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PRAYER

(The Speaker, Mr. Martin K. Ngoga, in the Chair)

(The Assembly was called to order)

(The National Anthem of Tanzania)

(The East African Community Anthem)

PROCLAMATION BY THE SPEAKER

The Speaker: Honourable Members, I now wish to make the following proclamation. Amidst us today is His Excellency Dr John Pombe Joseph Magufuli, President of the United Republic of Tanzania and the Rt. Hon. Job Ndugai, the Speaker of the Parliament of Tanzania. I have in accordance of the provisions of Article 54 of the Establishment of the East African Community Treaty, invited his Excellency the President to address this Assembly. I now would like to

make the following proclamation to welcome his presence in the Assembly.

Whereas Section 1 of Article 54 of the Establishment of the East African Community Treaty provides that the Speaker of the Assembly, may invite any person to attend the Assembly, notwithstanding that he or she is not a member of the Assembly, if in his or her opinion the business before the Assembly renders his or her presence desirable and whereas in the opinion of the Speaker, the attendance and presence in the Assembly of the President of the United Republic of Tanzania is desirable in accordance with the business now before the Assembly, now, therefore, it is with great pleasure and honour on your behalf, hon.

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Members, to welcome His Excellency the President of the United Republic of Tanzania in this Assembly. – *(Applause)*

**ADDRESS BY H.E DR. JOHN POMBE
MAGUFULI PRESIDENT OF THE
UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA**

**Welcome Remarks by Rt. Hon. Speaker
of EALA**

The Speaker: Your Excellency, Dr. John Pombe Magufuli, President of the United Republic of Tanzania; the Rt. hon. Majaliwa Kassim Majaliwa, Prime Minister of the United Republic of Tanzania; the Rt. hon. Job Yustino Ndugai, (MP), Speaker, Parliament of the United Republic of Tanzania; Dr. Ali Kirunda Kivejinja, Chairperson of the Council of Ministers and the Second Prime Minister of the Republic of Uganda and Members of the East African Community Council of Ministers; the Secretary General of the East African Community (EAC), Amb. Liberet Mfumukeko; honourable Members of the East Africa Legislative Assembly (EALA) and the Parliament of Tanzania; your Excellences and Members of the Diplomatic Corps; distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen. Your Excellency, before I call the Rt. hon. Ndugai to make his welcome remarks, permit me to say the following:

I wish, first, to thank the Rt. hon. Job Yustino. Ndugai, the Speaker of the Parliament of Tanzania and, indeed, the entire Government of the United Republic of Tanzania for accepting to host EALA for the duration of the Fourth Meeting of the First Session of the Fourth Assembly. - *(Applause)*

This being my first official engagement with the Rt. hon. Job Ndugai, on behalf of all Members, and on my own behalf, I am very

honoured. Thank you for your warm reception. - *(Applause)*

Since this is our inaugural sitting here in Dodoma, accept our deep felt appreciation for offering to us the precincts of Parliament, more so, at the same time the Parliament of Tanzania is in session. The EALA considers this a sign of true friendship and magnanimity.

I wish to congratulate you for successfully steering up the Parliament of Tanzania until now. In Parliamentary democracies, Speakers are the paramount servants of the legislature. They are expected and must serve in the best interests of the House. I certainly look forward to working with you to strengthen our respective Houses and the region collectively. I am confident that the Parliament of Tanzania will continue to benefit a great deal from your erstwhile experience. I am further confident that under your leadership, the Parliament of Tanzania shall make significant achievements and its roles of legislation, oversight and representation will continue to be strengthened. The relations between Parliament of Tanzania and the EALA are cordial; we are grateful for this spirit of the family. We all look forward to strengthening the relations further.

At the regional level, I am sure I will benefit in many ways from your experience as we strengthen the EAC Bureau of Speakers. It is the platform through which we spearhead and intensify the linkages of the EALA and the Parliaments of Partner States as stipulated in Article 49(2) and Article 65 of the Establishment of the East African Community Treaty. Above all, I am looking forward to hearing and learning from you as a friend and as a senior brother.

For the short time I have been in this position of responsibility, I have found you to be an engaging and passionate leader. Mr. Speaker, Sir, you have made an impeccable contribution to both the telling and the selling of the story of the Parliament of Tanzania.

Rt. Hon. Speaker, I pledge my unreserved support and wish you every success in the coming years.

With those remarks, I now take this opportunity to invite our chief host, the Rt. hon. Job Yustino Ndugai, Speaker, Parliament of the United Republic of Tanzania to make his remarks.

Karibu Mheshimiwa Spika. - (Applause)

**WELCOME REMARKS BY RT. HON.
JOB NDUGAI, SPEAKER,
PARLIAMENT OF TANZANIA**

The Speaker, Parliament of Tanzania (Rt. hon. Job Ndugai): Mhe. Martin Ngoga, Spika wa Bunge la Afrika Mashariki; Mhe. Rais, Dr. John Pombe Joseph Magufuli; Waheshimiwa Mawaziri mliopo, Waheshimiwa Wabunge wa Bunge la Afrika ya Mashariki; Waheshimiwa Wabunge wa Bunge la Tanzania mliopo; waheshimiwa Mabalizi wa nchi mbalimbali; na wageni waalikwa wote. Nimesimama hapa kwa niaba ya Wabunge wenzangu wa Bunge la Tanzania kwanza kukupongeza Mhe. Spika kwa kuchaguliwa kwako kwa nafasi hiyo na pili kuwapongeza Wabunge wote wanaowakilisha nchi sita katika Bunge la EALA.

Sisi Bunge la Tanzania tumepata heshima kubwa sana kwa uamuzi mlioufanya wa kufanya vikao vyenu kwa mara ya kwanza hapa Dodoma katika makao yetu ya Bunge la Tanzania. Mmekuwa mkifanya vikao katika mzunguko wa nchi mbalimbali lakini kila

mlipofanya vikao hapa Tanzania, mlifanyia Dar es Salaam. Tuliposhauriana mimi na wewe, mlikubali kwamba safari hii mtafanyia hapa Dodoma katika kuunga mkono azma ya Mhe. Rais John Pombe Joseph Magufuli ya kuhamishia Makao Makuu ya Nchi ya Tanzania Dodoma, basi, tulikubaliana nanyi ili muone Dodoma. - *(Applause)*

Kwa hivyo, tunaahidi kuwapa kila aina ya ushirikiano wakati wa kikao hiki na hata baada ya kikao hiki. Patakapohitajika jambo lolote linalohusu sisi kuwa pamoja na nyinyi, tuko tayari kulifanya.

Kwa kuwa leo ni siku ambayo mgeni rasmi ni Mhe. Rais, nisingependa kuongea mambo marefu zaidi bali kusema: “Karibu Rais kwenye viwanja vya Bunge”. Sisi tunaendelea na vikao vya Bunge la bajeti vizuri.” Waheshimiwa Wabunge wametuma salamu nyingi kupitia kwangu. Wamesema kuwa nikupatie salamu za upendo. - *(Applause)*

Wanasema wao wapo tu na wanaendelea vizuri. Waheshimiwa Wabunge si nimeshaeleza kila kitu?

Hon. Members: Ndio. - *(Laughter)*

The Speaker, Parliament of Tanzania (Rt. hon. Job Ndugai): Parliament of Tanzania): Tisheti zao zimekuwa fupi hivi. - *(Laughter)*

Mhe. Rais, tunashukuru sana.

Ahsante, Mhe. Spika kwa fursa hii.

The Speaker: Ahsante, Mhe. Spika. Tunafurahia kuwa Dodoma. Jumamosi iliyopita, tulishiriki katika kampeni ya kuijanisha Dodoma. - *(Applause)*

Tulipanda miti elfu moja katika Chuo Kikuu cha Dodoma.

Asante sana.

**WELCOMING REMARKS BY RT.
HON. MARTIN K. NGOGA,
SPEAKER OF EALA**

Your Excellency, Dr. John Pombe Magufuli, President of the United Republic of Tanzania; the Rt. Hon. Kassim Majaliwa, Prime Minister of the United Republic of Tanzania; the Rt. Hon. Job Yustino Ndugai, Speaker of the Parliament of Tanzania; Dr. Ali Kirunda Kivejinja, the Second Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Uganda and Chairperson of the Council of Ministers; Members of the East African Community Council of Ministers; the Secretary General of EAC, Amb. Liberet Mfumukeko; Hon. Members of the EALA and the Parliament of Tanzania; your Excellences, Members of the Diplomatic Corps; distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen.

