

EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY EAST AFRICAN LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

A RESOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY URGING THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY TO ERADICATE THE TRAGIC PHENOMENA OF 'STREET CHILDREN'

WHEREAS Article 59 of the Treaty provides among other things that any Member may introduce any Motion in the House;

AND WHEREAS Article 120 of the Treaty for the Establishment of the East African Community provides that the Partner States undertake inter alia to closely co-operate amongst themselves in the field of social welfare with respect to adopt common approach towards the disadvantaged and marginalised groups, including children, through rehabilitation and foster homes, healthcare, education and training;

CONSIDERING that the Constitution of each Partner State caters for the protection of the Family and especially the children;

FURTHER CONSIDERING that the EAC Partner States are signatories to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child vide General Assembly Resolution 44/25 of 20/4/1989;

RECOGNISING the mission and duty of every Partner State towards its citizens including street children;

RECOGNISING FURTHER that street children live in an inhumane and shameful manner which is not akin to human communities;

CONSIDERING that the promotion of the welfare of the citizens of the Eas African Community, including street children, is one of our cardinal duties;

NOW THEREFORE, THIS ASSEMBLY do resolve to:

- 1. Urge the EAC Secretariat to undertake a comprehensive study for the eradication of the tragic situation of the street children in the EAC region;
- 2. Urge the Secretary General to submit the results of the study to the Assembly at its 1st Meeting of the 4th Session of the 2nd Assembly or soon thereafter within the course of the 4th Session of the Assembly.

MOVED BY: Hon. Leonce Ndarubagiye, Member, EALA

SECONDED BY: Hon. Safina Kwekwe