


Matrix of Amendments of the East African Legislative Assembly Rules of Procedure as adopted during by the Committee on Legal, Rules and Privileges held on January 20th, 2015

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| PART I: PRELIMINARY INTEPRETATION | | | | |
| 1. | "Assembly " means the East African Legislative Assembly established under the Treaty, also referred to herein as the "House", | Delete and add some new wordings | "Assembly " <i>'means the East African Legislative Assembly established by Article 9 of the Treaty'</i> | As defined by the Treaty for the establishment of the EAC |
| 2. | To define the new word 'Bar' | The Committee recommends that there is a need to define the term "Bar" in accordance with the provisions of sub rule (1) and (2) of Rule 51.  | "Bar" to mean "A place designated in the Assembly where a Member who is found guilty of uttering defamatory statement against any other Member, shall stand and offer an apology" | To define the word bar as used in the rules. |
| 3. | "Bill" means the draft of an Act of the Assembly and includes Bills initiated by private members, Chairperson of a Committee and the Council; | Delete and add some new wordings | "Bill" <i>'means the draft of an Act of the Assembly and includes both a private members Bill and Council of Ministers Bill'.</i> | As defined in the Acts of the Community Act 2004 |
| 4. | "Clerk" means the Clerk of the Assembly or such other person as is for the time being performing the duties of the Clerk by direction of the Speaker; | Delete and insert new definition | "Clerk" <i>'Means the Clerk of the East African Legislative Assembly appointed under Article 48 of the Treaty'.</i> | As defined by the Treaty for the establishment of the EAC |

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| 5. | “Community” means the East African Community established by the Treaty; | Add new wordings to definition | “Community” <i>‘means the East African Community established by Article 2 of the Treaty’.</i> | As defined by the Treaty for the establishment of the EAC |
| 6. | Introduce a new word for interpretation, “Commission” | Provide definition for the word ‘Commission’ | “Commission” <i>‘means the East African Legislative Assembly Commission established by section 3 of the Administration of East African Legislative Assembly Act 2012’;</i> | The Word ‘Commission’ needs to be defined by the Rules of Procedures; Definition as provided for in the Act |
| 7. | “Council” means the Council of Ministers of the Community established under the Treaty; | Add new wordings to definition | “Council” <i>‘means the Council of Ministers of the Community established by Article 9 the treaty’.</i> | As defined by the Treaty for the establishment of the EAC |
| 8. | “Functions” includes powers and duties; | Delete the wording. | | The word is idle/Redundant as duties are the same as functions |
| 9. | Introduce a new word for interpretation “House” | Provide definition for ‘House’ | “House” <i>‘means the Assembly’</i> | The Word ‘House’ commonly used interchangeably with Assembly |
| 10. | “Member” means a Member of the Assembly elected pursuant to Article 50 of the Treaty by National Assembly of each Partner State, and includes ex-officio members | Delete and insert some new words | “Member” means a Member of the Assembly as provided for under Article 48 of the Treaty; | To adopt terms as used in the Treaty |

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| | provided for under Article 48 (1) (b) of the Treaty. | | | |
| 11. | “Official Gazette” means the official gazette of the Community; | Delete word ‘official’ | “Gazette” <i>‘means the official gazette of the Community;</i> | As defined by the Treaty for the establishment of the EAC |
| 12. | “National Assembly” means the legislature of any Partner state; | Define as per Treaty | “National Assembly” <i>‘with its grammatical variation and cognate expression means the national legislature however designated of a Partner state’;</i> | As defined in the Treaty |
| 13. | “Partner States” means the Partner States of the Community as defined under the Treaty; | Add some new wordings | “Partner States” <i>‘means the Partner States of the Community established under Article 3 of the Treaty’;</i> | For consistency with the Treaty for the establishment of the EAC |
| 14. | To clarify further in the definition the word “Session” | The Committee recommends that the term (word) “Session” be clarified further in the definition. | “Session” <i>“means the period when the Assembly is sitting continuously from the First Sitting of a Session after an election to the sitting when it is prorogued.”</i> | Clarity |
| 15. | “Treaty” means the Treaty of 1999 for the Establishment of the East African Community. | Delete certain words | “Treaty” <i>‘means the Treaty for the Establishment of the East African Community and any annexes and protocols thereto’.</i> | As defined by the Treaty for the establishment of the EAC |

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| 16. | To define the word “ vote on account ” | The Committee recommends that a “vote on account” be defined and also explained in Rule 76(c). | “Vote on account” <i>“means a special provision by which the Council shall obtain the vote of the Assembly for an amount sufficient to incur expenditure on various items for a part of the year.”</i> | Clarity and to ascertain the terms used in the rules |
| PART II: GENERAL | | | | |
| 17. | Rule 2: Seat of the Assembly. | | Rule 2 - retained | In accordance with Art. 136 (1) of the Treaty |
| 18. | Rule 3(2) Independent Mandate, Privileges and Immunities: Members of the Assembly shall enjoy privileges and immunities in accordance with the provisions of Article 61 of the Treaty’. | | Rule 3(2) - deleted | Harmonization with the Treaty, Acts of the Community into these Rules. |
| 19. | Rule 3(3) Independent Mandate, Privileges and Immunities: ‘Passes to allow Members to move freely in the Partner States shall be issued to them by the Clerk of the Assembly as soon as he or she has been notified of their election’. | | | Clerk has no power to issue inter-state passes |
| 20. | Rule 4 (1) ‘Incompatibilities resulting from national legislation shall be notified to the Assembly, which shall take note thereof and act accordingly’. | | Rule 4(1) - deleted | Since Article 8(4) of the Treaty provides that Community laws shall take precedents over national laws |

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| | | | | incompatibility is not envisaged |
| 21. | Rule 4(2) 'Where the competent authorities of a Partner State notifies the Clerk of appointments to an office incompatible with the office of Member of the Assembly, upon receipt of written confirmation from such Member, the Speaker shall inform the Assembly which shall establish that there is a vacancy'. | | Rule 4(2) - deleted | The provisions of Art. 51 of the Treaty are sufficient. |
| +PART III: PROCEEDINGS IN A NEW ASSEMBLY | | | | |
| 22. | Rule 5 'List of Members to be laid' | Insert a new Rule, Title: Rule 5: 'Notification of the first sitting of the new Assembly'. | Rule 5, 'The Clerk shall at least 14 days prior to the first sitting of the new Assembly, notify the elected Members of the House through the Clerks of the National Assemblies of the Partner States the date and the venue of the first sitting'. | To give Clerk clear time lines within which to notify new Members of date of first sitting of the date of the first sitting of the Assembly. |
| 23. | Rule 5 'list of Members to be Laid' and Rule 6 titled 'Administration of Oath' | Insert new Rule 6 by combining Rule 5 and 6 , titled: 'List of Members and Administration of Oath' | 6 (1) 'On the first day of a new House pursuant to the names transmitted to the Clerk by the Speaker of the National Assembly of each Partner State as per section 5 of the East African Legislative | In conformity with the East African Legislative Assembly Elections Act of 2012, |