Your Excellency, it is with profound humility that I stand before this august House to warmly welcome you to deliver your address at this Fourth Meeting of the First Session of the Fourth Assembly. - *(Applause)*

I thank you, your Excellency, for responding to our invitation to address this House, which has been in existence for only a few months. Hon. Members, we are a very lucky Assembly. Within only four months since our inauguration, we have been formally addressed by two presidents. Kindly, join me in giving a round of applause to our distinguished Members of the Summit. - *(Applause)*

To us, this is a clear testimony of the importance you attach to the integration process in general and this House in

particular. I wish to acknowledge that this address is also your first official engagement with the entire Assembly since your election as the Fifth President of the United Republic of Tanzania. - *(Applause)*

Similarly, the Assembly is for the very first time holding its session in Dodoma since its inauguration in the year 2001. We are, therefore, proud of this auspicious occasion and grateful to your Excellency, the Government and the Parliament of Tanzania for making this possible.

The Assembly commenced its sittings on 10th April 2018 with several Committees undertakings. Besides this special sitting, the Assembly received and debated Bills, Committee Oversight Reports, posed questions to the Council of Ministers and debated Motions and key resolutions.

Since our inauguration in December last year, EALA has held two sittings in Arusha and in Kampala Uganda as part of the principle of rotation. Your Excellency, this particular session is taking place at a time when our region is on an irreversible movement towards increased social economic prosperity. The journey has been marked by a series of interesting, engaging and challenging events, but above all, the experience has proved right the foresight of the founding fathers of the EAC who saw the unique value of regional integration. It is clear that the unity of purpose and the political will to forge ahead is, today, greater than at any other moment in the history of our Community. What is key is consistency and the determination to strengthen the process for the benefit the citizens. I, therefore, congratulate you, your Excellency, in the summit for the support and the direction you continue to avail to ensure stability of the integration process.- *(Applause)*

We are pleased that the Summit of the EAC Heads of States at its recent meeting in Kampala, directed the Council of Ministers to fully implement the single customs territory by ensuring the roll out of all products and customs regimes. The Summit further directed all Partner States to expedite the amendment of their national policies, laws and regulations to comply with the Common Market Protocol. Both decisions, not only seek to address the existing bureaucratic processes, but they also enable citizens to enjoy their full freedoms.

Your Excellency, I am happy to report that the EAC Elimination of Non-Tariff Barriers Act, 2017 passed by EALA is effective and to this extend the non-tariff barriers monitoring committees and the Council of Ministers have continued to resolve the outstanding non-tariff barriers which were 18 in August last year. Dedicated senior officials met in Dodoma in October 2017 and in February this year. They have conclusively dispensed with 11 non-tariff barriers. - *(Applause)*

While giving guidance on the processes and steps of dealing with the rest, EALA is of the view that non-tariff barriers remain an unnecessary hindrance to the smooth process of integration. They should totally be eradicated to speed up movements of goods and persons in the region and facilitate trade and other interactions among our people.

Your Excellency, EALA recently undertook a successful tour of the Northern and Central Corridors. The report of which has been debated at this session. It is important to state that despite the challenges, the focus on infrastructural development in both corridors is significantly contributing to the opening up of the hinterland of the Partner States. We are, indeed, looking forward to the planned construction and finalisation of the

Lusahunga-Lusuno and the Kayonza-Kigali roads as well as the Nyakanazi-Kasulumananyovu and Rumonge-Bujumbura roads to open up the hinterland to the rest of the region. - *(Applause)*

In addition to the roads, there are great plans and development for the Standard Gauge Railway and various energy initiatives.

Your Excellency, it is necessary for Partner States to provide a conducive environment that shall promote business growth and expansion of trade amongst states, strengthen peace and security and improve the social cultural welfare of the people in the region.

Your Excellency, on the Monetary Union, EALA is supportive of the call to expedite the establishment of the Monetary Institute and other institutions as a precursor to harmonise fiscal and monetary policies and the eventual single currency. I am happy to inform you that the Council of Ministers has tabled before the Assembly one key Bill, the EAC Monetary Institute Bill, 2017. As an Assembly, we want to guarantee you of our total commitment to expeditiously finalise and enact the said legislations. We call upon the Council of Ministers to expedite and bring forward all the legislations as envisaged in the Common Market and the Monetary Union protocols. We shall keep focus on our role of providing the legal framework through legislations that shall enable operationalisation of areas of cooperation agreed upon by our partner states.

Your Excellency, years into the application of our Treaty for establishment of the EAC, time has come to amend some of its areas for it to cope with the growth of our Community and resultant contemporary challenges. I am aware that a high-level task force was established sometime back to look into the

matter. A number of areas with regard to the Treaty need to be redefined and refined given the progress made in the region so far for further strengthening and incremental approach towards deeper integration.

Kuhusu hili, Mhe. Rais, ninaombi maalumu. Katika Bunge lililopita, EALA ya Tatu, tulipitisha azimio kwamba Kiswahili kiwe lugha rasmi ya Jamii ya Afrika ya Mashariki. Bunge hili la Nne limerejelea ombi hilo. Tuliomba kwamba marekebisho ya Mkataba wa kuanzisha Jumuia ya Afrika Mashariki yafanyike haraka ili tuweze kuanza kutumia lugha yetu. - *(Applause)*

Mhe. Rais, nchi zote za Afrika Mashariki zinatumia Kiswahili. Hata wenzetu wa South Sudan wanakiongea Kiswahili. Wameanzisha somo la Kiswahili kwenye mitalaa yao mashuleni. Hatuoni sababu, hata kidogo, ya kuendelea kutumia lugha za wenzetu wakati tunayo lugha yetu inayozungumwa katika nchi zetu. - *(Applause)*

Kuendelea kutumia lugha za wageni kunafanya sisi ambao tumepewa nafasi ya kuiendesha jumuia, tuonekane kama ni tabaka fulani ambalo halina uhusiano wowote na wananchi tunao watumikia. Kwa hivyo, hatujisikii vizuri hata kidogo tunapokwenda Addis Ababa kwenye mikutano ya Umoja wa Afrika na kukikuta Kiswahili lakini tukiwa nyumbani tunakirudia Kingereza. Sasa hatuoni sehemu nzuri zaidi ya kurejelea hilo ombi letu kuliko hapa Tanzania ambako ndiko kilikozaliwa. - *(Applause)*

Mhe. Rais, tunafikiri tukikutana mara nyingine, tutakuwa tumelitekeleza ombi hilo na litasaidia kutuweka karibu sana na wananchi ambao tunawatumikia.

Your Excellency, to you personally, may I take this opportunity to congratulate you upon steering this great nation to greater heights. Since you assumed office, Mr. President, you have, in literally just less than two years, introduced a new sense of responsibility and accountability in Public Service and the citizenry at large. As a result, greater efficiency in Government processes is self-evident.

You have embarked on the implementation of massive, ambitious and admirable projects internally and regionally. Mr. President, you have put in action the core of integration, one in which we set ourselves internal priorities and take into account, in equal measure, the legal and moral imperatives we owe our neighbours. That is the philosophy of integration, a give and take process whose result is a win-win for all of us.

Thank you, Mr. President, for your determined and uncompromising fight against corruption and misuse of public resources.

Your efforts are not just a Tanzanian affair. Good governance is the heartbeat of our integration process and your success will be ours too. Independent think tanks on governance have consistently ranked your country as progressing on upward trend, in the areas of fighting corruption and attracting investments. Internal oversight processes also continue to reveal a similar trend with empirical evidence. The anti-corruption efforts have led to better facilitation of corporate registration and licensing. This has made the investment environment favourable.

Your Administration is fixated on boosting domestic productivity and actively reducing Tanzania's import dependence, which will enhance investment appeal. With all this

indicators in place, no doubt, your Excellency, your target of transforming this country into an industrial economy is in sight.
- *(Applause)*

Thank you for standing up against institutional plunder of your country's and by extension, ours too, national wealth by the unfair and unethical multinational investments. Yours is a fight for transformation. It is a fight that requires tenacity and resilience. You are a leader with these qualities, determination and ability to lead through challenges and the region is proud of you. We implore the people of this great nation to render your leadership the support you need for the collective gain of all of us.

In terms of regional integration, we note the confidence that the other Heads of States have in you. This was well demonstrated by the fact that you were entrusted to be the Chair of the Summit when you were just a few months in office. This, to us, was attributed to your well-known daringness, openness and drive which was an opportunity to inject new impetus and energy for the East African Community.

