme hii hoja alioileta ni hoja nzuri sana tuweze kuiunga mkono iweze kutusaidia vijana wetu wa wanaoishi na ulemavu na kina mama hususan kina mama. Kwa hiyo mimi nasema naunga mkono hoja hii iweze kupitishwa ili iweze kufanya kazi na watu waweze kupata usaidizi kutokana na hii hoja. Ahsante sana Mheshimiwa Spika.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Makanga): Thank you Honourable Mwaka Mwaludonda. Yes, Honourable Fatuma Mote?

Hon. Fatma Swaleh: Ahsante sana Mheshimiwa Spika kwa kuweza kunipa fursa hii. Mheshimiwa Spika, kama unavyojua sisi sote hapa tumezaliwa na mama na vilevile Mwenyezi Mungu alimuumba Adam akaona kwamba Adam pekee yake hatoweza kufanya majukumu ili ndiposa akaleta Hawaa. Kwa hivyo Mheshimiwa Spika sina budi na ninazungumza bila uoga

lazima kipao mbele wapawe ndugu zetu kina mama na vilevile walemavu pia waweze kupata haki zao. Ahsante sana Mheshimiwa Spika.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Makanga): Yes, Honourable Samir Bhalo please make your contributions?

Hon. Bhaloo: Good afternoon Honourable Speaker. I stand here firmly, mentally, spiritually to support this Motion. Thank you.

[Silence]

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Makanga): Honourable Fatma whatever you are eating you are out of order! This cuts across the conduct of Honourable Jactone Madialo, you are out of order taking food in the plenary! Yes, Honourable Leila Mughazo Nyache please make your contributions.

Hon. Nyache: Ahsante sana Mheshimiwa Spika na mimi kuweza kuniona na kuniita jina langu lote *full*, ahsante sana. Mheshimiwa Spika, nimesimama kuunga hoja hii mkono iliokuja na Mheshimiwa Milka ya kuhusu kina mama, kina baba, vijana na ndugu zetu wanaoishi na ulemavu. Kwa kweli ni Hoja nzuri na mimi naiunga mkono hasa naiunga mkono kwa ajili ya wale kina baba wanao tandikwa na mabibi zao na wale kina baba wanao dhulumu watoto kijinsia. Kwa hivyo na kina mama pia wanao dhulumika kijinsia. Nimesimama kuunga mkono ili waweze kupata usaidizi....

[Interruption]

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Makanga): Please proceed Honourable Leila. I know there are things you have said and you can not substantiate but please proceed because nobody has raised any...

[Interruption]

Hon. Nyache: Ahsante Mheshimiwa Spika. Ndio nimesimama kuunga mkono ili kina mama na wazee wetu wanao dhulumika kijinsia na watoto wetu wanao dhulumika ili waweze kutambulika na ikiwa kutakuwa na bajeti yoyote kutoka kwa idara waweze kutambulika na waweze kusaidika kupitia hiyo bajeti. Pia itakuwa ni natija nzuri na pia kina mama waweze kuelimishwa kuhusu haki zao na hata hawa wazee waweza ama kupitia maswala ya kijinsia. Ahsante sana Bwana Spika nimesimama kuunga mkono.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Makanga): Yes, Honourable Patrick Mbelle please make your contribution.

Hon. Mbelle: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker Sir, I want to again not just once, but I have always congratulated my beloved mother here; allow me to call her beloved mother. I know there are people who have reservations here of why I am calling her beloved mother. I speak from my heart beloved mother for bringing agendas to this House that are pro people. I have seen her bring issues about children; issues about of women and issues about youths and today I can see that she wants gender inclusivity and allow me to call it equity between men and

women within the society. Mr. Speaker Sir, I want to go straight to what the County Assembly would have resolved if this Motion passes and I want to start and state, that most of the things that she stated here, might look like they are happening at the County government but I would wish to ask that more is done to them. The first ask of number of number 2(a) she talks about *Integration of Gender-Responsive Budgeting (GRB) in all County departments and agencies, ensuring not less than 30 per cent of all County procurement opportunities are reserved for women*. Mr. Speaker, as we speak right now the law is being implemented and I think it is being implemented fully and if you ask for an audit report at the procurement level of what the County is giving to women, youths and person with disability. They will bring you papers that tell you that they are doing the same thing, but one thing that we are aware of is that most business people are using papers that belong to women to come and get tenders.

