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**EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY**

**EAST AFRICAN LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

**FIFTH MEETING - FOURTH SESSION - THIRD ASSEMBLY**

**ORDERS OF THE DAY**

**TUESDAY, 15TH MARCH, 2016 AT 2.30 PM**

**PRAYER**

1. **COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR**
2. **THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL, 2016**

**(First Reading)**

**Motion**

**“THAT,** The East African Community Supplementary Appropriation Bill, 2016 be read for the First Time.”

**(Chairperson, Council of Ministers)**

1. **THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY CUSTOMS MANAGEMENT ACT (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2016**

**(First Reading)**

**Motion**

**“THAT,** The East African Community Customs Management Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 be read for the First Time.”

**(Chairperson, Council of Ministers)**

1. **THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY SECTIONAL PROPERTIES BILL, 2016**

**Motion**

**“THAT,** The East African Community Sectional Properties Bill, 2016 be read for the First Time.”

**(Hon. Dr. James Ndahiro)**

1. **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTS ON THE OVERSIGHT ACTIVITY UNDERTAKEN WITH THE EAC INSTITUTIONS ON GOVERNANCE, PROJECT PERFORMANCE AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ASSEMBLY RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Motion**

**“that,** the Report of the Committee on Accounts on the Oversight activity undertaken with the EAC Institutions on Governance, Project Performance and Implementation of the Assembly recommendations be adopted”.

**(Chairperson, Committee on Accounts)**

1. **QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS**

**The Hon. Isabelle Ndahayo to ask the Chairperson of the Council of Ministers of the EAC;**

1. **QUESTION: EALA/PQ/OA/3/03/2015**

The Treaty establishing East African Community spells out principles that shall govern the practical achievement of the objectives of the Community which include (a) people-centered and market-driven co-operation, as well as (f) *the equitable distribution of benefits accruing or derived from the operations of the Community and to adopt measures aimed at to addressing economic imbalances* that may arise;

In that regard the Secretariat was requested to draw clear criteria to enable benefits be redistributed equitably so that no partner state is more advantaged than others. But obviously today we observe some Member States host or/and head institutions and or organs more than others. In the same direction, some Member States have more employees in different institutions and organs of the Community than others.

* + 1. Can the Chairperson of the Council of Ministers; inform this House why the benefits of the Community are still unfairly distributed?
    2. What are the challenges behind the implementation of the principle of equitable distribution of benefits?
    3. What is being done to ensure that these imbalances are resolved; as the Community through its different institutions/ organs continues to recruit new staff notwithstanding the Institutional Review?
    4. Going by the list of applicants on the EAC website, it is clear that some Partner States are missing or featuring less, why this is so and what were the job descriptions in the recently concluded interviews; and also, that of the entire EAC establishment in the professional category including in projects.

**The Hon. Pierre-Celestin Rwigema to ask the Chairperson of the Council of Ministers of the EAC;**

1. **QUESTION: EALA/PQ/OA/3/05/ 2015**

The inadequacies in staffing levels are factors that could hamper performance and progress within the EAC Organs and Institutions. A number of functions such as Internal Audit, Monitoring and Evaluation, Procurement, Travel and ticketing, etc across Organs and Institutions are under staffed with, a one-person department. A number of positions have remained vacant for a long period of time. This affects the effectiveness and service delivery of the staff in place. In absence of the required number of personnel, the Community may not achieve its objectives. Moreover, more than 60% of EAC staff will retire soon, which could paralyze activities of Organs and Institutions of the Community. Article 67(3) of the Treaty provides that the Secretary General shall be the Principle Executive Officer and Accounting Officer of the Community.

Could the Chairperson of the Council of Ministers inform this August House:-

1. Why the Community has not utilized the powers given to the Secretary General under Article 67(3) of the Treaty to recruit staff?
2. What factors hinder speedy recruitment of staff at EAC and what measures should be instituted to improve on the process:
3. Other than the Internal Audit, which has its shortcomings, what measures or specific units are put in place to monitor financial, budgetary and managerial performance of EAC Organs and Institutions?

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