



## EAST AFRICAN LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

### NEWS RELEASE

#### **EALA Adopts Motions on illicit Finance Flows Prevention, Universal Healthcare, and Sporting Excellence**

**Arusha, Tanzania-October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025**– The East African Legislative Assembly (EALA) in its **1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the 4<sup>th</sup> Session** of the 5<sup>th</sup> Assembly meeting in Arusha today commenced a plenary session during which four motions were presented and subsequently adopted, each now referred to the relevant committees for detailed scrutiny and deliberation. The motions reflect the Assembly’s ongoing commitment to financial transparency, regional cooperation, universal health coverage, and the promotion of East Africa’s participation in continental and international sports.

First, the Assembly approved the laying of the Audited Accounts for the financial year ended 30 June 2024. The motion underscores the importance of transparency and accountability in the Community’s finances and ensures that all EAC organs and institutions have their financial statements laid before the Assembly for scrutiny.

Next, a motion moved by **Hon. Ayason Kennedy Mukulia** of the Republic of South Sudan sought leave of the Assembly to introduce a bill aimed at providing regional measures to prevent illicit financial flows into the East African Community. The motion was positioned under Articles 49(2)(d), Chapter 14 of the Treaty and Rule 64 of the Assembly’s Rules of Procedure. Its objective is to bolster regional cooperation, strengthen financial integrity, and safeguard the fiscal space essential for development across the Partner States.

A third motion, moved by **Hon. Amb. Fatuma Ndagiza** of the Republic of Rwanda, urged the Council of Ministers and Partner States to fast-track the attainment of universal health coverage (UHC). This resolution was moved under Articles 49(2)(d), 59(1), and 118 of the Treaty, together with Rule 26 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly. The motion recalls Article 118, which requires Partner States to cooperate in health by promoting efficient health delivery systems, harmonizing health policies and regulations, and supporting the development of health training, research, reproductive health, pharmaceutical products, and preventive medicine. It articulates a clear vision of UHC: that all people should have access to the full range of quality health services they need, when and where they need them, without financial hardship, spanning the continuum

from health promotion to prevention, treatment, rehabilitation, and palliative care across the life course. The impact sought is a harmonized, obligate framework across Partner States that delivers comprehensive health services equitably and sustainably.

Finally, the Assembly adopted a motion commending EAC Partner States for successfully hosting continental and international sports activities. Moved by **Hon. Falhada Dekow Iman** and grounded in Articles 49(2)(d), 59(1), 119(a) and (h) of the Treaty along with Rule 26 of the Rules of Procedure, the motion recognizes the region's capacity to organize major sports events and highlights the role of sports in fostering unity, regional integration, and youth development.

All four motions were adopted and referred to the respective committees for thorough scrutiny and deliberation. The committees are expected to examine the proposed measures, align them with existing national and regional laws, and prepare comprehensive reports with recommendations for the plenary.

The East African Legislative Assembly remains steadfast in its mission to advance regional integration and the well-being of EAC citizens through accountable governance, strengthened financial oversight, improved health outcomes, and the promotion of sports as a unifying force across the region. The Session resumes tomorrow afternoon.

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