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| | | | <p data-bbox="1230 237 1545 459"><i>Assembly Elections Act 2012, the list of the Members of the House shall be read out aloud and laid on the Table by the Clerk’.</i></p> <p data-bbox="1230 586 1545 732">6 (2) ‘The Clerk shall administer the Oath or Affirmation /Allegiance to the Members’.</p> <p data-bbox="1230 781 1545 1198">6(3) The Clerk shall subsequent to the Administration of Oath or affirmation to the members under sub-rule 2, carry out an induction for members on the provision of the Treaty, Laws of the Community and this Rules</p> <p data-bbox="1230 1247 1545 1395">6 (4) ‘No Member shall sit or vote in the Assembly before taking the Oath or Affirmation</p> | <p data-bbox="1566 626 1925 773">Member should be sworn in before transaction of any business including election of Speaker</p> <p data-bbox="1566 854 1925 1040">It is imperative for the Members to be inducted to equip them with the necessary knowledge to make informed decisions.</p> |

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| | | | <p><i>of Allegiance to the Treaty</i>’.</p> <p>6 (5) <i>‘When a Member first attends to take his or her seat other than at the first sitting of a new House, he or she shall be brought to the Table by two Members and presented by them to the Speaker who shall then administer the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance to him or her</i>’.</p> | |
| 24. | <p>Rule 7 (1) Election of Speaker: <i>‘The Speaker shall be elected by the Members from among their number on rotational basis’.</i></p> | | <p>7(1), <i>‘The Speaker of the Assembly shall be elected on rotational basis by the elected Members of the Assembly from among themselves to serve for a period of five years’.</i></p> | <p>In harmony with Article 53 of the Treaty.</p> |
| 25. | <p>Rule 7(7) Election of Speaker: <i>‘At an election of a Speaker the Clerk shall invite nominations from Members present’.</i></p> | | <p>7(7) <i>‘At the election of the Speaker the Clerk shall invite secondment by at least two Members for the nominated candidates’.</i></p> | |

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| 26. | Rule 7(8) Election of Speaker: 'If only one person is nominated, he or she shall be declared elected and conducted to the Chair' | | 7(8) "In the event of only one candidate nominated, he or she shall be subject to the approval of the Assembly through an election by secret ballot" | To avoid rubber stamping of nominees and the need to have the will of the House. |
| 27. | Rule 7(9) Election of Speaker: 'Voting shall be in the following manner:' | Rule 7 (9) (e) to shift to Rule 7 (9) (b). Re-number the rest of Sub-Paragraphs | 7 (9) (b) 'A candidate may by written notice to the Clerk, withdraw his or her name before a ballot is started, and in the event of such withdrawal, the Clerk shall delete the name of that candidate from any ballot papers issued for that or any subsequent ballot'. | Logical flow |
| 28. | Election of Speaker: 'Voting shall be in the following manner:' | Rule 7 (9) (e) to be amended | 7 (9) (e) "A Member shall not be elected as Speaker unless he or she is supported by votes of two-thirds of all Members of the House'. | To ensure most supported/popular candidate is elected Speaker. |

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| 29. | Election of Speaker: 'Voting shall be in the following manner:' | Insert new <i>Rule 7 (9) (f)</i> | <i>7 (9) (f) 'When no candidate receives support of two-thirds of all Members under paragraph 'e', a further ballot shall be held for the first two candidates'.</i> | To ensure most supported/popular candidate is elected Speaker |
| 30. | Election of Speaker: 'Voting shall be in the following manner:' | Insert new <i>Rule 7 (9) (g)</i> | <i>7 (9) (g) 'the candidate who receives the highest number of votes in the second ballot shall be declared elected. In the event of a tie, elections shall be held again between the two candidates'.</i> | To ensure most supported/popular candidate is elected Speaker |
| 31. | Election of Speaker: 'Voting shall be in the following manner:' | Insert new sub-rule 7(9) (h) | <i>7(9) (h) 'Where a candidate under sub-rule (8) does not receive two-thirds of all Members, a further ballot shall be held and the candidate shall be declared elected if he or she gets a simple majority of the votes</i> | To avoid rubber stamping of nominees and the need to have the will of the House. |

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| 32. | Rule 8(1) 'The Speaker shall direct all activities of the House and its Committees and shall preside over the proceedings of the House under these rules. | | 8(1) 'The Speaker shall direct all activities of the House and its Committees in accordance with the decisions of the Commission, and shall preside over the proceedings of the House under these rules. | It is imperative that the direction of the Speaker should not be unilateral but in accordance with the decisions of the Commission, which is mandated to manage the affairs of the House pursuant to the Administration of the EALA Act, 2012 |
| 33. | <p>Rule 9</p> <p>9(1) 'The House may pass a resolution to remove the Speaker from Office</p> <p>9(2) 'A motion for a resolution to remove the Speaker from office shall be signed by at least four elected members from each Partner State and submitted to the Clerk'</p> | | <p>9(1) 'The House may pass a resolution to remove the Speaker from Office</p> <p>9(2) A motion for a resolution to remove the Speaker from Office shall be signed by half of the elected members</p> | In line with Art. 53 (3) of the Treaty and to avoid ambiguities. |

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| | <p>9(3) 'The Clerk shall, within twenty-four hours of receipt of the list of names, forward the notice to the House'.</p> <p>9(4) 'The motion shall be tabled in the Assembly within seven days of its receipt of the Clerk and the House shall refer the motion to the Committee on Legal, Rules and Privileges to investigate and report its findings to the Assembly for debate'.</p> <p>9(5) 'The Speaker is entitled to appear in person and to be assisted or represented by a lawyer or any other person when the Committee is investigating his or her removal'.</p> <p>9(6) 'The Speaker, in respect of whom proceedings for removal have commenced, shall not preside over the proceedings'.</p> <p>9 (7) If the Assembly passes the motion for the removal of the Speaker by not less than two-thirds majority of elected members of the Assembly, the Speaker shall cease to hold office.</p> | | <p>and submitted to the Clerk</p> <p>9(3) 'The Speaker, in respect of whom proceedings for removal have commenced, shall not discharge any duties and functions of the Speaker until such investigations are completed and the proceedings are concluded'.</p> <p>9(4) 'The motion shall be tabled in the Assembly within twenty four hours (24) of its receipt of the Clerk and the House shall refer the motion to the Committee on Legal, Rules and Privileges to investigate and report its findings to the Assembly for debate'.</p> | |

