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**EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY
EAST AFRICAN LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

1ST MEETING - 3RD SESSION - 5TH ASSEMBLY

ORDERS OF THE DAY

PARLIAMENT OF UGANDA

TUESDAY, 29TH OCTOBER, 2024, AT 9:00 AM

1. PRAYER

2. COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

3. LAYING OF PAPERS

- (i) Address of H. E. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, President of the Republic of Uganda on the rationale, vision and guidance on the EAC integration to the East African Legislative Assembly on Tuesday 22nd October 2024.

(Hon. George Odongo)

- (ii) Report of the Council of Ministers on the Management Letters and Financial Statements for East African Community Organs and Institutions for Financial Year ended 30th June 2023.

(Chairperson, Council of Ministers)

- (iii) Report of the Council of Ministers on the Foreign and Security Policies of the East African Community for the period 2021 - 2024.

(Chairperson, Council of Ministers)

- (iv) Report of the Committee on Accounts on the Oversight Activity of the Inter-University Council of East Africa and Lake Victoria Fisheries Organisation.

(Chairperson, Committee on Accounts)

4. PROCLAMATION BY THE SPEAKER

5. ADDRESS BY THE RT. HON. ANITA ANNETE AMONG, SPEAKER OF THE PARLIAMENT OF UGANDA

- Welcome remarks by the Rt. Hon. Speaker, EALA
- Address by the Rt. Hon. Anita Annete Among, Speaker, Parliament of Uganda

6. MOTION ON THE ADDRESS OF H. E. YOWERI KAGUTA MUSEVENI, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA ON THE RATIONALE, VISION AND GUIDANCE ON THE EAC INTEGRATION TO THE EAST AFRICAN LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ON TUESDAY 22ND OCTOBER 2024

(Moved under Articles 11(1), 49 and 59 (1) of the Treaty and Rule 26 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly)

MOTION

"THAT, this Assembly do resolve to record its comments to appreciate the Address of His Excellency Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, President of the Republic of Uganda on the rationale, vision and guidance regarding the EAC Integration during his address to the East African Legislative Assembly on Tuesday 22nd October, 2024."

(Moved by Hon. George Odongo)

7. PRIORITY QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

(i) QUESTION NO. EALA/PQ/OA/5/08/2024

(Hon. Rose Akol to ask the Chairperson of the Council of Ministers:

A Priority Question to the Chair of Council on the status of implementation of the Protocols for the Establishment of EAC Customs Union and the EAC Common Market.

In November, 2013, the Partner States concluded a Protocol for the Establishment of the East African Community Monetary Union.

Article 5 of that Protocol lists the pre-requisites for the establishment of the Monetary Union. In order for the Monetary Union to be established, the Partner States must fully implement the Customs Union Protocol and the Common Market Protocol.

Would the Chairperson of Council inform the House:

- (a) Why the Customs Union Protocol is not fully implemented almost twenty years (2005) after the Protocol was concluded?
- (b) When the Common Market Protocol is likely to be fully implemented in order to support the operationalisation of the Monetary Union?

(ii) QUESTION NO. EALA/PQ/OA/5/09/2024

(Hon. Abubakar KACHWAMBA to ask the Chairperson of the Council of Ministers:

A Priority Question to the Chair of Council on the status of establishing institutions required to support the Monetary Union.

Under Article 5(2) of the Treaty, the Partner States committed to establish among themselves and in accordance with provisions of the Treaty, a customs union, a common market, subsequently monetary union and ultimately political federation.

In 2013, the Summit of EAC Heads of State adopted a Protocol on the Establishment of the Monetary Union and the Council of Ministers adopted a Road-map to establish the Monetary Union by 2024.

Article 20 of the Protocol provides for the establishment of the East African Central Bank and Article 23 provides for establishment of the East African Monetary Institute.

Similarly, Article 21 of the Protocol provides for the Summit on the recommendation of the Council to set up other institutions including those responsible for financial services, inspection, compliance and enforcement, statistics and any other necessary institutions for the proper functioning of the Monetary Union.