In your tenure, you called for the speedy implementation and completion of the EAC projects. To this end, you pushed for and accomplished the completion and launch of the Arusha-Holili-Taveta-Voi Road; the extension of the Athi River-Namanga-Arusha Road into and beyond Arusha; and the completion of the One-Stop Border Posts (OSBPs) at Mutukula and Busia.

Your Excellency, we also note, with pride, other significant milestones you have undertaken towards regional integration in this short tenure in office. On the side-lines of the 19th Meeting of the EAC Summit of Heads of State, your decision to import sugar

from Uganda and not from countries outside the region and the commissioning of the construction of the 1,445 km long East African Crude Oil pipe line, from Hoima district in Uganda to the Tanzania Port of Tanga, simply defines the business of the EAC. - *(Applause)*

We also note, with pride, the launch and commencement of the Standard Gauge Railway that will eventually link Rwanda, Burundi and Uganda to the Indian Ocean Port of Dar-es-Salaam as well to stimulate water transport on lakes Victoria and Tanganyika.

Mr. President, true to your leadership philosophy that prioritizes hard work and getting things done with emphasis on value for money, in just a few months since its launch, the construction of the first phase from Dar-es-Salaam to Morogoro is already completed, with the second phase of Morogoro-Dodoma underway.

Your Excellency, through your efforts and in collaboration with other Members of the Summit, our integration process is on course. Those of us trusted to serve in the institutions of our Community, take this opportunity to renew our commitment to deliver our services to the expectations, with honesty, diligence and humility. Our presence here today, is an opportunity to re-energize our resolve. We are in the country that is one of the birthplaces of modern Pan Africanism, of which regional integration is an integral part. We are in the country that has been home to many liberation movements and this is the country we know shall continue to provide leadership and meaningful participation in the struggle for economic liberation of our region and the continent.

Thank you, Mr. President. - *(Applause)*

Your Excellency, before I invite you to address this Assembly, allow me to introduce some of the guests.

Hon. Members, thank you to His Excellency the President. He has invited many guests to grace our event more than I have ever seen since I started participating in these processes. The clerk will correct me if I am wrong.

I crave for your indulgence, Mr. President, so that I can introduce our guests in groups because time may not permit that I introduce everyone.

We welcome the Rt. hon. Prime Minister, Majaliwa Kassim Majaliwa; the Speaker of the Parliament of Tanzania; Hon. Freeman Mbowe, Leader of the Opposition; Chief Secretary, Eng. John Kijazi; Senior Officials of Defence and Security Organs who are: Gen. Venance Mabeyo, Chief of Defence Forces, Mr. Simon Sirro, Inspector General of Police, Dr. Modestus Kapilimba, Director General of Tanzania Intelligence Services, Maj. Gen. Martin Busungu, Chief of National Service, Dr. Juma Ali Malewa, Commissioner General of Prisons, Dr. Anna Peter Makakala, Commissioner General of Immigration, Mr. Tobias Andegenye, Commissioner General of Fire Brigade and Mr. Valentino Mlowola, Director of the Prevention and Combating of Corruption Bureau; I was DPP before I became a Member of Parliament. Therefore, these are my good partners. I did your job for about 10 years. - *(Applause)*

We also have Members of the Parliamentary Service Commission from the Parliament of Tanzania. Please, stand up for recognition. - *(Applause)*

Thank you.

There is one of our important hosts, Mr. Stephen Kagaigai, Clerk to Parliament of the United Republic of Tanzania. Thank you for your hospitality. - *(Applause)*

We also have Chairpersons of the Standing Committees of Parliament of Tanzania. Thank you.

Your Excellency, we have Former Members of the EALA. They are: Rt. Hon. Abdurahman Kinana. Is he around? He had been invited. Thank you. One person who has interacted with EAC in many capacities, he was a Member of the first EALA, then he became the *ex-official* Member of the third EALA as a Minister, and more importantly, he is my former Professor at the University of Dar es Salaam, Dr. Harrison George Mwakyembe.

Your Excellency, if I do well, he deserves the credit and if I mess up, he has the responsibility. - *(Laughter)*

We also have Members of the Diplomatic Corps, Ambassadors and High Commissioners from Member States and International Organizations. We have the Assistant Chief Coordinator-Secretariat, National and Security Council. He is not around. Senior Government Officials - Dodoma Region, our hosts. They are led by the Regional Commissioner, Dr. Binilith Mahenge. Thank you for your presence today and the good meeting I had with you. We have religious leaders as well. Are they around? Thank you.

We have senior officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation led by the Principal Secretary, Prof. Adolf Mkenda. Thank you. You are our important partners.

We also have an important group, Wazee wa Dodoma. They represent the elders of Dodoma. They are: Amb. Job Lusinde, hon. Pankras Ndejemb, and Mzee Mohamed Makbeli. As you know, a community that does not cherish the wisdom of elders is deemed to have failed. - *(Applause)*

We have Rt. hon. Job Y. Ndugai's distinguished guests. They are: Hon. White Zuberi, Chairperson of Kongwa District Council; hon. Deogratius Ndejemb, District Commissioner, Kongwa District; Dr. Omar Nkulo, Asst. District Executive Director, Kongwa District; Mr. Joseph Kusaga, Executive Director, Clouds Media Group which is popular in the region; Mr Maharage Chande, Managing Director, Multi-choice, Tanzania. We also have Members of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Security led by Chairperson, Musa Hassan Zungu.

I am reminded that we have other former Members of EALA. Prof. Norman Sigalla. He was in the first EALA. Dr. Diodorus Kamala, former Ex Officio Member and Chairperson, Council of EAC Ministers during the Second Assembly. He is the current MP of Nkenge Constituency. This is my long-time friend from when we were in secondary school. He was my rival in the debating club. Hon. Alphaxard Kangi Ndege Lugola, first SAA of the Assembly, current MP of Mwibara Constituency. We thank you all because we stand on the foundation you laid during your term. - *(Applause)*

Thank you, Hon. Members. If there is any visitor that I may have forgotten, I apologise.

Finally, Your Excellency, it is with great pleasure and honour that I execute my humble duty to welcome you to address this August Assembly, today, Tuesday, 24th April 2018.

Mweshimiwa Rais, karibu.

(Applause as honourable Members remained upstanding)

**ADDRESS BY H.E DR JOHN POMBE
MAGUFULI, PRESIDENT
UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA**

The President of the United Republic of Tanzania (His Excellency Dr John Pombe Magufuli): Tukae.

(Hon. Members took their seats)

Mhe. Martin Ngoga, Spika wa Bunge la Afrika ya Mashariki; Mhe. Job Ndugai, Spika wa Bunge la Jamhuri ya Muungano wa Tanzania; Waheshimiwa Wabunge wa Bunge la Afrika ya Mashariki; Mhe. Kassim Majaliwa, Waziri Mkuu wa Jamhuri ya Muungano wa Tanzania, Mheshimiwa Kivejinja, Waziri Mkuu wa pili kutoka Uganda na Mwenyekiti wa Baraza la Mawaziri la Afrika Mashariki; Waheshimiwa Mawaziri mlioko hapa; Waheshimiwa Wabunge wa Bunge la Jamhuri ya Muungano wa Tanzania mkiongozwa na Wenyeviti wa kamati mbalimbali za Bunge hilo; waheshimiwa Mabalozi pamoja na wakuu wa taasisi za kimataifa mlioko hapa; Mheshimiwa Chief Secretary; Waheshimiwa wazee waasisi mlioko hapa Dodoma; Waheshimiwa wadau mbalimbali wa maendeleo mlioko hapa pamoja na viongozi wa dini; Waheshimiwa Wakuu wa Vyombo vya Ulinzi na Usalama; Waheshimiwa wageni waalikwa, mabibi na mabwana, itoshe tu kusema itifaki imezingatiwa.