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| | | | <p>9(5) 'The proceedings for the removal of the Speaker shall be deemed to have commenced upon the filing of the motion with the Clerk'</p> <p>9(6) 'upon commencement of the proceedings, withdrawal or addition of signatures shall be of no consequence to the motion'</p> <p>9 (7) <i>The motion shall be priority on the order of business and shall be tabled in the Assembly by the mover or any other Member designated by the mover on the next sitting day of the Assembly.</i></p> <p>9(8) 'The Speaker shall be entitled to appear in person and shall be</p> | |

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| | | | <p>assisted or represented by a lawyer or any other person when the Committee is investigating his or her removal'.</p> <p>9(9) 'The Committee shall investigate and report its findings to the Assembly for debate within twenty one (21) working days'</p> <p>9(10) 'If the debate on the motion is adjourned or interrupted, the sitting considering the motion will continue on the following sitting day of the Assembly until the transaction of the motion for the removal of the Speaker has been completed.'</p> <p>9(11) 'The motion of the removal of the Speaker may be</p> | |

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| | | | <p data-bbox="1228 235 1547 342">withdrawn by the mover with leave of the House.'</p> <p data-bbox="1228 391 1547 537">9(12) 'The vote on the motion for the removal of the Speaker shall be by secret ballot.'</p> <p data-bbox="1228 586 1547 927">9(13) 'If the vote does not reach the threshold of the two-thirds majority, the motion shall expire and no other motion for the removal of the Speaker may be moved in the same session.'</p> <p data-bbox="1228 1008 1547 1317">9(14) 'No Member shall be barred from participating in the investigations for the removal of the Speaker for the reason only that such Member may have signed the motion.'</p> | |

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| | | | <p>9(15) 'No Member including the Speaker who is facing the motion for removal may be barred from voting on the motion.'</p> <p>9 (16) 'Upon passing the motion for the removal of the Speaker he or she shall cease to hold office'.</p> | |
| PART IV SITTINGS AND ADJOURNMENTS OF THE HOUSE | | | | |
| 34. | Rule 10: Prayer | Substitute Rule 10 with a new Rule 10 titled: 'Notification of Meetings of the House' | Rule 10 'The Clerk shall at least 14 days prior to the date of the commencement of any meeting of the House, notify the Members of the date, venue and the proposed business of the meeting'. | Dissemination of information. |
| 35. | Rule 11 (2) Venue, Sittings and Meetings of the House and Committee 'Whenever during a session the House stands adjourned, whether or not a day has been appointed for the next meeting; the | Add some new words | Rule 11 (2) 'Whenever during a session the House stands adjourned, whether or not a day has been appointed for the next | |

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| | Speaker shall at any time he considers expedient, giving reasonable notice, call a special meeting'. | | <i>meeting; the Speaker shall at any time he or she considers expedient, giving reasonable notice, call a special meeting'.</i> | |
| 36. | Rule 11 (3) Venue, Sittings and Meetings of the House and Committee 'A sitting of a House is duly constituted when it is presided over by the Speaker or such other Member as may be elected under Article 56 of the Treaty'. | Add some new words | Rule 11 (3) 'A sitting of a House is duly constituted when it is presided over by the Speaker or such other Member as may be elected under Article 56 of the Treaty and in accordance with Annex 3 of these Rules '. | |
| 37. | Rule 11 (4) Venue, Sittings and Meetings of the House and Committee 'Any Committee may request the Speaker with reasons, that any meeting of the Assembly be held in a place other than its seat and the Speaker shall put the request before the House but if the matter is urgent the Speaker shall take a decision and any rejection of such request shall state the reasons thereof'. & | Rule 11 (4) and (5) to be deleted | Delete Rule 11 (4) and (5) | |

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| | Rule 11 (5) Venue, Sittings and Meetings of the House and Committee 'The Assembly shall hold its sittings and its committee meetings at the place fixed as its seat under the provisions of Rule 2'. | | | |
| 38. | Rule 11 (6) Venue, Sittings and Meetings of the House and Committee 'The House shall sit on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays'. | Add some new words | Rule 11 (6) 'The House shall ordinarily sit on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays'. | |
| 39. | Rule 11 (7) Venue, Sittings and Meetings of the House and Committee 'The Assembly may, on a resolution adopted by a majority of its Members, decide to hold one or more sittings elsewhere within the Partner States, other than at its seat'. | Re-draft to conform with the Treaty | Rule 11 (7) - 'The meetings of the Assembly shall be held at such times and places as the Assembly may appoint and shall meet at least once in every year at Arusha in the United Republic of Tanzania and at a time to be determined by the Assembly'. | |
| 40. | Rule 12 (1) Hours of Meeting: 'Sittings shall unless the Speaker otherwise directs, ordinarily commence at | Delete and insert some new words | Rule 12 (1) - "Sittings" shall unless the Assembly otherwise resolves, ordinarily commence at 9.00 a.m. | To meet the eight working hours per day |

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| | 9:00 o'clock in the morning up to 1:00 o'clock in the afternoon, and resume at 4:00 o'clock in the evening and conclude at 6:00 o'clock in the evening; on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. | | <i>in the morning up to 1.00 o'clock in the afternoon, and resume at 2.30 p.m. afternoon and conclude at 6.30 p.m.</i> | |
| 41. | Rule 12 (3) Hours of Meeting: 'The Speaker shall at the close of business of a meeting announce the time and date of the next meeting '. | Delete and insert some new words | Rule 12 (3) - 'The <i>Speaker shall at the close of business of a sitting announce the time and date of the next sitting'.</i> | |
| 42. | Rule 12 (4) Hours of Meeting: ' The House Business Committee shall fix the time when a sitting of the House is adjourned sine die'. | Delete and insert some new words | Rule 12 (4) - ' <i>The Commission shall fix the time when a Meeting of the House is adjourned sine die</i> '. | |
| 43. | Rule 13 (1) Quorum: 'The quorum of the House or of the Committee of the Whole House shall be half of the elected Members: Provided that such quorum shall be composed of at least three of the elected Members from each Partner State'. | The committee recommend the amendment of Rule 13 (1) to read as: | 13(1) ' <i>The quorum of the House or of the Committee of the Whole House shall be half of the elected Members and such quorum shall be composed of at least 1/3 of the elected Members from each Partner State</i> '. | In accordance with Art. 57(1) of the Treaty , cater for the admission of new Partner States in future; revision of the numbers as well as composition of the elected members of the Assembly |