So, I think the other point of it will be that can we then as a County government be able to authenticate, that whatever papers are being brought for people to take tenders at the County government, truly belong to people living with disability. I do not know how that will happen, but it is important that we put in regulations and policies, that will make us ascertain that once somebody comes with a company with certificate and a paper showing it is full PWDs, it has to truly be PWDs that is behind that particular paper. Mr. Speaker Sir, on the second one on the issues of departmental gender desk, I want to affirm and confirm there is a gender office at the County government which is one at the Tononoka but again it is very important that at every department and every office that it truly have this. I do not want to mention names but here even in the County Assembly, I have witnessed a lady not being sexually molested but I do not know how to call, it is GBV. Once a lady is provoked in a manner that brings out sexual connotation to the conversation, which is GBV I have witnessed one and I do not think to date she has gone passed that so it is important that we have this not to punish people, but to enlighten people that women equally have a place in the society and should be respected in whatever that they do...

[Applause]

Mr. Speaker Sir, I would also wish to say that in as much as we are looking at the women side, allow me to add that both the women and men in this society nowadays are passing through a lot. Most men today in Kiswahili they say, “*wanakaliwa chapati na wanawake*’ and why that is happening is because we have a more empowered woman in the society than men maybe in future. Mr. Speaker, I would also wish to give more appetite in whatever she said by bringing another Motion, that talks about us creating program that are geared towards empowering the boy child. The men might be okay now but the boy child of tomorrow is at risk, because women are becoming much more empowered, even such policies we are going to empower women much more, but what about the boy child? But again, congratulations for bringing this and I would wish that you add those few things to the next motion that you will bring, because I know there is another one that is coming that I am sure about it, but again congratulations and I want to support this fully. Thank You Mr. Speaker.

[Applause]

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Makanga): Thank you Honourable Patrick but maybe before you sit, Honourable Patrick Mbelle from our records you are a Member of Public Accounts Committee and their allegations here that you have made, that there is a possibility women documents or women companies are used to secure tenders from the County Government, is that something that you can substantiate at your level?

Hon. Mbelle: Mr. Speaker Sir, it is true that I sit at the Public Account and Investment Committee (PIAC) and once auditors are done, there are brought to the PAC and PIC Committee they come very clean that procurement has been done and women and youth and people with disability have been given their rightful places. But when you go outside the parliament and outside the County government confines, you actually hear that my company has been used by so and so and I have only been given ten thousand and not over a million shillings that were made. Legally there is not much that we can do because all legal process has been followed, but...

[Interruption]

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Makanga): Honourable Patrick, it is your duty as a Committee to do the oversight, have you taken any action as to regard the same?

Hon. Mbelle: Mr. Speaker, I am happy that today such kind of a Motion has been brought which gives us legal...

[Interruption]

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Makanga): My question is having you taken any actions in relation to the same so that we admit whatever you are saying in our Hansard? Have you taken any action to cure that defect?

Hon. Mbelle: Mr. Speaker, I would wish that you give me a minute to explain before...

[Interruption]

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Makanga): It is a yes or no question. It is either you have taken actions or you intend to take action.