Mhe. Spika Martin na Waheshimiwa Wabunge wa Bunge la Afrika Mashariki kwanza, ningependa kuchukua nafasi hii kukushukuru Mhe. Spika pamoja na Bunge unaloliongoza kwa kunikaribisha ili nisimame mbele yenu leo kuhutubia kwa

mara ya kwanza Bunge la Afrika Mashariki ambalo nalo linafanyika hapa Dodoma kwa mara ya kwanza. Ninawashukuru sana. Asante sana. - *(Applause)*

Nashukuru pia, Mhe. Martin Ngoga, Spika wa Bunge la Afrika Mashariki kwa kuamua kwamba kikao hiki cha Bunge la Afrika Mashariki kifanyike hapa Dodoma ambapo ni makao makuu ya Jamhuri ya Muungano wa Tanzania. Asante sana. - *(Applause)*

Mmefanya uamuzi mzuri sana. Baadhi yenu mnafahamu moja ya sababu zilizotajwa kusababisha kuvunjika kwa jumuiya yetu ya kwanza ya Afrika Mashariki mwaka wa 1977. Ilikuwa kwa sababu ya ushiriki mdogo wa sekta binafsi na wananchi. Wananchi walio wengi hawakuifahamu jumuiya yetu. Hivyo basi, utaratibu huu wa kufanya vikao vya Bunge sehemu tofauti tofauti ndani ya Jumuiya unatoa fursa kwa wana Afrika Mashariki wote kuifahamu vizuri Jumuiya yao na shughuli zake pamoja na manufaa yake. Kwa sababu hiyo, ningependa kurudia kupongeza uamuzi huu wa kufanya kikao hapa Dodoma. Hamjakosea kuamua kufanya kikao chenu hapa Dodoma. Hapa ni katikati ya nchi yetu, ni Makao Makuu ya Serikali pamoja na chama tawala, Chama cha Mapinduzi (CCM). Sambamba na hilo, wananchi wa Dodoma ni wakarimu sana. Lakini, hapa Dodoma kuna sifa nyingine. Hapa ni maarufu sana kwa kuzalisha zabibu tamu sana duniani ambayo hata ukinywa mvinyo wake, huwezi kupata *hangover*. - *(Laughter)*

Kwa hivyo, unaweza ukafanya mkutano mchana, jioni ukapata mvinyo na kesho yake ukaendelea na mkutano kama kawaida. Haya yote yanafanya Dodoma iwe sehemu nzuri sana ya kufanyia mikutano. Kwa hivyo, karibuni.

Kama nilivyo sema awali, wanadodoma ni wakarimu sana, narudia tena, ni wakarimu sana. Hivyo basi, ni imani yangu kuwa Waheshimiwa Wabunge wa Bunge la Afrika Mashariki mmefurahia uwepo wenu hapa Dodoma na ninawatakiwa makazi mema hapa Dodoma.

Mhe. Spika na ndugu wageni waalikwa, nimetangulia kusema kuwa, hii ni mara yangu ya kwanza kuhutubia Bunge hili tangu nichaguliwe kuwa rais wa Jamhuri ya Muungano wa Tanzania mwezi Oktoba mwaka wa 2015. Lakini, Ninafahamu pia, kuwa Bunge hili la Nne la Afrika Mashariki nalo ni jipya na lilianza kazi mwezi wa Desemba mwaka wa 2017. Hivyo basi, ningependa kutumia fursa hii kuwapongeza ninyi Wabunge wote wa Bunge hili kwa kuchaguliwa kwenu. Hongereni. - *(Applause)*

Najua uchaguzi ulikuwa mgumu katika maeneo yenu, lakini ninyi ndio mliochaguliwa kama the *best* kwa sababu Mungu alitaka mchaguliwe. Hongereni sana. Vilevile, nakupongeza sana Mhe. Spika nawe kwa kuchaguliwa kuongoza Bunge hili. Hongera sana. Hakuna shaka kuwa mmechaguliwa kwa vile Wanaafrika Mashariki wana imani kubwa juu yenu; wana uhakika kuwa mutawawakilisha vizuri katika kusukuma mbele gurutumu la maendeleo la Jumuiya yetu. Ninawaomba, Waheshimiwa wabunge, msiwaangushe Wanaafrika Mashariki. Naomba pia ndugu zangu, kama nilivyozungumza na kumpongeza Mhe. Spika. Kwa bahati nzuri, yeye ni Spika wa tano kwa Bunge la EALA na mimi ni Rais wa awamu ya tano ya Jamhuri ya Muungano wa Tanzania. - *(Applause)*

Hivyo basi, namuahidi kumpa ushirikiano wa kutosha katika kipindi chote cha uongozi wake wa Bunge hili. Mhe. Spika,

Waheshimiwa Wabunge na ndugu wageni waalikwa, wakati ninapowapongeza kwa kuchaguliwa, ningependa mtambue kuwa jukumu lililo mbele yenu ni kubwa sana. Nyinyi ni wawakilishi na pia ni sauti ya Wanaafrika Mashariki wote. Hili ni jukumu kubwa. Lakini zaidi ya hapo, kama mnavyofahamu, mmechaguliwa katika kipindi cha kipekee; Kipindi ambacho Jumuiya yetu imepiga hatua kubwa za kimaendeleo lakini, pia, inakabiliwa na changamoto nyingi. Kama mjuavyo, ukanda wetu wa Afrika Mashariki kwa sasa unasifika kwa ukuaji wa uchumi wa kasi duniani. Aidha, tumefanikiwa kwa kiwango kikubwa kuondoa vikwazo vya kibiashara na uwekezaji. Hii imefanya biashara na uwekezaji miongoni mwa nchi wanachama kuongezeka maradufu. Mathalani, kabla ya kuanza kwa Umoja wa Forodha – Custom Union, mwaka wa 2005, biashara yetu yaani Intra-East African trade, ilikuwa na thamani ya dola za kimarekani USD1.8 bilioni. Lakini tangu tuanzishe Umoja wa Forodha na kuanza kutekeleza itifaki ya Soko la Pamoja – Common Market, biashara yetu imeongezeka hadi kufikia zaidi ya USD 5 bilioni.

Zaidi ya hapo, idadi ya wanachama imeongezeka na kuna nchi nyingi ambazo zinatamani kujiunga nasi. Haya, bila shaka ni mafanikio makubwa. Hivyo basi, nyinyi Wabunge wa Bunge la Nne la Afrika Mashariki mnao wajibu mkubwa, kwanza, kuhakikisha mafanikio haya yanalindwa na yanaendelezwa kwa nguvu zote. Katika hilo, nimefurahi kusikia kuwa kwenye kikao chenu hiki, pamoja na masuala mengine, mmejadili masuala mawili muhimu. Kwanza ni kuhusu Taasisi ya Fedha ya Jumuiya yaani East Africa Monetary Institute, na pili, muswada kuhusu takwimu – Statistics Bill. - *(Applause)*

Kama mnavyofahamu, Jumuiya yetu imeweka hatua nne za ushirikiano. Utekelezaji wa hatua mbili za mwanzo, yaani Umoja wa Forodha na Soko la Pamoja, kama nilivyoeleza, unaendelea. Sasa tunaelekea hatua ya tatu ambayo ni Ushirikiano wa masuala ya Kifedha – Monetary Union. Ili kufikia hatua hiyo, miswada hii miwili mliojadili ni muhimu sana. Hivyo basi, nawapongeza kwa kuanza kuijadili. - *(Applause)*

Sambamba na hilo, nimeambiwa kuwa kabla ya ujio wenu hapa Dodoma, muliitembelea miradi mbalimbali ya maendeleo kwenye Jumuiya kwa ajili ya kujielimisha na kujionea wenyewe utekelezaji wake. Hapa nchini mumetembelea bandari ya Dar es Salaam, kituo cha ukaguzi wa magari, Viwanda, Zanzibar. Pia, mmeshiriki katika kupanda miti katika Chuo Kikuu cha Dodoma kilichoko hapa Dodoma. Hili nalo ni jambo jema na ninawapongeza. Asanteni. - *(Applause)*

Mheshimiwa Spika na Waheshimiwa Wabunge wa Bunge la Afrika Mashariki, kama nilivyosema awali, mbali na mafanikio yaliopatikana, Jumuiya yetu bado inakabiliwa na changamoto kadhaa wa kadha ambazo nyinyi Wabunge wa EALA mnawajibu wa kuzishughulikia. Tuna matatizo ya migogoro; nyinyi ndani ya Afrika Mashariki mnafahamu kwamba kuna maeneo yenye migogoro. Migogoro hii imekuwa ikigharimu maisha ya watu wengi. Changamoto zingine tulizo nazo ndani ya Afrika Mashariki - nataka niwe wazi - ni kuwa, bado vipo vikwazo vya kibiashara, uwekezaji na kutoaminiana ndani kwa wanachama wa East Africa Community. Mara nyingi, huwa hatupendi kuyasema sema haya, lakini mimi nayasema muyabebe ili muijue hiyo *challenges*. - *(Applause)*