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| 44. | Rule 14 Adjournment of the House | The Committee recommends that rule 14 be rearranged and amended as follows: | <p>14 (1) 'A member may at any time, for reasons stated, seek leave to move "That, this House do now adjourn to debate a matter of urgent public importance'.</p> <p>14(2) 'No Member seeking such leave should speak for more than twenty minutes without leave of the House'.</p> <p>14(3) 'An adjournment under sub rule (1) shall be for the purpose of debating a definite matter of urgent public importance';</p> <p>14(4) 'Unless it appears to the Speaker that the motion is an abuse of the Rules of the House or an infringement of the rights of any Member, the Speaker</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Existing provision is confusing; - For clarity regarding order of transaction of business; <p>Determination of the business is prerogative of speaker under Rule 16 (1)</p> |

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| | | | <i>shall put the question on the motion without debate'.</i> | |
| 45. | | Insert a new Rule 15(5) | <i>15(5) A member who wishes to adjourn debate in the House on any motion, may move, "that debate adjourns, the mover replies and the question be put".</i> | - |
| 46. | New Rule 16: 'Resumption of Interrupted debate'. | Insert of a new Rule 16 with a title: 'Resumption of Interrupted debate'. | <i>16 Any debate interrupted under these Rules shall on coming again before the House or the Committee be resumed at the point where it was interrupted and any member whose speech was interrupted shall have the right to speak for the remainder of the time available for him or her but if the member does not avail him or herself this right, his or her speech shall</i> | To allow for smooth continuation of proceedings. |

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| | | | <i>be deemed to have been concluded'.</i> | |
| PART V ORDER OF BUSINESS | | | | |
| 47. | <p>Rule 17(1) Order Paper and Order of Proceedings</p> <p>Rule 17(3) 'The Order Paper shall be prepared by the Clerk, showing the business to be placed before or taken by the House in the order in which it is to be taken, together with such other information as the Speaker may from time to time direct to be shown therein and such Order Paper shall be circulated as early as possible before the House meets'.</p> | <p>The House recommended to</p> <p>The Committee recommends that rule 17(3) be merged with Rule 18(1) and read as follows:</p> | <p>17(1) 'The Speaker shall in accordance with the direction of the Commission determine the order of business of the House'.</p> <p>"17(3) 'Subject to the provision of sub-rule 17(1) above, the Speaker shall instruct the Clerk to prepare the Order Paper for each sitting, showing the business to be placed before or taken by the House in the order in which it is to be taken, together with such other information as the Speaker may from time to time direct to be shown therein and such order paper shall be</p> | To avoid manipulation of Order Paper |

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| | | | <i>circulated at least three (3) hours before the House meets'.</i> | |
| 48. | Rule 17 (4) | Combine Rule 17 (4) (a) with Rule 17 (4) (b) & (c) | Rule 17 (4) , 'The business of the House shall be transacted in the following order:- <i>a. prayer, in the form prescribed in Annex 1 of these Rules;</i> <i>b. Administration of Oath;</i> <i>c. Election of Speaker;</i> <i>d. Communication from the Chair;</i> <i>e. Other business as set down on the Order Paper.</i> | |
| PART VI | | | | |
| QUESTIONS TO THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS | | | | |
| 49. | Rule 18(2) 'Questions to the Council shall be referred to the Council at least three weeks before the sitting on whose Order Paper they are to appear'. | The Committee recommends that Rule 18(2) be amended by deleting the word 'three' and replace by the word 'two' | Rule 18(2) 'Questions to the Council shall be referred to the Council at least two weeks before the sitting on whose Order Paper they are to appear'. | Value addition |

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| 50. | Rule 18 (6) Each Member may ask one priority question each month | Delete Rule 18 (6) | Delete Rule 17 (6) | It is not practical |
| 51. | Rule 18(1) The Clerk shall, on instructions of the Speaker, draw up the order of business for each sitting. | Delete Rule 18(1) | The Clerk shall on instructions of the Speaker draw up the order business for each sitting in accordance with directions of the Commission | Merged with Rule 17(3) |
| 52. | Rule 19 Procedure of Business | | <p>19(1) 'The Clerk on instructions of the Speaker draw up the order business for each sitting in accordance with directions of the Commission'</p> <p>19(2) "Any item of business standing on the order paper on any particular day which has not been completed or reached on the interruption of business under the relevant provision of these Rules shall be placed on the order paper for the next sitting on priority basis"</p> | <p>It is imperative that the direction of the Speaker should not be unilateral but in accordance with the decisions of the Commission, which is mandated to manage the affairs of the House pursuant to the Administration of the EALA Act, 2012</p> |

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| | | | <p>'The Clerk shall send to each Member a copy of the order of business for each sitting.</p> <p>(a) In the case of the first sitting of a meeting at least three (3) hours before the sitting.</p> <p>(b) "In case of any other sitting, at least twelve (12) hours before the Sitting".</p> <p>18(3) 'The Clerk shall keep a book to be called Order Book in which he or she shall enter and number in succession all matters intended for discussion at each meeting'.</p> | |
| 53. | Rule 20 Notice of Questions | The Committee recommend title of Rule 20 to be amended to read:"Questions" instead of " Notice of Questions ". | Rule 20 titled ' Questions ' | Consistency |
| 54. | Rule 21(1) Notice of Questions 'Notice of questions shall be given by Members in writing to the Clerk who shall forward them to the Council | The Committee recommends that Rule 20(1) becomes Rule 22(1) and current Rule 22(1) become Rule 20(1) | 22(1) ' The Chairperson of the Council or any other Member of the Council upon | Consistency |

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| | and such notice shall state whether the question is for an oral or written answer'. | | <i>delegation by the Chairperson shall answer any question put to the Council'.</i> | |
| 55. | Rule 22 Question and Answers Session Time Limit for Answering Questions | The Committee recommends that the title of Rule 22 be amended | The title of Rule 22 to read as "Question and Answers session" | Clarity |
| 56. | Rule 22(1) Question and Answers Session 'Priority questions or question which require immediate answers but not detailed research shall be answered within three weeks'. | Rule 22(1) to be amended as read | Rule 22(1) 'Priority questions or question which require immediate answers but not detailed research shall be answered within two weeks'. | Efficiency |
| 57. | Rule 22 Answers to Questions | The Committee recommends that Rule 20(1) becomes Rule 22(1) and current Rule 22(1) become Rule 20(1) | 22(1) 'Notice of questions shall be given by Members in writing to the Clerk who shall forward them to the Council and such notice shall state whether the questions is for an oral or written answer'. 22(2) 'The Chairperson of the Council and in his or her absence, any | Consistency |