Hon. Mbelle: Mr. Speaker I think I am at liberty of giving my answers as I would wish to in as much as I would want to follow your guidance. Mr. Speaker, I have talked about it being a social problem within the society; legally the County government is in the right books of giving tenders to both people living with disability, women and youth but again socially back in our societies we know very well that me and you people are using papers belonging to women to come and solicit for tenders within the County government. It might legally be correct but it is socially and morally incorrect and that is why I am saying, can we then through this Motion that we have passed push the County government to develop policies, that will ensure that women companies that will be used to come and get tenders from here, that we truly follow dully get to know that that they truly belong to a woman and that woman is going to benefit from that money. Mr. Speaker, I have seen it happening in Kwale and women groups are being given tenders while they are there in groups, can we also do the same thing? That we bring women groups to give them tenders for them to benefit from them, not for Patrick Mwavula Mbelle to get a company belonging to Milka, to come and get money and later give ten thousand shillings to Milka instead of one hundred thousand.

[Interruption]

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Makanga): Yes, Honourable Abdirahman what is it?

Hon. Abdirahman Abdikadir: Mr. Speaker, I am up on a point of Order and I feel like the Honourable Member from...

[Interruption]

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Makanga): Which Standing Order please?

Hon. Abdirahman Abdikadir: Standing Order 87 as you refer to it Mr. Speaker...

[Interruption]

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Makanga): Wait first so that...

[Interruption]

Hon. Abdirahman Abdikadir: It is okay Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker Honourable Mbelle has made strong allegations...

[Interruption]

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Makanga): Honourable Abdirahman, the Standing Order well, it is in relation of responsibility to statement of fact. So now maybe you can proceed that we hear what you intend to bring out.

Hon. Abdirahman Abdikadir: Yes, Mr. Speaker I was right about the Standing Order, do not doubt my intelligence for once. Mr. Speaker, Honourable Mbelle has made strong allegations that he is aware that there are companies which use papers work that are of women to solicit and get tenders from the County government of Mombasa Mr. Speaker that is not a statement that I will allow it to go without being challenged under Standing Order 87(1) (2) he should convince us and you yourself that he has sufficient evidence to support his allegations, if he does not he should withdraw from it, we are not in a public *baraza* where we can just say things for the sake of it. Mr. Speaker, if he has any sufficient evidence, we are willing to interact with it and take full responsibility. It is either he substantiate it or he just rephrase from it Mr. Speaker thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Makanga): Yes, Honourable Patrick Mbelle first listen, the cited Standing Order demands that you either you substantiate or you withdraw, because the very same statement if they go into our records then there are reason enough to get somebody lose their job so please if you have evidence of what you have just said you proceed to, if you do not have evidence you do the honourable as guided by Standing Order you apologise, withdraw from our records then once you have enough evidence, then you can again bring it in our next sitting or you can come up with a Motion now on how to have resolution, as regards your issues and your feelings about the whole issue.

Hon. Mbelle: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker Sir, as I earlier stated I stated that their social issues within our societies, that lest we talk about them would lead them continue not just today but forever today it is a woman in Bamburi, Mtopanga or Jomvu but that is happening too...

[Interruption]

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Makanga): Honourable Patrick Mbelle?

Hon. Mbelle: I am substantiating my facts Mr. Speaker.

[Interruption]

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Makanga): Honourable Patrick Mbelle please, let us not make this a long conversation you have a responsibility of either substantiating or withdrawing in the mean time.

Hon. Mbelle: Mr. Speaker...

[Interruption]

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Makanga): If whatever you are saying you have evidence, you will proceed to lay your evidence as a way of substantiating if you do not have, please do the honourable.

Hon. Mbelle: Mr. Speaker, in Kiswahili they say, “*Ninajenga hoja*’ so if you allow me to, I will do so...

[Interruption]

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Makanga): You had already made your contribution which means, “*kujenga hoja*” right now you are responding to the Point of Order that has been raised by Honourable Abdirahman.

Hon. Mbelle: Mr. Speaker, I feel pressured.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Makanga): Yes, Honourable Florence what is it again?

Hon. Mkanjala: I feel like Honourable Abdirahman Hussein is trying to put pressure on Honourable Patrick Mbelle which is not fair. If he has...

[Interruption]

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Makanga): Honourable Florence, you are out of order...