Would the Chairperson of Council inform the House:

- (a) Which institutions have been set up to support the Monetary Union?
- (b) Why the institutions required to be established by the Protocol, have not been established?
- (c) Why the process of establishing and setting up institutions to support the Monetary Union is delaying and when these institutions will be established?
- (d) What administrative and policy measures, the Council has put in place to fast-track the establishment of the institutions required for the proper functioning of the Monetary Union.

(iii) **QUESTION NO. EALA/PQ/OA/5/10/2024**

(Hon. (Dr.) Gerald Blacks Siranda to ask the Chairperson of the Council of Ministers:

A Priority Question to the Chair of Council on the status of the East African Community Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Bill, 2013

In March, 2016, the Assembly passed the East African Community Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Bill, 2013.

The objective of the Bill was to provide a legal framework for intervention and assistance for people within the Community affected by climate change and natural hazard-related disasters and to protect the natural environment through integration of comprehensive disaster risk reduction and management practices in the Community.

When the Bill was passed by the Assembly and submitted for Assent, the Republic of Kenya withheld assent pending Council's input into the Bill.

Would the Chairperson of Council inform the House:

- (a) When the Council will finalize the input into the Bill in order for the assent to be finalized.

(b) In the absence of the measures provided for by the Bill, what regional policy and administrative measures the Council has established to promote cooperation by Partner States in disaster risk management?

(iv) **QUESTION NO. EALA/PQ/OA/5/11/2024**

(Hon. (Amb.) Fatuma Ndangiza to ask the Chairperson of the Council of Ministers:

A Priority Question to the Chair of Council on the status of assent of the EAC Corruption and Integrity Bill and the Protocol on Preventing and Combating Corruption.

Article 6 (d) of the Treaty provides for **good governance** as a fundamental principle of the Community, including adherence to the principles of democracy, the rule of law, accountability, transparency, social justice, equal opportunities, gender equality, as well as the recognition, promotion and protection of human and peoples' rights;

On 23rd November, 2021 the Fourth Assembly passed the EAC Integrity and Anti-Corruption Bill.

The objective of the Bill is to promote integrity and ethical values within the Organs and Institutions of the Community and to strengthen the legal framework for preventing and combating corruption within the Organs and Institutions of the Community.

The Council has also been considering the Protocol on Preventing and Combating Corruption which aims at bringing the Partner States together to deal with the transnational character and highly pervasive nature of corruption.

These two instruments are important in promoting accountability and transparency in governance and will enhance the efforts of the Community in preventing and combating corruption and facilitate the cooperation of the national anti-corruption agencies to collectively deal with corruption in the Community.

Would the Chairperson of Council inform the House:

- (a) Why the EAC Integrity and Anti-Corruption Bill has not been presented to the Summit for assent?
- (b) Which Partner States have objected to the assent of the EAC Integrity and Anti-Corruption Bill.
- (c) When the Protocol on Preventing and Combating Corruption will be finalised by the Council
- (d) What administrative and policy measures, the Council has put in place to enhance the fight against corruption in the Organs and Institutions of the Community, in the absence of the Bill.

(v) **QUESTION NO. EALA/PQ/OA/5/12/2024**

(Hon. (Amb.) Fatuma Ndangiza to ask the Chairperson of the Council of Ministers:

Priority Question to the Chairperson of Council on the status of assent of the EAC Gender Equality, Equity and Development Bill.

Under Articles 6 (d) and 121 of the Treaty, the Community recognised that women make a significant contribution towards the process of socio-economic transformation and that it is impossible to implement effective programmes for economic and socio development of the Partner States without the full participation of women.

In 2016, the Assembly passed the EAC Gender Equality, Equity and Development Bill.

The objective of the Bill is to promote gender equality, protection and development and to promote the participation of women in EAC activities and programmes by entrenching gender policies and providing principles for harmonisation of national laws with regional and international instruments promoting gender equality and development.

Would the Chairperson of Council inform the House:

- (a) When the EAC Gender Equality, Equity and Development Bill will be presented to the Summit for assent?
- (b) Whether any Partner States have objected to the assent of the EAC Gender Equality, Equity and Development Bill.
- (c) In the absence of the Bill, what administrative and policy measures, the Council has put in place to promote and mainstream gender and the full participation of women in the development of the Community as envisaged by the Treaty.

8. ADJOURNMENT