Kuna hizo pamoja na changamoto zingine nyingi, nyinyi Wabunge wa Afrika Mashariki, mnatakiwa muanze kuzitoa mapema. Umoja wetu ndani ya nchi za Afrika Mashariki unatakiwa uwe umoja kama tulivyo sisi Marais, Mawaziri, Wabunge, Watendaji wote na baadaye mpaka wananchi wote. - (Applause)

Hivyo, nyinyi kama Wabunge na wawakilishi wa nchi munazo ziongoza, muna jukumu kubwa la kulimaliza. Ifike mahali sisi sote tupendane na tujione ni ndugu. Nafurahi ninapoangalia *arrangement* ya *sitting* mlivyoketi hapa, inaonyesha kweli mmeanza kupendana. Nilitegemea patakuwa *magroup* *magroup* ya watu wa aina fulani wa nchi fulani, lakini mmechanganyika. *This is very good, congratulations.* - (Applause)

Muendeleo hivyo ndugu zangu. Jukumu letu sisi ni kuleta maendeleo ya wananchi wetu tunaowaongoza. Tukianza sisi kuwa na challenges, tutashindwa kuwasaidia wale tunao wawakilisha. Jumuiya ya Afrika Mashariki ni ya wananchi, si ya viongozi. Pakiwepo na *integration* nzuri miongoni mwa wananchi, Jumuiya hii itadumu milele. Kwa hivyo, *tufacilitate* hili sisi kama viongozi na Wabunge katika kuhakikisha kwamba tunajenga umoja wa wana Afrika Mashariki wa watu wanaoaminiana na kupendana na kujiona kama ndugu.

Mhe. Spika, umesema kuwa umesoma na ulikuwa na Mhe. Kamara shuleni. Wewe inawezekana umeishi Muleba, ukasomea Ihungo Sekondari, ukaenda *form five* shule ya Musoma Sekondari, ukaenda chuo kikuu, University of Dar es Salaam na ulikuwa kiranja katika darasa lako la Chuo Kikuu cha Dar es Salaam. - (Laughter)

Baadaye ulikuwa Director of Public Prosecution (DPP) Rwanda na leo wewe ni

Spika wa EALA. Hii inaonyesha vile sisi wana EAC tunatakiwa kuishi kwa umoja na kupendana kama ndugu. Hili ni muhimu sana, ndio maana nilifurahi uliposema Kiswahili angalau kiendelezwe badala ya kendelea kutumia lugha ambayo ni *thousands and thousands of Kilometres from East Africa*. Tungefurahi kukipiga Kinyarwanda hapa - *mwaramutseho? Namahoro, mulakomeye* au tukapiga Kirundi - *Mwiriwe? Namavuvu urakome, nimuhira barakomeye*, au tukapiga Kiganda - *Mwebale nyo Ssebo, Mwebale nyo Nnyabo*, au Kikenya kijaluo - *Oyaore ngima, wachi madara. Machiga, and so on and so on.* - (Laughter)

Hiyo ndio maana ya Afrika Mashariki. Kwa hiyo, mimi ninawapongeza sana, mnaenda kwa *direction* nzuri na ndio maana mliponialika sikusita kuja. *The past is always history*. Twende mbele kwa manufaa ya EAC. Sambamba na changamoto hizo, zipo zingine mbili ambazo naomba mniruhusu nizielezee kidogo.

Kwanza ni suala la ukosefu wa viwanda. Nchi zetu zina utajiri mkubwa wa rasilimali. Tuna madini. South Sudan ina madini mengi, ina mafuta lakini mabeberu wanataka hiyo nchi iendeleo kukaa ikigombana. Tuna mifugo mingi. Tanzania ni ya pili kwa kuwa na mifugo mingi katika Afrika. Afrika ina bidhaa za kilimo, uvuvi, misitu na kadhalika. Licha ya utajiri huu, ni ukweli usiopingika na kila mmoja wetu anafahamu, kuwa bado hazijatunufaisha vya kutosha. Utajiri huo, hauwasaidii wananchi walio ndani ya EAC zaidi ya watu milioni 170. Moja ya mambo yanayosababisha hali hii nionavyo mimi - kukosekana kwa viwanda vingi kwenye nchi zetu. Matokeo yake, tumekuwa tukiuzia rasilimali zetu nyingi nje ya nchi zetu zikiwa mali ghafi. Hii inatukosesha mapato mengi. Kama mnavyofahamu, bei ya bidhaa ghafi kwa soko la dunia mara nyingi huwa zipo chini.

Mbali na kupoteza mapato, tatizo lingine ambalo mimi naona ni kubwa zaidi ni kwamba, kwa kuuza rasilimali zetu nje ya nchi zikiwa ghafi, maana yake ni kuwa tunazalisha fursa za ajira kwa watu wengine. Tunatengeneza ajira katika mataifa tunayoyauzia mali ghafi zetu. Ni ajira ambazo wananchi wetu wanastahili wazipate. Tungekuwa na viwanda, vingechakata hizo mali ghafi zetu tukazitengeza hapa, watu wetu wangepata ajira na tungeziua zikiwa na thamani kubwa. Hayo ndio maendeleo kwa wananchi tunao wawakilisha. Ni kwa kutambua hilo ndiposa Serikali ninayoiongoza imeweka mkazo mkubwa kwenye suala la ujenzi wa viwanda. Ninafurahi mwikitio umekuwa mkubwa. Wawekezaji wengi wakiwemo kutoka nchi wanachama wa Afrika Mashariki, wanawekeza kwenye sekta ya viwanda hapa nchini. Natumia fursa hii kuwaomba Waheshimiwa Wabunge wa Bunge la Afrika Mashariki, mulipe mkazo swala hili la ujenzi wa viwanda. *-(Applause)*

Hususan, kwa kuhakikisha sera na sheria zinazotungwa kwenye Jumuiya yetu pamoja na nchi wanachama, zinawavutia wawekezaji wengi na kulinda viwanda vyetu. Tusipolinda viwanda vyetu, tutakuwa wasindikizaji. Soko la watu milioni 170 ni soko kubwa. Kama tuna mifugo mingi, kwanini tununue viatu kutoka ulaya? Sisi sote tulioko humu pamoja na wewe Mhe. Spika, kiatu chako hicho hakikutengenezewa Afrika Mashariki.

Kwanini? Kwanini tuvae nguo na mashati ambayo yanatokana na pamba lakini tujanunue ya kutoka nje wakati tunazalisha pamba Afrika Mashariki? Haya maswali, sisi kama wawakilishi wa nchi zetu ni lazima tuanze kujiuliza. Kwanini tununue nyama kutoka nje wakati tuna mifugo inazunguka hapa na saa nyingine inakosa biashara? Kwanini tununue samaki wakati ukitoka

huku chini mpaka kwenye mpaka karibu na Somalia ni bahari kubwa? Ziwa Victoria limezunguka nchi nne. Tuna mito kila mahali, kwanini tumeshindwa kuvua samaki tuwauze humu na kwenye soko lingine? Sasa tunaletewa samaki ambao ni *low quality*. Haya maswali ni lazima tujiulize. Ni maswali mengi sisi kama Wabunge - Mhe. Spika *I just want to be open* - tukijiuliza vizuri, tutasaidia *kutransform* wananchi wetu na Bunge hili likawa Bunge lenye historia katika maendeleo ya Afrika Mashariki.

Ninajua katika kufanya haya, mtakutana na *challenges* nyingi. Wenzetu wengi ambao si wanachama wa EAC wangependa kulitumia hili eneo la EAC katika soko lao. Hatuwazuii, lakini twende *on a win-win situation*.

Tumetumika mno, ni lazima tufike mahali tuanze kujua mahali tuliko toka, mahali tulipo na mahali tunapoelekea kwa manufaa ya wananchi wetu ambao wengi wao ni maskini.

Changamoto ya pili Mhe. Spika na waheshimiwa Wabunge ambayo nayo ningependa nielezee kidogo, ni kipaumbele cha pekee kuhusu ujenzi na miundombinu hususan, usafiri na nishati ya umeme. Miundombinu hii ni muhimu sana katika kuimarisha ushirikiano wa kiuchumi miongoni mwa mataifa. Hata swala la kukuza viwanda haliwezi kufanikiwa endapo nchi yetu itashindwa kuboresha na kuimarisha miundombinu hii. Pamoja na ukweli huo, ni bahati mbaya tafiti zilizofanyika miaka kadhaa ya nyuma zilionyesha kuwa ukanda wetu wa Afrika unakabiliwa sana na matatizo ya miundombinu ya usafiri na nishati ya umeme. Hii imefanya gharama za usafiri na umeme kuwa juu sana. Mathalani, tafiti zinaonyesha kuwa gharama za usafiri kwenye ukanda wetu ni mara nne hadi mara tano ukilinganisha na nchi za Asia Mashariki, Marekani na Ulaya na zinachangia

kuongezeka kwa gharama za bidhaa kwa asilimia arobaini.