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| | | | <p><i>other Member of the Council shall answer any question put to the Council’.</i></p> <p>22(3) <i>‘The answer to any question requiring a written answer shall be put before the House and shall be published in the official journals of the House’.</i></p> <p>22(4) <i>‘The Chairman or any other Member of the Council of Ministers shall ensure that questions are fully answered to the satisfaction of a Member, and the answers are concise and relevant to the subject of the question’.</i></p> | |
| 58. | <p>Rule 22(1) Answers to Questions ‘The Chairman of the Council and in his or her absence, any other Member of the Council shall answer any question put to the Council’.</p> | <p>22(1) to be transferred to rule 20</p> | <p>20(1) to read as <i>‘Notice of questions shall be given by Members in writing to the Clerk who shall forward them to the Council and such notice shall state whether the question is</i></p> | Consistency |

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| | | | <i>for an oral or written answer’.</i> | |
| PART VII JOURNALS AND RECORDS | | | | |
| 59. | Rule 23 ‘Journals of the House’ reads <i>‘All proceedings of the House shall be recorded by the Clerk and shall constitute the Journal of the House’.</i> | The Committee recommends that title of rule 23 be amended. | Rule 23 titled ‘ JOURNALS OF THE HOUSE AND SESSIONAL REPORTS ’. And read as <i>“All proceedings of the House shall be recorded by the Clerk. Upon publication, they shall constitute the journals and Reports of the House”</i> | Clarity and record keeping |
| 60. | Rule 26 ‘Confidential Matters’ | The Committee recommends that Rule 26(5) be brought/or put before 26(1) and read as follows: | 26(1) <i>‘The Speaker or the Chairperson in case of a Committee may, with the approval of the House or of Members of the Committee, and having regard to the matter under discussion order the House or</i> | Clarity |

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| | | | <i>Committee to move into a closed sitting’.</i> | |
| PART VIII MOTION AND AMENDMENTS | | | | |
| 61. | Rule 30(2) Moving Motion ‘Where a Member fails to move a motion at the time prescribed therefore by or under these Rules, such motion shall not be put in the Order Paper again during the same session except with leave of the Speaker’. | The Committee recommends deleting the word “therefore” from Rule 30 (2) and to read as follows: | “30(2) <i>‘Where a member fails to move a motion at the time prescribed by or under these rules, such motion shall not be put in the order paper again during the same session except with leave of the Speaker’.</i> | To avoid superfluity |
| 62. | Rule 31 ‘Motion withdrawn may be Moved’ | The Committee recommends that the title be deleted and replaced with the following words “withdrawal of motion” and be merged with Rule 35 | Rule 31 titled “withdrawal of motion” | Clarity |
| 63. | Rule 33(1) ‘When a motion has been moved and if necessary seconded, the Speaker shall propose the questions thereon in the same terms as the motion, and debate may then take place upon that question’. | The Committee recommends deletion of the word “if necessary” from 33(1) first sentence. | Rule 33(1) <i>‘When a motion has been moved and seconded, the Speaker shall propose the questions thereon in the same terms as</i> | To avoid superfluity |

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| | | | <i>the motion, and debate may then take place upon that question’.</i> | |
| 64. | Rule 35(1) Motions for Resolutions ‘A motion or an amendment to the motion may be withdrawn at the request of the mover, by leave of the House or Committee, before the question is put’. | The Committee recommends amendment of 35(1) to read as follows: | 35(1): <i>‘A motion or an amendment to the motion may, with leave of the House or Committee be withdrawn at the request of the mover before the question is put’.</i> | Clarity |
| PART IX RULES OF DEBATE | | | | |
| 65. | Rule 39(6) ‘No Member shall read his or her speech but may read short extracts from written and printed papers in support of his or her argument and may refresh his or her memory by reference to notes, and the Speaker may allow a Member to read his or her speech in particular cases where the Speaker is satisfied that this is necessary for precision in statement of facts’. | The Committee recommends amendment of 39(6) to be split into two paragraphs to read as follows: | 39(6) <i>(i) No Member shall read his or her speech but may read short extracts from written and printed papers in support of his or her argument and may refresh his or her memory by reference to notes.</i> | Clarity |

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| | | | <p><i>(ii) The Speaker may allow a Member to read his or her speech in particular cases where the Speaker is satisfied that this is necessary for precision in statements of fact.</i></p> | |
| 66. | <p>Rule 42 Personal Explanations 'By the indulgence of the House a Member may explain matters of personal nature although there is no question before the House, but such matter may not be debated'.</p> | <p>The Committee recommends amendment as follows:</p> | <p>42 <i>'With leave of the Speaker, a Member may explain matters of a personal nature although there is no question before the House but such matters may not be debated'.</i></p> | Clarity |
| 67. | <p>Introduce a new Rule 44, titled Sub Judice</p> | <p>By extracting Rule 44 (1) and make it an independent Rule 45</p> <p>And Rule 44 change to Rule 45</p> <p>Re-numbering the rest</p> | <p>Rule 44: <i>'Reference shall not be made to any matter of which judicial decision is pending in such a way as may, in the opinion of the Speaker, prejudice the interest of any party to the action'.</i></p> | Separation of powers and sanctity of Courts of Judicature |

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| 68. | Rule 47(3) Scope of Debate 'When an amendment to a motion or a Bill proposes to leave proposes to leave out words and insert or add other words, the debate upon the question to leave out words may include both the words to be left out and those proposed to be inserted or added'. | The Committee recommends that 47 (3) be amended by deleting the words " <i>proposed to leave</i> in the first sentence". | Rule 47 (3) 'When an amendment to a motion or a Bill proposes to leave out words and insert or add other words, the debate upon the question to leave out words may include both the words to be left out and those proposed to be inserted or added'.. | Avoid repetition |
| 69. | Rule 48 (d) Interruption of debates and Members Speeches 'Debate may be interrupted- upon matter of elucidation'. | The Committee recommends amendment of 48 (d) to read as: | 48 (d) 'debate may be interrupted -upon point of information, clarification or elucidation'. | Clarity |
| 70. | Rule 50 (vi) Conduct of Members during Debate 'During a sitting:- No Member shall bring into the House any lethal weapon, camera, tape recorder, transistor radio, mobile telephone, or other unauthorized electronic device; | The Committee recommends that rule 50 (vi) to read as follows: | Rule 50 (vi) 'Conduct of Members during Debate' "No member shall bring into the House any unauthorized device. This list of unauthorized devices shall be made by the Commission and reviewed from time to time". | Clarity |

