



**EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY
EAST AFRICAN LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

**MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT EAST AFRICAN ATHLETES FROM THE
REPUBLIC OF KENYA AND CONGRATULATE THEM FOR THEIR EXEMPLARY
PERFORMANCE IN THE ON-GOING WORLD ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS IN
BEIJING – CHINA**

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WHEREAS Article 119 of the Treaty for the Establishment of the East African Community obliges the Partner States to promote close co-operation amongst themselves in culture and sports, with respect to:

- (a) the promotion and enhancement of diverse sports activities;
- (b) the development of mass media programmes on matters that will promote the development of culture and sports within the Community;

AND WHEREAS the Partner States have shared historical, cultural and sports experience that need to be re-affirmed and reclaimed for our cultural and sporting identity;

RECOGNISING the role that Culture and Sports play in the existence and survival of our communities, particularly for social cohesion, solidarity, stability and identity;

AND NOTING the importance of Culture and Sports in promoting unity and economic development and as tools for effective sustainable development, maintenance of peace, security and healthy societies;

REAFFIRMING the principles enshrined in the UNESCO Universal Declaration on Cultural Diversity and the need to promote diverse Cultural and Sports expressions within the context of globalisation;

ACKNOWLEDGING the need to reinforce appropriate support and enabling environment for the promotion of Sports and the enjoyment and support of athletes of East African Community;

APPRECIATING THAT East Africans of Kenyan origin are so far the leading athletes who have scored 6 Gold, 3 Silver, 2 Bronze, making it a total of 11 medals in Beijing, China;

NOW THEREFORE, in recognition of East African Community talents and richness of contemporary sports and the need to preserve, promote and celebrate our endowed athletes, taking cognisance of our Treaty undertaking;

THIS ASSEMBLY DO RESOLVE THAT:

1. The East Africans of Kenyan Origin be commended for their exemplary performance to uplift the name of Kenya in particular and the EAC region in general in World Athletics Championships in Beijing, China;
2. The EAC Council of Ministers implores Partner States to provide more funding and establish the state-of-the-art facilities to enable EAC athletes enhance their skills and dominance at the world stage;
3. The EAC Partner States protect sports personalities especially the females who are prone to different forms of abuse while undergoing training.