Kutokana na tatizo la usafiri na umeme, bidhaa zetu tunazozalisha hapa gharama zake itakuwa mara arobaini zaidi ukilinganisha na bidhaa zinazozalishwa mahali pengine. Umeme pia umeonekana kuwa si mwingi. Mathalani, kwa mujibu wa taasisi ya Power Africa mwaka wa 2015, nchi zote sita, wanachama wa Afrika Mashariki, ukijumlisha na Sudan Kusini, zilikuwa na takriban megawatts 6,500 tu. Nadhani, si lazima mtu awe mtaalamu wa hesabu au uchumi ili aweze kufahamu kuwa kiwango hiki cha umeme ni kidogo kuweza kuhimili mahitaji ya uchumi wa kisasa - megawatts 6,500. Kenya ndio kidogo, wana megawatts nyingi. Sisi Tanzania tuna 1,500 megawatts tu. Nazifahamu za Uganda, Burundi, Rwanda na South Sudan na nyinyi mnazifahamu. Ukiwa na megawatts 6,500 tu, kujenga viwanda ni challenge kubwa. Ndio maana bei ya umeme ndani ya Afrika Mashariki ipo juu sana ukilinganisha na bei ya umeme kwenye nchi zenye viwanda. Mara nyingi, tumekuwa tukikumbatia wawekezaji ambao baadaye tunawalipa *capacity charges*, kisha wao ndio wanaofaidika badala ya kuwasaidia wananchi wetu na viwanda vyetu. Hili nalo ni *challenge* kubwa.

Kwa hivyo, waheshimiwa Wabunge mkiongozwa na Mhe. Spika, hili nalo mnatakiwa kuliweka maanani, ni namna gani changamoto hii tunaweza kupambana nayo ndani ya Afrika Mashariki. Tuna vyanzo vingi, lakini inawezekana hatuvitumii. Pamoja na changamoto zilizopo, ni ukweli usiopingika kuwa katika miaka ya hivi karibuni, nchi wanachama zimejitahidi sana kuimarisha miundombinu. Kwa mfano, katika barabara, hivi sasa mtu anaweza kutoka Dodoma kwenda Kampala, Kigali na Nairobi kwa barabara ya lami. Hivi ni vitu ambavyo siku za nyuma vilikuwa haviwezekani. Barabara nyingi zinaendelea

kujengwa na Mhe. Spika umelizungumza. Kwa mfano, sisi Tanzania tunaendelea na ujenzi wa barabara ya kuiunganisha mikoa ya Tabora na Kigoma jumla ya kilomita 359 kutoka Tabora kuenda Mpanda na maeneo mengine. Pia, tunaendelea kuunganisha katika maeneo mengine ya Burundi na Rwanda kama ulivyozungumza, Mhe. Spika. Aidha, tunajenga barabara ya Nyakanazi hadi kidawe ambayo itaboresha usafiri kati ya wenzetu pamoja na Uganda. Mifano ni mingi.

Kando na barabara, hivi sasa ndani ya Jumuiya yetu, kuna miradi mingi mikubwa ya miundombinu ya usafiri inayotekelezwa na baadhi yao kwa ushirikiano wa nchi wananchama. Mathalani, ndugu zetu wa Kenya tayari wamekamilisha ujenzi wa reli ya kisasa kutoka bandari ya Mombasa kwenda Nairobi ambayo inalenga kuboresha usafiri kwenye ushorobo wa kaskazini yaani Northern Corridor. - (*Applause*)

Sisi Tanzania, tumeanza kutekeleza mradi wa kupanua bandari ya Dar es Salaam pamoja na ujenzi wa reli ya kati kwa kiwango cha kimataifa - *Standard Gauge*, ili kuboresha usafiri kwenye ushorobo wa kati yaani *Central Corridor* ambao utahudumia nchi za Burundi kwa kuunganishwa sehemu ya Uvinza na Msongati na Rwanda kwa kuunganisha sehemu ya Isaka, Rusumo hadi Kigali na Uganda pia na nchi ya Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

Tunakarabati meli zetu na tumeanza kujenga meli mpya kubwa kwa ajili ya kuboresha usafiri kwenye Ziwa Victoria. Kama mnavyofahamu, ziwa hili ni kiungo muhimu cha usafiri kwenye Jumuiya yetu, hususani, kwenye nchi zinazounganisha ziwa hilo, yaani Tanzania, Kenya na Uganda. Inakadiriwa kuwa takriban watu milioni 40 wanaishi karibu na ziwa hili.

Ninacho waomba, Mhe. Spika na Bunge la Afrika Mashariki, tujiamini katika kutekeleza miradi, tusifikiri kila mradi lazima upate *support* ya wafadhili kutoka nje. *Never!* Wale saa nyingine wana masharti yao na masharti yao saa nyingine yanaendana na *feasibility study* na *detailed design, update design consultant and so on*. Unakuta gharama unazotumia ni mara kumi zaidi ya gharama kama ungejibana wewe kama nchi. Ninalizungumza hili si kwa sababu hatuhitaji misaada na ushirikiano, ni lazima hili tulitilie maanani. Tukiamua tunaweza. Mifano ipo, ni mingi. Sisi wenzenu, Tanzania tumejaribu tukaona tunafanikiwa. Ndio maana tumeweza kujenga reli kutoka Dar es Salaam mpaka Dodoma kilomita 700.26 kwa thamani ya trilioni 7.6 *Tanzanian Shillings*. Hatujapata mkopo au senti zozote kutoka nje na *cost* imekuwa chini. Tumeweza kununua ndege sita na hatukuomba mkopo. Tunajenga meli kubwa kwenye Ziwa Victoria na hatukuomba mkopo na mengine mengi. - (*Applause*)

Tukiamua kuwa *conciatise* wananchi wetu, nina uhakika – na utajiri tulio nao ndani ya Afrika Mashariki - tutashirikiana kwa pamoja. *Experience* ya Tanzania tuipeleke Rwanda na ya Rwanda tuipeleke Burundi, ya Burundi tuipeleke Uganda na ya Uganda tuipeleke Kenya, ya Kenya tuipeleke South Sudan tutajiona kama ndugu wa kweli, sio ndugu juu juu wa kuangaliana angaliana. *It is supposed to come from the blood and the heart, to cement it inside* kwa lugha mlioizoea. Nataka kuwahakikishia Mhe. Spika, we shall make it. Tutafanikiwa kisawasawa. - (*Applause*)

Ndugu zangu, kwenye miundombinu ya usafiri, pia tunashirikiana na wenzetu wa Uganda kutekeleza mradi mkubwa wa bomba la kusafirisha mafuta yaani la, East Africa Oil Pipeline kutoka Hoima hadi bandari ya

Tanga pamoja na miradi mingine mingi. Kuhusu nishati ya umeme, kama mnavyofahamu, nchi yetu imegundua kiasi kikubwa cha gesi, takriban tani za ujazo trilioni 57. Ipo gesi; lakini si gesi tu ya *Ethyl*, tumegundua pia kuna gesi ya *Helium* ambayo inapatikana katika nchi tatu tu duniani. Ipo! Hivi haviwezi kuwanufaisha Watanzania tu, gesi hizi zinatakiwa ziwanufaishe wana East Africa wote. - (*Applause*)

Pia, tumeanza kutekeleza miradi mingi ya kuzalisha umeme kwa kutumia gesi hiyo na tupo mbioni pia kuanza ujenzi wa mradi mkubwa wa kufua umeme kwa kutumia maji yaani Stieglers Gorge. Mradi huu uliobuniwa na baba wa taifa hili, Mwalimu Julius Kabarage Nyerere na tukauacha kwa muda mrefu, utakuwa *solution* ya tatizo la umeme katika nchi hii kwa sababu utatoa megawatts 2,100.

