EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY
EAST AFRICAN LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

A RESOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY URGING THE EAC PARTNER STATES TO EMBRACE THE AFRICAN POSITION ON NEGOTIATIONS ON CLIMATE CHANGE FOR THE COPENHAGEN CONFERENCE OF PARTIES (COP15)

By: Hon. Dr. George Nangale and adopted By Assembly on the 17th day of November, 2009

WHEREAS under Article 111 (1) of the Treaty for the Establishment of the East African Community, the Partner States have undertaken to adopt policies and mechanisms to foster cooperation and undertake environmental management strategy for the protection and conservation of environment against all forms of degradation and pollution arising from development activities;

AND WHEREAS in view of the fact that global development activities have caused changes to the world climate which is already negatively affecting fragile ecosystems in the world including those of East Africa;

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT that the EAC Ministers responsible for Environment and Natural Resources, having met in Arusha, on 12th
November 2009 endorsed the Conceptual Framework of African Climate Change Programmes and the African Common Position on negotiating a Comprehensive International Climate Change Regime for now, up-to and beyond 2012;

**RECOGNISING** that the 15th Session of the Conference of Parties on Climate Change (COP15) in Copenhagen in December 2009 is a vital opportunity to secure the means to address the adverse effects of climate change from stepped up climate change action which aims to negotiate a deal on climate change, including emissions cuts to limit global warming and finance to help developing countries including East Africa cope with climate change;

**CONSIDERING** that global cooperation in the area of climate change has the potential to leverage global support for financing the impact of climate change of which Africa is the least responsible for global warming and one with the fewest resources to combat it; capacity building and technology development and transfer;

**AND CONSIDERING FURTHER** that since Africa has for the first time in history agreed to send a single team to negotiate a major global treaty thus having a stronger voice on climate change at Copenhagen;

**NOW THEREFORE, THIS ASSEMBLY** do resolve to:

1. Urge the EAC Partner States to embrace the African Position at the 15th Session of the Conference of Parties on Climate Change in
Copenhagen in December 2009. The position includes, inter alia; not accepting an emission regime that risks greater than two degree warming which is widely regarded as the unavoidable minimum change; pushing for clean and renewable energy projects and payments for carbon-storing ecosystems.

2. Urge the EAC Partner States to within the context of the African Position to negotiate for: more predictable and sustainable resources to support both adaptation and mitigation; increased priority to be given to African countries’ own adaptation efforts to climate change; and funding that is responsive to the long-term sustainable development priorities of Africa.

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