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| PART X ORDER IN THE HOUSE AND IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE | | | | |
| 71. | <p>Rule 51 Order in the House and in the Committee</p> <p>Rule 51 (3) 'If a Member persists in irrelevance or tedious repetitions or uses objectionable words and on being called to order fails to retract or explain the words and offer an apology to the satisfaction of the Speaker, any member may, with the consent of the Speaker, move that the member using the objectionable words be no longer heard, and the question of that motion shall be put without amendment or debate'.</p> | <p>The Committee recommends insertion of a sub rule between 51 (1) and (2), laying a principle from which sub rule 50(2) would flow as follows:</p> <p>The Committee further recommends deletion of the words "with consent of the Speaker" from 51(3).</p> | <p>Rule 51 (2) "A Member contributing, debating in the House or Committee must ensure that his or her contribution is relevant to the subject, not tedious and does not use objectionable words."</p> <p>51 (3) <i>'If a Member persists in irrelevance or tedious repetitions or uses objectionable words and on being called to order fails to retract or explain the words and offer an apology to the satisfaction of the Speaker, any member may move that the member using the objectionable words be no longer heard, and the question on that motion shall be put</i></p> | <p>Logical flow</p> <p>Logical flow</p> |

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| | | | <i>without amendment or debate</i> '. | |
| 72. | Rule 52 (1) Defamatory Statements 'Whenever in the opinion of the Speaker or a Member presiding in Committee a statement made by a Member is prima facie defamatory of any Member or person, the Member presiding shall refer the matter of inquiry to the Committee on Legal, Rules and Privileges which shall report its findings to the House not later than twenty one days after the matter is referred to it '. | Delete some words | Rule 52 (1) - "Whenever in the opinion of the Speaker or a Member presiding in Committee a statement made by a Member is prima facie defamatory of any Member or person, the Speaker or the Member presiding shall refer the matter to the Committee on Legal, Rules and Privileges which shall report its findings to the House within 90 days or within such a period as may be practicable." | Provision of reasonable time |
| 73. | Rule 53 (3) Suspension of Members 'A motion moved under sub-rule (2) shall not require to be seconded and the question shall be put by the Speaker immediately'. | The Committee recommends that clause (3) of the same rule be amended by inserting at the beginning of the provision the group of words | 53 (3) 'Notwithstanding the provision of sub rule (1) of rule 33' a motion moved under sub-rule (2) shall not require to be seconded and the question shall be put by the Speaker immediately'. | Adherence to the general principle of seconding a motion |

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| 74. | <p>Rule 55 All Questions to be decided by Majority 'In accordance with the provisions of Article 58 of the Treaty, all questions proposed for decision of the House shall be determined by a majority of votes of the Members present and voting. The Speaker or the Chairperson of a Committee shall have neither an original nor a casting vote and if upon any question before the House the votes are equally divided, the motion shall be lost.</p> | <p>The Committee recommends that the Rule be amended by inserting the word “elected” immediately before the word “Members” appearing in the line 2.</p> <p>The same Rule should be amended by getting new provisions from Rule 57. Members have agreed to transfer provisions of Rule 56 between the three paragraphs of Rule 54 and become sub rule (1), (2) and (3) of 54.</p> | <p>55 (1) <i>'In accordance with the provisions of Article 58 of the Treaty, all questions proposed for decision of the House shall be determined by a majority of votes of the elected Members present and voting.</i></p> <p>55 (2) <i>The Speaker or the Chairperson of a Committee shall have neither an original nor a casting vote.</i></p> <p>55 (3) <i>if upon any question before the House the votes are equally divided, the motion shall be lost'.</i></p> | <p>Avoid ambiguity between Members who have the right to vote from the Ex-Officio Members who are not allowed to.</p> <p>Preserve chronological arrangement</p> |

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| PART XI VOTING IN THE HOUSE | | | | |
| 75. | Rule 56 (1) Declaration of Personal Interest in Community's Contracts 'A Member who is a party to or is a partner in a firm which is a party to any contract with the Community shall, in any proceedings in the House relating to the contract, declare his or her interest or that of the firm and shall not vote on any question relating to that contract'. | The Committee recommends that the group of words " A Member who is a party to or is a partner in a firm which is a party to any contract " be substituted with the expression " a member who is directly or indirectly involved in any contract " to cater for other Members who might have been left out like spouse, child or any other member. | 56(1) ' <i>A member who is directly or indirectly involved in any contract with the Community shall, in any proceedings in the House relating to the contract, declare his or her interest or that of the firm and shall not vote on any question relating to that contract</i> '. | Clarity |
| 76. | Rule 58 Manner of Voting reads as 'When the question has been put by the Speaker or the Chairperson, on a decisional matter the votes shall be taken by show of hands, or by electronic voting and the result shall be declared by the Speaker or the Chairperson'. | The Committee recommends amendment to widen the provision by adding numerous types of voting as provided for under Article 82, 83 and 84 of the Rules of Procedures of the Parliament of the Republic of Uganda. As follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voice voting • Secret ballot • Show of hands • Division of lobby • Electronic | 58(1) 'When the question has been put by the Speaker or the Chairperson, on a decisional matter the votes shall be taken by show of hands, by voice voting, by secret ballot, by division of lobby or by electronic voting and the result shall be declared by the Speaker or the Chairperson'. | Availing voting methods To exhaust all possible methods through which Parliaments vote. |

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| | | The Committee however noted that the electronic voting does not exist in EALA though it appears in its Rules of Procedures. | | |
| PART XII LEGISLATIVE PROCEDURES | | | | |
| 77. | Rule 61: Annual Legislative Programme | Change of title of the Rule 61 | Rule 61: Programme of the Assembly | |
| 78. | Rule 61 (1) , - Before the end of each year and following a debate and vote in the House on the Annual Program of the Community , the House Business Committee shall draw up the Legislative Programme for the following year. | Redraft and delete Rule 61 (2),(3) and (4) | Rule 61 (1) (i) - <i>‘Before the end of each financial year the Commission in collaboration with Chairpersons of Standing Committees shall draw up the Programme of the Assembly of the following financial year’.</i> 61(1) (ii) <i>‘the Commission in collaboration with Chairpersons of Standing Committees may revise the programme at the beginning of the second</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The HBC no longer exists - Commission is not in the position to determine legislative programme - There is no such thing as annual programme of the Community - It is the duty of the Commission to manage and organise business of the Assembly |

