**(026)**

**EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY**

**EAST AFRICAN LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

**FIRST MEETING - SECOND SESSION - FOURTH ASSEMBLY**

**ORDERS OF THE DAY**

**THURSDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER, 2018 AT 2.30 PM**

**PRAYER**

1. **COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR**

**2. MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY URGING EAC PARTNER STATES TO ADOPT, APPLY AND IMPLEMENT MEASURES TO FACILITATE THE FREEE MOVEMENT OF PERSONS AND LABOUR WITHIN THE COMMUNITY**

**MOTION**

**“that,** this Assembly do resolve to urge the EAC Partner States to adopt, apply and implement measures to facilitate the free movement of persons and labour within the Community

**(Hon. Kim Gai)**

* *Resumption of business interrupted on Wednesday 26th September, 2018*

**3. PRIORITY QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER**

***(i) QUESTION: EALA/PQ/OA/4/08/2018***

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

In November, 2013, at the 15th Ordinary Summit of Heads of State; the Heads of State singed the Protocol on the Establishment of the East African Monetary Union (the EAMU Protocol) and directed that the Partner States should ratify the EAMU Protocol by July, 2014.

To support the EAMU process, there is a need of the establishment of the four institutions among others:

* The East African Monetary Institute;
* The East African Statistics Bureau;
* The East African Surveillance, Compliance and Enforcement Commission; and
* The East African Financial Services Commission.

Could the Chairperson of the Council of Ministers:

1. Inform this August House the steps necessary for the implementation of the EAMU Protocol?
2. Table a progress report on the establishment of those four institutions; including the timeframe of developing draft bills for these institutions?
3. Inform this August House on the deposit by the Partner States of the instruments of ratification of the EAMU Protocol with the Secretary General?
4. Update this August House on the development of the medium term convergence path that each Partner State will follow in order to achieve the macroeconomic convergence targets by 2021 as stipulated in the EAMU Protocol?
5. Inform this House the status of harmonizing the different frameworks in the different macro-economic areas necessary for the transition to single currency by 2021? This includes harmonization of frameworks on monetary policy, exchange rate policy, fiscal policy, capital markets, insurance and pensions sectors and production of reliable statistics.

***(ii) QUESTION: EALA/PQ/4/09/2018***

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

Roaming within the Community is crucial for investment and business operations in the EAC region. Since 2004, mobile phone operators within the EAC region on their own initiative, implemented arrangements that ensured that roaming charges would be affordable.

The arrangements put in place by the operators collapsed in 2010, leading to a costly rise in roaming charges. However, under the Northern Corridor initiative, the Republics of Rwanda, Kenya and Uganda decided to establish between themselves a one area network for communication by the end of September, 2014.

1. Is the Chairperson of Council aware that variations in roaming costs of the various networks are harmful and damaging the integration process?
2. Could the Chairperson table in this August House the proposed plan of harmonized charges for EAC one area network for communication by end of December 2018?
3. Could he further inform the August House what the inherent challenges of regulating roaming by other partner states are so that they do not adhere to the arrangement of the Northern Corridor initiative on telephone charges and communication?
4. Following the collapse of the mobile operator arrangements, could he tell us what the Council of Ministers has done in order to cope with the rising costs of roaming charges?

***(iii) QUESTION: EALA/PQ/OA/4/11/2018***

***The Hon. Abdikadir Omar Aden to ask the Chairperson of the Council of Ministers of the EAC***;

The East African Development Bank (EADB) is one of the Institutions of the EAC. However, the EAC Budget Estimates for Revenue and Expenditure do not comprise the Bank’s Estimates and neither is the Bank audited by the EAC Audit Commission.

Could the Chairperson of the Council therefore inform this August House:

1. What the current shareholding profile of the EADB is?
2. Why the bank does not comply with the EAC Audit Commission framework?
3. Whether the EADB is under the supervision or control of the EAC Secretary General and the EAC Council of Ministers; and if so, under what arrangement does it report to them?

**Clerk’s Chambers**

**Third Floor, EALA Wing**

**EAC Headquarters**

**Arusha, TANZANIA September 27, 2018**