



**EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY
EAST AFRICAN LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

**RESOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY TO CONDEMN THE KILLING OF, AND TO PAY
TRIBUTE TO THE LATE HON. HAFSA MOSSI**

By Hon. Peter Mathuki and adopted by the Assembly on Thursday 21st July, 2016

SHOCKED AND DISMAYED by the brutal murder of Hon. Hafsa Mossi, former Minister responsible for EAC affairs and a current Member of the 3rd East African Legislative Assembly representing the Partner State of the Republic of Burundi, in Bujumbura, on Wednesday 13th July 2016;

DEEPLY CONCERNED that there has been a spate of targeted murders of political leaders and politically active citizens of Burundi on both sides of the political divide since the country plunged into a political crisis following the July 2015 Presidential elections;

RECALLING the efforts of this House through its Committee on Regional Affairs and Conflict Resolution which culminated into a report and its recommendations adopted by this House on 4th February, 2016, which recommendations seem not to have been heeded;

AWARE of the ongoing mediation efforts by the East African Community headed by H.E President Yoweri Museveni, the President of the Republic of Uganda and assisted by H.E Benjamin Mkapa, former President of the United Republic of Tanzania which peace talks are seemingly not being taken seriously by all the political actors in Burundi;

NOW THEREFORE, THIS ASSEMBLY DO RESOLVE TO;

1. Condemn in the strongest terms possible the despicable, dastardly and brutal murder of the late Hon. Hafsa Mossi.

2. Acknowledge that there are serious Human Rights violations in Burundi.
3. Affirm previous resolutions and recommendations made on Burundi and call for their consideration and implementation.
4. Call upon the Burundi government to fast track investigations, inform the Assembly the circumstances that led to the death of Hon. Hafsa Mossi and bring those involved in this heinous act to book.
5. Call upon the EAC Council of Ministers to constitute a Commission of Inquiry and engage an internationally qualified independent body to establish culpability in the death of Hon. Hafsa Mossi and other killings.
6. Call upon the EAC Council of Ministers to invoke Chapter Seven of the Charter of the United Nations so that the UN Security Council commences investigations on what is happening in Burundi.
7. Extend its deepest condolences and profound sympathy to the family of the deceased and all peace loving people of Burundi for the tragic loss of their distinguished daughter, sister, mother and leader of such high profile and exemplary character, who stood for peace.
8. Categorically reiterate to the political actors in Burundi that using assassinations or murder as a tool to settle political differences is not only myopic, cowardly, and despicable but also has no place in the political dispensation of the modern world of democracy, freedom of expression and association.
9. Call upon the Summit of the East African Community Heads of State to reign in their powers and authority and take such stern measures as to ensure that all stakeholders in the Burundi conflict take the ongoing mediation efforts seriously so that peace, security and stability are restored in the said country in the shortest time possible.

10. Remind the Government of Burundi to put in place security measures that ensure safety of lives and property of all the people and citizens of Burundi irrespective of their professed political leanings.
11. Direct the EAC Secretariat to suspend current activities scheduled for Burundi, fast track the report requested for by the EAC Council of Ministers and report to this Assembly at its next plenary meeting in August 2016, before the Assembly considers undertaking any activities in Burundi that may put the lives of Staff and Members in great risk.
12. Remind the EAC Secretary General that in such occurrences, the EAC flag should fly half mast.
13. Collectively pray to the Almighty Allah, to rest the soul of the departed Hon. Hafsa Mossi in eternal peace.

CERTIFIED BY:

**KENNETH MADETE
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