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| | | | <i>half of the financial year</i> '. | |
| 79. | <p>Rule 64 Prohibition of Bills derogating from Human Rights Covenants 'No Bill, motion or amendment shall be introduced in the House, which in the opinion of the Speaker or the House is likely to result in the derogation from the enjoyment of any of the particular Human rights and freedoms specified in the United Nations Charter for Human rights, United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and African Charter on Human and Peoples Rights'.</p> | <p>The Committee recommends amending the rule by inserting at the end of the provision "or any other human rights instruments to which one or more of the Members states is a signatory.</p> | <p>64 "No Bill, motion or amendment shall be introduced in the House, which in the opinion of the Speaker or the House is likely to result in the derogation from the enjoyment of Human Rights and freedoms specified in the United Nations Charter for Human rights, United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and African Charter on Human and peoples Rights or any other human rights instruments to which one or more of the Partner States is a signator."</p> | <p>To avoid the risk of leaving out any legislative instruments that may be applicable to the provision.</p> |
| 80. | <p>Rule 67 (5) First Reading 'The Committee to which a Bill is committed shall present its report to the</p> | <p>Delete provision of time frame and prerogative to Member to appoint date and the proviso</p> | <p>Rule 67 (5) "The Committee to which a Bill is committed shall present its report to the House within 90 days</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Not advisable to fix timelines that are not practicable - It is the prerogative of the Speaker under Rule |

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| | House within seven days of such committal and thereafter the Bill shall be read a second time on such a day as the Member in whose name the Bill stands, shall appoint: Provided that a Committee which does not complete its report within the given period may by leave of the House, continue its work on the Bill for a further seven days'. | | and thereafter, the Bill shall be read for the second time provided that a Committee which does not complete its report within the given period may by leave of the House, continue its work on the Bill for the further 30 days." | 16 (1) to determine the order of Business of the House |
| 81. | Rule 72 (1) <i>'On the adoption of a report on a Bill, the Third Reading may with the leave of the Speaker be taken forthwith and if not so taken shall be ordered to be taken on a day named by the Member in charge of the Bill'.</i> | The Committee recommends amendment under sub rule (1) by substituting the word "member" with "Speaker" and deleting the rest of the sub clause for the reason that is the Speaker who presides and makes a ruling on matters before the House. | 72 (1) "On the adoption of a report on a Bill, the Third Reading may with the leave of the Speaker be taken forthwith and if not so taken shall be ordered to be taken on a day named by the Speaker." | Clarity |
| New PART XIII BILLS RETURNED WITHOUT ASSENTS | | | | |
| 82. | New Rule 73; Procedure to be followed of Bills returned by a President | Add a new Rule 73 , titled: 'Procedure to be followed regarding Bills returned by the President without the Assent'. | "Subject to Art. 63 of the Treaty" 73 (1); "The Speaker shall, after receiving notification from a president informing him or her about | To make provision for procedure on how to handle bills returned by the presidents |

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| | | | <p>withholding his or her assent to a Bill, communicate to the House.”</p> <p>73 (2); <i>‘The Member in whose name the Bill stood shall lay the copy of the returned Bill and the reasons advance by the President on the Table of the House.</i></p> <p>73 (3); <i>‘The Bill shall thereafter be referred to the relevant Committee for scrutiny and report’.</i></p> <p>73(4); <i>‘On the date appointed for reconsideration of the Bill, the Committee shall present a report to the House’.</i></p> <p>73(5); <i>‘The Bill shall then be recommitted for only those clauses to</i></p> | |

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| | | | <p><i>which the president objected'.</i></p> <p>73 (6); <i>'The procedures laid out in Rule 71 shall then be applied'.</i></p> | |
| 83. | PART XIII BUDGETARY PROCEDURES | Part XIII named Budgetary Procedures change to be Part XIV and other part to be rearranged | PARTXIV BUDGETARY PROCEDURES | Due to additional of a new Part XIII named Bills returned without Assents |
| 84. | Rule 74 (1) - Committee of Ways and Means 'Subject to the Provisions of the Treaty, the statement of Estimates of annual Revenue and Expenditure of the Community herein referred to as the Budget shall be presented to the House on such a day as the House—Business Committee may appoint'. | Omit the word House Business and replace with Commission | 74(1) - <i>Subject to the Provisions of the Treaty, the statement of Estimates of annual Revenue and Expenditure of the Community herein referred to as the Budget shall be presented to the House on such a day as the Commission may appoint'.</i> | HBC is replaced with the Commission |

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| PART XIV COMMITTEES OF THE ASSEMBLY | | | | |
| 85. | Rule 79 (1) (d) : Standing Committees | Delete 79 (1) (d) | | HBC is replaced by the Commission |
| 86. | Rule 79 (4) Subject to these Rules, the Chairman of each Standing Committee shall be elected by the Members of that Committee from among their number and shall serve for a term of two and half years except the House Business Committee. | Replace the House Business with Commission | 79 (4) <i>'Subject to these Rules, the Chairperson of each Standing Committee shall be elected by the Members of that Committee from among their number and shall serve for a term of two and half years'.</i> | To conform to the Administration of EALA Act, 2011. |
| 87. | Rule 79 (5) Each elected Member shall serve on two Committees other than the House Business Committee provided that a Member may serve on three Committees to reflect equal representation by Partner States. | Replace the House Business with Commission | 79 (5) <i>'Each elected Member shall serve on two Committees provided that a Member may serve on three Committees to reflect equal representation by Partner States'.</i> | HBC is replaced by the Commission and to also provide for accession by other new Partner States Membership |
| 88. | Rule 79 (6) The Membership of each Committee other than the House Business Committee shall be fifteen and quorum shall be at least half of the Members. | Replace the House Business with Commission | Rule 79 (6) <i>'The Membership of each Committee shall comprise three (3) Members from each Partner State and</i> | HBC is replaced by the Commission |

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| | | | <i>quorum shall be at least half of the Members’.</i> | |
| 89. | Rule 80: Functions of the Standing Committees | Omit the word House Business and replace with Commission | The word House Business Committee | HBC is replaced by the Commission |
| 90. | Rule 81 (1): Select Committee | Omit the word House Business and replace with Commission and cater for the ad hoc Committee | Rule 81(1) <i>“The House may, at any time, upon a motion made after notice given, appoint a select or ad hoc Committees to be nominated by the Commission, for the consideration or investigation of such matter(s) to the House “</i> | To conform to the Administration of EALA Act, 2012. |
| 91. | Delete Rule 82: House Business Committee | Delete Rule 82 | | This is the matter of the Administration of the East African Legislative Assembly Act 2012 which establishes the Commission and its functions. |
| 92. | New Rule 82: Commission | Insert new rule | 82 (1) <i>‘Members of the Commission shall be elected as soon as the Assembly is constituted</i> | To provide procedure for election of Members of the Commission and composition |