[Interruption]

Hon. Mkanjala: He does not have enough information...

[Interruption]

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Makanga): Honourable Florence, you are out of order! Please take your seat, Honourable Patrick Mbelle, either substantiate or withdraw!

Hon. Mbelle: Mr. Speaker Sir, for this one I would let the County Assembly take the necessary measures to punish me, but I still stand with that statement and I would not withdraw; because I know it is socially happening, and it is incorrect today and if I do not talk about it today it shall happen tomorrow to my wife and to my child, and many other girls outside there. Mr. Speaker, so I stand not to withdraw that statement.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Makanga): Honourable Abdirahman Hussein, I think allow me to give a ruling on this issue.

[Interruption]

Hon. Abdirahman Abdikadir: Before you give a ruling, Mr. Speaker, allow me to also take note of a similar statement that he made that touches on the statement of fact.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Makanga): Honourable Abdirahman Hussein...

[Interruption]

Hon. Abdirahman Abdikadir: Do I sit Mr. Speaker?

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Makanga): If sitting will do us a lot of justice, so maybe you can take your seat. Honourable Patrick Mbelle, I think this is a matter that needs very close conversation and as such we will have a conversation around it. The Speaker will make his ruling in the next sitting as regards your facts that you have refused to substantiate and withdraw. So, make a ruling in the next sitting. Honourable Abdirahman Hussein that matter is closed you can make your contribution.

Hon. Abdirahman Abdikadir: I am up on a point of order concerning the same issue.

[Interruption]

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Makanga): I have already ruled, so please make your contribution to the Motion.

Hon. Abdirahman Abdikadir: It is not the same issue...

[Interruption]

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Makanga): Okay, please proceed.

Hon. Abdirahman Abdikadir: Yes, Mr. Speaker. I have also listened to him carefully that he alleged that there was a case of Gender Based Violence (GBV) that has happened in this House and he is aware of it Mr. Speaker and it has happened to a Member of the County Assembly (MCA) perhaps as he said Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker those are very grave allegations as well, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker I will ask him to equally substantiate and shed more light and perhaps ask him, as an Honourable Member, what actions has he taken since it came to his knowledge? Has he reported it to the relevant Committee Mr. Speaker? Perhaps he should also

equally withdraw that statement or substantiate or you deem him that he is completely out of order Mr. Speaker and very disorderly...

[Interruption]

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Makanga): Honourable Patrick Mbelle, Honourable Florence, please take your seat. Honourable Patrick Mbelle, I think it is a serious issue that really needs to be addressed. You see, that is a very serious allegation and it touches on the integrity of this Assembly, including the leadership and management of the entire Assembly. If we have such cases that are not addressed then it is putting our institution on a bad page. So, please can you proceed to substantiate?

Hon. Mbelle: Mr. Speaker Sir, the affected Member who actually talked about the issue in person to me wished that we have it as a closed conversation between myself and the lady and she sought for advice for myself we had that conversation and she stated and wished that she does not be put in public to say or to be known. So, Mr. Speaker Sir, I will use it as an example and for respect of privacy and the respect of honesty I would wish not to disclose who exactly it was not unless she gives me that permission when I go back to her. Thank you.

[Interruption]

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Makanga): So, as such can you proceed to withdraw because you have just broken the promise that you made to each other that you will not make it public, so just withdraw you leave it at the secret point.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Makanga): Honorable Florence, please take your seat! Take your seat! Honourable Patrick Mbelle?

Hon. Mbelle: Mr. Speaker Sir, for....

[Interruption]

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Makanga): Honourable Jactone Madialo, you are out of order! Honourable Patrick Mbelle please proceed.

Hon. Mbelle: Mr. Speaker Sir, for the respect of the legal process of this House, I wish to withdraw.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Makanga): Thank you...

