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EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY

EAST AFRICAN LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

FIFTH MEETING - FIFTH SESSION - SECOND ASSEMBLY

ORDERS OF THE DAY

WEDNESDAY 23RD MAY, 2012 AT 2.30 PM

PRAYER

- 1. COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR**
- 2. RESOLUTION OF THE EAST AFRICAN LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY URGING THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS TO ENGAGE FURTHER WITH THE EUROPEAN UNION ON EPA NEGOTIATIONS TO ADDRESS PERTINENT ISSUES RAISED BY THE ASSEMBLY**

MOTION

"THAT, This Assembly do resolve to urge the Council of Ministers to engage further with the European Union on EPA Negotiations to address pertinent issues raised by the Assembly".

(Hon. Dr. James Ndahiro)

- Resumption of debate interrupted on Tuesday 22nd May, 2012

- 3. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, TOURISM AND NATURAL RESOURCES ON THE STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF TOURISM AND CONSERVATION ISSUES IN THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY**

MOTION

"THAT, The Report of the Committee on Agriculture, Tourism and Natural Resources on the status of implementation of Tourism and Conservation issues in the East African Community be adopted".

(Chairperson, Committee on Agriculture, Tourism and Natural Resources)

4. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, TOURISM AND NATURAL RESOURCES ON THE FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT IN AGRICULTURE IN EASTERN AFRICA

MOTION

"**THAT**, Report of the Committee on Agriculture, Tourism and Natural Resources on the Foreign Direct Investment in Agriculture in Eastern Africa be adopted"

(Chairperson, Committee on Agriculture, Tourism and Natural Resources)

5. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, TOURISM AND NATURAL RESOURCES ON THE ON-SPOT ASSESSMENT OF THE LAKE VICTORIA WATER SUPPLY AND SANITATION PROGRAMME

MOTION

"**THAT**, The Report of the Committee on Agriculture, Tourism and Natural Resources on the on-spot assessment of the Lake Victoria Water Supply and Sanitation Programme be adopted".

(Chairperson, Committee on Agriculture, Tourism and Natural Resources)

6. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL PURPOSE COMMITTEE ON THE ON-SPOT ASSESSMENT OF THE PARTNER STATES POLICY FRAMEWORK AND FACILITATION OF CSOS ACTIVITIES FOR WOMEN, YOUTH, PWDS, THE ELDERLY AND OTHER SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS IN THE EAC PARTNER STATES

MOTION

"**THAT**, The Report of the Committee on General Purpose Committee on the on-spot assessment of the Partner States Policy Framework and facilitation of CSOs activities for Women, Youth, PWDs, the Elderly and other special interest groups in the EAC Partner States be adopted".

(Chairperson, Committee on General Purpose)

7. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL PURPOSE ON THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY REGIONAL INTER-PARLIAMENTARY FORUM FIELD VISIT, ON-SPOT ASSESSMENT, PUBLIC HEARINGS, PEER REVIEW, MONITORING AND EVALUATION OF VARIOUS REGIONAL AND NATIONAL LEVEL HEALTH AND HIV AND AIDS INTERVENTIONS AND RESPONSES IN THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA

MOTION

"**THAT**, The Report of the Committee on General Purpose on the East African Community Regional Inter-Parliamentary Forum Field visit, on-spot assessment, public hearings, Peer review, monitoring and evaluation of various regional and national level health and HIV and AIDS interventions and responses in the Republic of Kenya be adopted".

(Chairperson, Committee on General Purpose)

8. QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

The Hon. Kate Kamba to ask the Chairperson of Council of Ministers;

(i) QUESTION: REF: EALA/PQ/OA/30/2011

A well informed Assembly will enable it execute its mandate to the highest possible standard of deepening and widening the EAC Integration Agenda. As a result, the Assembly initiated a new programme for DSG's and Heads of EAC Institutions to brief it on a regular basis.

This being a very good initiative for both the Assembly on one side and the Council and Secretariat on the other side: largely because it promotes accountability; enhances oversight; provides opportunity to interact with the executive arm and provides much needed information to the Assembly;

Could the Chairperson of the Council assure this House that:

- (i) This initiative will be mainstreamed in the activities of the Secretariat to enable the DSG's and Heads of EAC Institutions to brief the Assembly on a bi-annual basis;
- (ii) The presentations will follow a standardised format for ease of reference.

(ii) QUESTION: REF: EALA/PQ/OA/31/2011

The EAC Treaty in Chapter eighteen (18) calls upon Partner States to promote programmes aimed at ensuring food security and rational agricultural production within the Community. For this, it proposes a number of mechanisms running from Article 105 to Article 110. It is also said in a number of Fora that a lot is being done by the Summit, the Council, and the Secretariat towards this end;

Could the Chairperson of the Council brief this August House:-

- (i) What measures if any, have been adopted by the EAC to promote the ideals in chapter 18 of the Treaty;

- (ii) That in all what is said to be done, is the EAC involving all stakeholders including the Civil Society, Youth, Women, the local governments and their association;
- (iii) When the Council envisages that there will be food security in the entire region, particularly in areas afflicted by drought;
- (iv) What is being done at the regional level to promote agriculture and food security in areas affected by drought and arid regions.

The Hon. Loile Chemonges Lotodo to ask the Chairperson of Council of Ministers;

(iii) QUESTION: REF: EALA/PQ/OA/12/2012

The Development Partners play a big role in funding and supporting the Budget of the East African Community.

Could the Chairperson of the Council:-

- (a) Give us a statistical breakdown of donor financing of the EAC Budget for the last three years.
- (b) Inform this August House how the East African Community will cope if the Development Partners for one reason or the other substantially reduce funding to EAC.

What measures have been put in place to make EAC a self financing Community?

The Hon. Abdul Karim Harelimana to ask the Chairperson of Council of Ministers;

(iv) QUESTION: REF: EALA/PQ/OA/13/2012

According to Article 124 (a) of the Treaty for the Establishment of the EAC, the Partner States agree that peace and security are pre-requisites to social and economic development within the Community and vital to the achievement of the objectives of the Community. In this regard, the Partner States agree to foster and maintain an atmosphere that is conducive to peace and security of the Partner States with a view to prevention, better management and resolution of disputes and conflicts between them.

- (a) Is the Chairperson of the Council of Ministers aware that the EAC Department of Peace and Security is almost entirely funded by donors at a staggering 90%? Could he table the breakdown of funding to this department?

- (b) Is the Chair further aware that the financing agreements between the EAC and the Development Partners will come to an end in December, 2012 and as such the Development Partners will be pulling out? If so, what is the Council doing to mitigate the shortfall which will be occasioned by their pullout?

- (c) Notwithstanding the financial assistance from Development Partners in respect of the peace and security docket, is the Council not concerned that, this sensitive Sector together with sovereignty issues, may be compromised if not fully and carefully coordinated by partner States including fully funding the Sector?