Tunataka kwanza tuwe na umeme mwingi ambao, kwa pamoja, umeme huo tutaweza kuwauzia kwa bei ya chini ndugu zetu walioko ndani ya EAC. Pili, tumelenga kupunguza uzalishaji wa umeme wa mafuta ili kuifanya bei ya umeme nayo iwe chini. Sambamba na hilo, tunashirikiana na nchi zingine wanachama kutekeleza baadhi ya miradi. Tunatekeleza mradi wa kusafirisha umeme wa msongo wa kilowatts 400 na wenzetu wa Kenya unoanzia Zambia kupitia hapa Tanzania na kuelekea Kenya. Tunatekeleza na Uganda mradi wa kufua umeme wa Kikagati Mlongo. Aidha, tuko kwenye majadiliano na Rwanda pamoja na Uganda kutekeleza mradi wa kuzalisha umeme pale Songezi. Nchi zetu lazima ziende pamoja. - (*Applause*)

Ni imani yangu kuwa miradi hii pamoja na ile inayotekelezwa kwenye nchi zingine wanachama, yote itakapo kamilika, tutakuwa

tumefikia kuimarisha huduma za usafiri na upatikanaji wa umeme kwenye nchi zetu. Hilo likitokea, hatutakuza sekta ya viwanda tu, bali pia ushirikiano wetu na kasi ya ukuaji wa uchumi kwenye Jumuiya yetu utaongezeka. Hivyo basi, nawasihi Wabunge wa Afrika Mashariki mlipе kipaumbele cha kipekee suala hili la ujenzi wa miundombinu. Kama mnavyofahamu, ujenzi wa miundombinu una gharama kubwa, lakini tukishirikiana kwa pamoja na tuka *share experience* miongoni mwetu tukishirikiana na wenzetu pia wa nchi zingine, nina uhakika tunaweza tukafika mahali pa kulikomboa taifa hili na mataifa yetu haya. Mungu ametupa Afrika Mashariki yenye utajiri mkubwa, lakini utajiri huu hatuutumii. Saa nyingine tunagogeshwa na mabeberu ili tuchelewe kuutumia vizuri utajiri wetu. Tunaingia kwenye mambo ambayo ni *too parochial* badala ya *kuconcentrate* kwa mambo ambayo yatawahudumia wananchi wetu kwa ajili ya manufaa ya wana EAC.

Nyinyi Waheshimiwa Wabunge, mnayo nafasi ya kuwashawishi wananchi wetu na wawekezaji kutoka nje. Nimefurahi kuona Waheshimiwa Mabalozі wako hapa pamoja na *development partners* wengine ambao nina uhakika watazishawishi nchi zao ziendelee kushirikiana na nchi za Afrika Mashariki katika kuleta maendeleo ya kweli ya wananchi waliomo ndani ya nchi hizi. Kwa hivyo, tukishirikiana nao on the *win-win situation*, tutaweza kulijenga vizuri na kuendeleza wananchi wetu ambao kwa kweli wana umaskini mkumbwa. Maskini wa Tanzania hawana tofauti na maskini wa Burundi, hawana tofauti na maskini wa Rwanda, hawana tofauti na maskini wa Uganda, hawana tofauti na maskini wa Sudan Sudan na hawana tofauti na maskini wa Kenya. Watu wetu ni maskini; sisi kama viongozi ambao tumechaguliwa kwa niaba ya wananchi maskini ni lazima *tusacrifice* kwa ajili ya maendeleo yao. - (Applause)

Ndio maana nimeendele kuisisitiza, masuala ya ushirikiano, umoja na kutokubaguana. Hilo ni jambo muhimu sana. Suala la kupendana ni lazima liwe muhimu sana, suala la tofauti zetu ndogo ndogo lazima tuliondoe haraka sana. Tukifanya haya yote, tutafanikiwa na watu walioko ndani ya Afrika Mashariki watawaheshimu kwa kuwa Wabunge wa Bunge la Nne la Afrika Mashariki ambalo ni Bunge kwa ajili ya watu wanyonge.

Katika hili - si kwamba linahusika hapa sana, lakini kwa sababu Secretary General wa EAC yuko hapa, washughulikie miradi inayoanzishwa kwa *speed* kubwa. Pamekuwa na *speed* ndogo katika kushughulikia miradi hii. Najua kwa mfano, mradi wa Malindi, Horohoro hadi Bagamoyo sasa ni zaidi ya miaka kadhaa. *Feasibility study* na *detailed design* zimeshamalizika na sijamuona *contractor* na miradi mingine mingi. Sitaki niitoe hapa, lakini nimeona nichomekee hapa ili na yeye aondoke na *message* atakapo ondoka hapa. - (Laughter)

Waheshimiwa Maspika na Waheshimiwa Wabunge, ningependa pia kutumia fursa hii kuwahakikishi Wabunge wa Afrika Mashariki kwamba sisi Tanzania tutaendelea kushirikiana na nchi zote pamoja na wanachama wote katika Jumuiya ya Afrika Mashariki katika kutimiza dira na malengo ya jumuiya hii. Nataka niwahakikishie, Tanzania iko pamoja na nyinyi. - (Applause)

Yale maamuzi mengine yanayo chelewa chelewa, nataka kuwahakikishia tutayapeleka *speed* kweli kweli ili yale maamuzi yawe na maslahi mapana katika Afrika Mashariki. Tusipelekeshe na wengine. Ni lazima katika maamuzi yote tuwe tunafanya *evaluation* ya kutosha hasa katika mikataba tunayo ingia na wengine ambayo si miongoni mwa EAC. Katika hili,

ningependa kuwaarifu kuwa mwaka jana nchi yeti iliridhia itifaki ya Jumuiya kuhusu maswala ya amani na usalama yaani Protocol on Peace and Security. Mapema mwaka huu, nchi yetu ilizindua *passport* mpya ya kielekitroniki ya Afrika Mashariki na ya Tanzania kama ilivyo amuliwa na Jumuiya yetu. - (Applause)

Hii yote ni kudhibitisha kuwa Tanzania inaheshimu maamuzi ya Jumuiya hii. Jumuiya yetu inazidi kukuwa na hivi sasa ina wanachama zaidi ya milioni 170. Hii imeiongezea nguvu na kama tutaendelea kushirikiana, nina imani Jumuiya yetu itazidi kuimarika na sauti yake itaongezeka na tutaheshimika kimataifa. Ninyi Wabunge wa Afrika Mashariki ni kiungo muhimu katika kuhakikisha hili linafanikiwa. Mukiwa wawakilishi wa wananchi mnayo nafasi kubwa ya kuwaunganisha wana Afrika Mashariki wote pia, kuwaelimisha na kuwatahadharisha dhidi ya watu wenye nia mbaya ya Jumuiya yetu. Ni wajibu wenu kuwaelimisha wananchi ili umoja na mshikamano uzidi kudumu kwa manufaa ya kizazi cha sasa na kijacho.

Baba wa taifa letu, mmoja wa waasisi wa Jumuiya hii, Mwalimu Julius Kambarage Nyerere aliwahi kusema, nikimnukuu kwa lugha ya Kiiingereza: *"Unity will not make us rich, but it can make it difficult for Africa and the African people to be disintegrated and to be disregarded and humiliated."* Mwisho wa nukuu.

Kwa ujumla, nchi yetu inaendelea vizuri. Kama mnavyofahamu, uchumi wa nchi yetu ya Tanzania unakuwa kwa asilimia 6.8 hadi asilimia 7 na *inflation* iko asilimia nne. Muungano wetu unaendelea vizuri na Tanzania tuna *experience* ya kuungana. - (Applause)

Kesho kutwa, Muungano wetu utafikisha miaka 54. Mhe. Spika kwa sababu bado mpo hapa Dodoma, na Mheshimiwa Mkuu wa

Mkoa bado yupo hapa, ninawakaribisha Wabunge kwenye siku hiyo ya muungano hapa Dodoma.

Mhe. Spika, waheshimiwa wabunge na ndugu viongozi, naomba nihitimishe kwa kuwashukuru Wabunge wa Afrika Mashariki kwa kunialika kulihutubia Bunge lao. Narudia tena, Serikali ninayoiongoza itatoa ushirikiano wa kutosha kwa Bunge hili.

