EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY
EAST AFRICAN LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY


By Hon. Jeremie Ngendakumana and adopted by the Assembly on 3rd December, 2015

WHEREAS the Republic of Uganda, the Republic of Kenya and the United Republic of Tanzania (hereinafter referred to as "the Partner States") signed the Treaty for the Establishment of the East African Community (hereinafter referred to as "the Treaty") on 30th day of November, 1999 and later joined by the Republic of Burundi and Rwanda;

AND WHEREAS Under Article 6 (d) as set out in the Treaty, in order to promote the achievement of the objectives of the Community, the Partner States agreed to promote good governance through adherence to the principles of democracy, the rule of law, accountability, transparency, social justice, equal opportunities, gender equality as well as the recognition, promotion and protection of human and people's rights in accordance with the provisions of the African Charter on Human and People's Rights;

TAKING COGNIZANCE THAT the general elections of October 25th, 2015 in the United Republic of Tanzania were the fifth since the re-introduction of multi-party democracy in 1992 and therefore constituted another important step towards the consolidation of democracy;

AWARE THAT, since the first multiparty elections in 1995, the United Republic of Tanzania has enjoyed peaceful transfer of political power in conformity with the constitutionally established presidential term-limits;

CONVINCED THAT the people of the United Republic of Tanzania and its politicians have demonstrated once again a high level of political maturity through the holding of peaceful elections;
RECOGNIZING THAT we take pride in the successful elections in the United Republic of Tanzania which should be a good model for democracy in the neighboring countries being a foundation for solid institutions and stability in East Africa;

AWARE of the success of the elections in Tanzania, we would like to seize this great opportunity to extend to His Excellency, President John Pombe Joseph Magufuli our warmest congratulations and to wish him every success at a time of great expectations in Tanzania, the East African Community and Africa in general in terms of national unity, prosperity of the people in maintaining the position as a strong champion for regional integration and democracy in Africa. We would also like to extend our sincere congratulations to the CCM Party for the renewed confidence and trust by the people of the United Republic of Tanzania to spearhead their aspirations for a great future. We also commend the opposition fraternity for a well fought out battle and for behaving responsibly after the defeat especially calling upon their supporters to remain peaceful and calm, keeping in mind that peace and security which are the common interest are above any other individual interest;

FURTHER AWARE THAT Tanzanians have made history in was probably be the most competitive presidential elections ever held in the history of the country since the beginning of multi-party politics; we also appreciate the brilliance and tone of campaigns which demonstrated the maturity and vitality of democracy in Tanzania.

NOW THEREFORE THIS ASSEMBLY DO RESOLVE TO:

1. Congratulate H.E. John Joseph Pombe Magufuli for his resounding victory as the fifth President of the United Republic of Tanzania;

2. Congratulate the people of Tanzania for their commitment to the ideals of peace and democracy before, during and after the election exercise;

3. Call upon H.E. John Joseph Pombe Magufuli to endeavor to have the stalemate/impasse concerning the Zanzibar elections come to a peaceful and expeditious end;

4. Invite H.E. John Joseph Pombe Magufuli to address the Assembly at the earliest opportunity.

CERTIFIED BY:

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Alex Obatere
DEPUTY CLERK

DATE: 4/12/15