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| | | | <p><i>and shall comprise the Speaker, the Chairperson of the Council who shall be an ex officio member and two members of the Assembly from each Partner State, elected by the Assembly’.</i></p> <p>82 (2) <i>‘The election of Members of the Commission shall be by secret ballot and in accordance with Section 3(2) of the Administration of EALA Act 2012 and shall hold office for two and a half years’.</i></p> <p>82 (3) <i>‘Nominations for Members of the Commission shall be forwarded to the Clerk by Members’.</i></p> <p>82 (4) <i>‘The bi-annual reports of the Commission produced</i></p> | <p>To conform with the Administration of EALA Act, 2012 and the Treaty.</p> |

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| | | | <p><i>under Section 19 of the Act shall be laid on the Table by any designated Member of the Commission'.</i></p> <p><i>82 (5) Removal of a Commissioner: "A Member of the Commission may cease to hold office or be removed from office upon:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>(a) resignation;</i> <i>(b) ceases to be qualified in accordance with Art. 51 of the Treaty;</i> <i>(c) by a resolution of the House supported by two-thirds of the Assembly.</i> <p><i>82 (6) The functions of the Commission shall be:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>(a) manage, organize the business and programmes of the Assembly;</i> | |

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| | | | <p>(b) nominate Members of Standing and other Committees;</p> <p>(c) make recommendations to the Council on terms and conditions of service of Members of the Assembly;</p> <p>(d) recommend to the Council the appointment of the Clerk and other officers of the Assembly;</p> <p>(e) make recommendations to the Council on salaries and other terms and conditions of service of the Clerk and other officers of the Assembly;</p> <p>(f) make recommendations to the Council on appointment, promotion and exercise of disciplinary control over officers and other staff of the Assembly;</p> | |

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| | | | <p>(g) cause to be prepared in each financial year estimates of revenue and expenditure for the Assembly for the next financial year;</p> <p>(h) recommend to the Council, Staff Rules and Regulations on the staff of the Assembly; and</p> <p>(i) perform such other functions as may be necessary for the well being of the Members and staff of the Assembly so as to ensure the effective and efficient functioning of the Assembly.</p> | |
| 93. | | The House recommended amend of Rule 83(1) to read: | 83 (1) 'Notwithstanding the provisions of any rule to the contrary any member may with leave of the House move that any rule be suspended in its application to a particular motion | In accordance with Art. 60 of the Treaty and smooth operations of the business of the Assembly |

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| | | | before the House and if the motion is carried, the rule in question shall stand suspended' | |
| 94. | 87 Presentation of Reports by members representing the Assembly | New Rule | <p>TABLING OF REPORTS BY MEMBERS REPRESENTING THE ASSEMBLY</p> <p>87 (1) Within twenty one sitting days of return by an officially recognized parliamentary delegation or a delegation with some Members and staff of the Assembly, the head of the delegation or any Member acting on his or her behalf, shall present a report to the House on the activities of the delegation.</p> | |

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| | | | <p>87 (2) After tabling of a report under sub rule (1) a limited debate may ensue.</p> | |
| 95. | | | <p>MINORITY REPORT (1) Any Member or Members dissenting from the opinion of a majority of a Committee may state in writing the reasons for his or her or their dissent, and the statements of reasons shall be appended to the report of the Committee. (2) The Member dissenting from the opinion of the majority of the Committee shall be given time to present the minority report at the time of the Committee report.</p> | |
| 96. | | | <p>STATEMENTS BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE EAC COUNCIL OF MINISTERS</p> | |

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| | | | <p>(1) A Minister may make a statement at the appropriate time on the sequence of business prescribed by rule 17(1) with the prior permission of the Speaker whether for the purpose of explaining EAC policy or action upon any matter in any EAC Partner State.</p> <p>(2) No debate shall follow from the statement but elucidatory questions may, with the permission of the Speaker, be asked of the</p> | |

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| | | | Minister making the statement. | |
| PART XVI MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS | | | | |
| 97. | | Amend Rule 87 to read: | <i>These Rules shall come into force on the day of adoption by the Assembly. Notwithstanding the amendment of the provisions of these rules, matters dealt with before the amendment shall continue as if they were failed under the new rules'.</i> | Providing for a saving clause. |
| 98. | Delete Rule 88: Dissolution of the Assembly | Re-write Rule 88 | <i>The Assembly shall stand dissolved up on the expiration of its term as prescribed by East African Legislative Assembly Election Act 2012.</i> | To conform to the East African Legislative Assembly Elections Act 2012. |
| 99. | | | <i>'The Committee shall propose Rules of Procedure for handling any matter, taking into account principles of</i> | |

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| | | | <i>natural justice, Treaty provisions, and any other relevant laws, with the approval of the Assembly'</i> | |
| ANNEXES | | | | |
| 100. | ANNEX 3(1) PROCEDURE FOR ELECTION OF A MEMBER TO PRESIDE AT THE SITTING OF THE ASSEMBLY IN THE ABSENCE OF THE SPEAKER | replace the word "presence" with "absence" | <i>Annex3 (1) 'The Clerk shall preside in the election of a member to preside the Assembly in the absence of the Speaker. The sitting shall be informal but in the Chamber of the House.'</i> | |
| 101. | ANNEX 6 ADMINISTRATION OF THE AOTHS | Insertion of Oath of Allegiance to the Treaty for the establishment of the Community | <i>The new rules shall bear an annex of the Oath of Allegiance to the Treaty reading as follows</i> | In accordance with Rule 6 of the Rules under amendments. |
| 102. | | | <i>(i) The Commission shall nominate four Members to be known as the Speaker's Penal made up of the Members from each Partner State other than the</i> | To provide for Speaker's absence |

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| | | | <p><i>Partner State of the Speaker;</i></p> <p><i>(ii) The Speaker may designate any of the Members of the Speaker's Panel to preside over the Assembly in the absence of the Speaker;</i></p> <p><i>(iii) During the debate in the House the Member designated to preside shall be referred to as Mr. or Madam temporary Speaker</i></p> | |
| 103. | ANNEX 1: PRAYER | replace the word "Rulers" with "Leaders" | | To do away with away with colonial terminologies |
| 104. | | | NEW ANNEX 6: OATH OF ALLEGIANCE | To abide to the Community Objectives as per Article 5 of the Treaty |