Namshukuru pia Mhe. Spika pamoja na Wabunge wote wa Bunge la Jamhuri ya Muungano wa Tanzania, Mhe. Ndugai kwa kuridhia shughuli hii ifanyike hapa kwenye eneo lenu. Hili linadhihirisha uhusiano mzuri uliopo kati ya Bunge hili na Bunge la Afrika Mashariki pamoja na Wabunge wanachama. - (Applause)

Ningependa pia kutumia fursa hii kushukuru na kupongeza vyombo vya ulinzi na usalama, wananchi wa Mkoa wa Dodoma wakiongozwa na Mkuu wa Mkoa Dr. Bilinith Mahenge kwa kuwapokea vizuri wageni wetu na kuhakikisha amani na utulivu vinaendelea. Asanteni sana. Nawashukuru pia wananchi wa Dodoma kwa jumla kwa kuendelea kuwapokea wageni wetu.

Mhe. Spika na Wabunge Waheshimiwa, nilifundishwa na Mbunge wa hapa Dodoma kuwa wanasiasa huwa tuna mwisho na mwisho kabisa. Sasa naomba niseme la mwisho kabisa. - (Applause)

Hapa naomba ninukuu maneno mengine ya Mwalimu Nyerere aliyoyasema kwenye sherehe ya miaka 50 za uhuru wa Ghana. Nanukuu: *"Kizazi changu, kiliongoza jitihada za kuleta uhuru wa kisiasa wa bara letu. Kizazi cha sasa cha waafrika hakina budi kuchukua kijiti pale tulipoachia na kwa nguvu mpya kusukuma mbele maendeleo ya bara letu."* Mwisho wa nukuu. - (Applause)

Kwa kutumia maneno hayo ya Mwalimu Nyerere, ningependa nitoe wito kwenu nyinyi waheshimiwa Wabunge wa Bunge la Afrika Mashariki na wana Afrika Mashariki wote, kushikamamana, kushirikiana, na kwa pamoja tushike kijiti na kuendeleza pale walipoishia waasisi na viongozi wetu waliotangulia.

Mungu libariki Bunge la Nne la Afrika Mashariki, Mungu ibariki Jumuiya yetu ya Afrika Mashariki.

Asanteni sana kwa kunisikiliza. Nawashukuru sana. - *(Applause)*

The Speaker: Mhe. Rais, tunashukuru sana kwa mawaidha. Tutaondoka hapa na nguvu mpya na ari mpya, We will not be the same when we leave this place.

Hon. Members, when I introduced the visitors I did not introduce the Members because they are not visitors. However, I have to, with your permission; I will do that by Chapters. Before that, I will introduce one Council Member who is ever present in our sittings. Dr. Susan Kolimba.

You will appreciate the fact that she is one of the Council Members who are always present whenever we have a sitting.

Mhe. Rais, naomba niwatambulishe Wabunge *chapter by chapter*. Nianze na waheshimiwa Wabunge from the Republic of Burundi (*honourable Members from the Republic of Burundi stood up in their places for recognition*), from the Republic of Kenya (*honourable Members from the Republic Kenya stood up in their places for recognition*), from the United Republic of Tanzania (*honourable Members from the United Republic of Tanzania stood up in their*

places for recognition), from the Republic of Rwanda (*honourable Members from the Republic of Rwanda stood up in their places for recognition*), from the Republic of Uganda (*honourable Members from the Republic of Uganda stood up in their places for recognition*) and from the Republic of South Sudan (*honourable Members from the Republic of South Sudan stood up in their places for recognition*). - *(Applause)*

Your Excellency, I had permission to do everything but one function which honourable Members decided to delegate to another Member. Wanajua kwamba wewe una imani na vijana na katika uongozi wako, umewapa vijana wengi majukumu makubwa. Mhe. Rais husemi kwamba vijana ni viongozi wa kesho, unajua kuwa ni viongozi wa leo.

Sasa, Hon. Members have chosen one young member to be the one to move the vote of thanks. Hon. Dennis Namara from Uganda. - *(Applause)*

VOTE OF THANKS

Mr Dennis Namara (Uganda): Your Excellency, Dr. John Pombe Joseph Magufuli, President of the United Republic of Tanzania; Rt. Hon. Martin Ngoga, Speaker EALA; Rt. Hon. Majaliwa Kassim Majaliwa, Prime Minister of the United Republic of Tanzania; Rt. Hon. Job Ndugai, the Speaker of the National Assembly of Tanzania; Rt. Hon. Kirunda Kivejinja, Chairperson Council of Ministers and all the Hon. Members of the Council of Ministers present; the Rt. Hon Amb Liberat Mfumukeko, the EAC Secretary General; Honourable Members of EALA; and Hon. Members of the National Assembly; Your Excellencies Ambassadors and all protocols observed.

Your Excellency, I would like to take this opportunity to say that I am extremely delighted to have been given this very rare

chance to move a vote of thanks on behalf of my colleagues, the Members of EALA. I want to thank you, first of all, for accepting to come and address the Fourth Assembly and also for your precise, concise and extremely insightful information regarding the East African integration. - *(Applause)*

Your Excellency, I must say that we are extremely grateful. As one person said – and I believe it today – some men are born great, others achieve greatness and others collide with greatness. Your Excellency, indeed, you were born great and you have achieved greatness. - *(Applause)*

Your Excellency, you have, indeed, diagnosed the problems of East Africa and Africa in general and shown us what we need to do as Members of EALA to find lasting solutions to the challenges facing our people. Also, you have told us and, indeed, appreciated the role that we are playing as EALA and EAC as far as implementing the programmes the policies and protocols that have been initiated by the Summit of the Heads of State. Your Excellency, as you have said, since we came to Dodoma – we appreciate that we came to Dodoma – it goes without saying that the people of Dodoma are extremely hospitable. - *(Applause)*

I want to thank you for allowing us to be here. We came here and we have been able to go through some of the important Bills that will spur the EAC to another level. First, we have touched on the third pillar of integration through the Monetary Institute Bill that went through here in Dodoma. We are also moving forward to ensure that the pace at which we would want this Bill to become law and be implemented is what we will concentrate on.

Your Excellency, in particular, we want to thank you for your outstanding commitment

towards the East Africa integration. You are one of the Heads of State that has not missed any Summit of the Heads of State. - *(Applause)*

That shows the zeal, charisma and commitment that you have towards the East Africa integration. We want to thank you, Mr. President.

Your Excellency, The United Republic of Tanzania has fulfilled its financial obligations 100 per cent to the EAC. - *(Applause)*

Your Excellency, we cannot take that for granted. We are extremely grateful and we now see that, indeed, you are committed towards the East Africa integration.

Your Excellency, as we move forward, you have talked about the challenges that face East Africa and you have also provided some solutions. We thank you together with the other Heads of State in EAC for having initiated some of the infrastructural projects that will go a long way to spur industrialisation of the people of East Africa and, therefore solve the socio economic challenges that we all face. First, the crude oil pipeline, starting all the way from where I come from Hoima - that is my region - up to Tanga. - *(Applause)*

Your Excellency, we are grateful and we know this will go a long way in solving some of the challenges. You have talked about Industrialisation. We cannot move this economy of East Africa forward unless we industrialise. You have talked about the big market, the 170 million people that we have with a big combined GDP of 150 million dollars. Why do we not harness that to spur our East African economy to greater horizons?

Your Excellency, as the Fourth EALA, we will fast track the programmes and projects that are supposed to be implemented by EAC with your support.

Your Excellency, your commitment towards young people is impeccable. This is seen in the Members you sent to EALA, they are youthful. As a young person, I have also had an opportunity of knowing some of the deep challenges that face our people. I have realised that it is not about age neither is it about biology. It is about ideology, how one thinks and their maturity. The people you sent from the United Republic of Tanzania to EALA, the young Members, are doing a tremendous job. Thank you.

Your Excellency, my work was just to move a vote of thanks. I will not divulge into other work that is not mine, but I would want to thank you, on behalf of all the Members here. We are looking forward to be visiting other cities in Tanzania because the generosity and hospitality of the people of Tanzania is beyond horizons. - (Applause)

Thank you, your Excellency, may God bless you.

Ahsanteni sana, Mungu akubariki.

The Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Dennis Namara for speaking our minds eloquently. That is what each one of us would have wanted to say. However, we had to choose one of us to represent us.

Hon. Members and our guests, I want to thank you for honouring us with your time.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Before I adjourn, I want to make a few announcements. There will be a group photograph and the protocol team will lead us in that process. After that, we shall share a cup of tea in the Parliamentary Canteen. I think all of you have had time to visit the canteen.

ADJOURNMENT

On that note, I now adjourn the House until tomorrow Wednesday, 25th April 2018 at 2.30. Thank you.

*(The House rose at 4.10 p.m. to
reconvene on Wednesday,*

25th April at 2.30 p.m.)