[Interruption]

Hon. Mbelle: But for the sanity of this conversation Mr. Speaker, I wish to uphold that conversation for future reference. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Makanga): Thank you. Yes, Honourable Abdirahman Hussein please make your contribution to the Motion. You have one minute to do so.

Hon. Abdirahman Abdikadir: Thank you Mr. Speaker for limiting me to one minute. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to strongly support the Motion before us, the Motion, let me just refer to the title, the Motion on Prioritization, Implementation and Affirmative Action for Gender Mainstreaming in Mombasa County. Mr. Speaker, statistics from across Kenya paint a very troubling picture especially for women that form nearly 50 per cent of the population yet they occupy less than one third of leadership position and decision-making organs. Mr. Speaker, in the informal sector women dominate but remain underpaid and unsupported, in education the girl child in our Coastal region continue to lag behind due to poverty, early marriage and cultural barriers if we do not act these disparities will continue to widen. Mr. Speaker when we talk of gender mainstreaming, we mean putting women and men, boys and girls, on equal footing when it comes to access to opportunities, resources and decision-making. Mr. Speaker, this Assembly must deliberate in ensuring that every public policy, every program and every budget we pass integrates gender equity as a core value. Lastly, Mr. Speaker, with adopting this Motion it will give us an opportunity as a Mombasa County to set an example for the rest of the Country let us be remembered as the Assembly that moved the rhetoric to real change, together let us also commit to building a very inclusive Mombasa where every citizen regardless of gender has an equal chance to thrive Mr. Speaker. I beg to move the Motion. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Makanga): Thank you Honourable Abdirahman Hussein. Yes, Honourable Priscilla Mumba Leader of the Majority Party, please make your contribution before Honourable Milka Ngare replying to the same.

The Leader of the Majority Party (Hon. Mumba): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I also stand to support the Motion and also to congratulate Honourable Milka Ngare for a good work of remembering our County for the gender mainstreaming and I also plead like what Honourable Patrick Mbelle said, that we remember the boy child in this because the boy child is also suffering in silence and we have been just focusing on women and disability, people living with disability. This has been a conversation going on for so long yet we forget the vulnerable now are boy child and also that one is something to note and to take care for the community at large to solve gender problems. So, I support and congratulate Honourable Milka Ngare.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Makanga): Yes, Honourable Milka Moraa Ngare please reply to the Motion.

Hon. Ngare: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for giving me this chance again to reply to the motion. One thing I would like to say is the reason why I am asking one of the prayers is about the departmental desks would be because of issues like the ones that are coming up that Members among us have undergone GBV issues so that we have a special desk where such matters would not be brought to the plenary but to the desk and dealt with. I would also like to respond that in awarding tenders to special groups, I have a very good example I have a group in Bamburi called Imarika na Maendeleo Community Based Organization - CBO which I sponsored and they got a tender of Ks.6Million from KEMSFED but they ended up not doing that tender because of the issues that I am highlighting here right now. So, it is important that we have serious auditing of all the tenders so that for sure we know that the 30 per cent is going to women and people with disabilities. But I want to take this opportunity to thank the seconder of the Motion, to thank the Honourable Speaker for being so articulate, Majority Leader and all the other Members for agreeing and supporting the Motion so that we can have better structures for gender mainstreaming and affirmative action. I thank each and every one of you.

Thank you so much Mr. Speaker.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Makanga): Thank you Honourable Milka Ngare, thank you Honourable Members for such a conversation and a debate. Now I put the question that the Motion by Honourable Milka Ngare on Prioritization, Implementation and Affirmative Action for Gender Mainstreaming in Mombasa County be approved by this Honourable House in the same terms as debated?

[Question put and agreed to]

Honourable Members, the Motion by Honourable Milka Ngare on Prioritization, Implementation and Affirmative Action for Gender Mainstreaming in Mombasa County is adopted by this House.

ADJOURNMENT

Honourable Members, this House stands adjourned until Wednesday, 20th August, 2025 at 10:25a.m. Thank you.

The House rose at 3:46p.m.