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*The East African Legislative Assembly met at 10.00 a.m. in the
Chamber of the Parliament of Uganda, Kampala.*

PRAYER

(The Speaker, Mr Abdi H. Abdirahin, in the Chair.)

The Assembly was called to order

The Speaker: Hon. Members, amidst us today is His Excellency Mwai Kibaki, President of the Republic of Kenya. (Applause) I have in accordance with the provisions of Article 54 of the Treaty invited him to address this Assembly. I would now like to

make the following proclamation to welcome the presence, in the Assembly, of the President of the Republic of Kenya.

"WHEREAS Clause (1) of Article 54 of the Treaty provides that the Speaker of the Assembly can 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 of the Assembly renders his or her presence desirable.

AND WHEREAS in the opinion of the Speaker, the attendance and presence in the Assembly of His Excellency the President of the Republic of Kenya and current Chairperson of EAC Summit of Heads of State is desirable in accordance with the Business now before the Assembly.

NOW THEREFORE, It is with great pleasure and honour, on your behalf, hon. Members to welcome in this Assembly, the presence of the President of the Republic of Kenya." Karibu sana Mwishemewa Raisi. (Applause)

REMARKS BY THE SPEAKER OF THE PARLIAMENT OF UGANDA

The Speaker: Hon. Members, as you are ware, hon. Kadaga was with us yesterday and I said everything I had to say about hon. Kadaga. I wouldn't want to repeat it again so that I am repetitive. But, Your Excellency, hon. Kadaga is the first lady

Speaker in the entire history of Uganda. *(Applause)* She was elected in this Parliament, which I think is nearly a year old and was elected resoundingly by all Members of the assembly. She is also the current Chair of the East African Community Speakers Forum. And now that we are in her precincts, she would like to say a few words of welcome before you give your address. Madam Speaker, *karibu sana*. *(Applause)*

The Speaker of the Parliament of Uganda (Ms Rebecca Kadaga):

Your Excellency, President of the Republic of Kenya, President Mwai Kibaki, Rt hon. Speaker of the East African Legislative Assembly, Rt hon. Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for EAC, Uganda, the ministers of the East African Cooperation of Burundi, Rwanda, Kenya and Tanzania, the ministers accompanying the President of Kenya, the Secretary General of the EAC, hon. Members of the Uganda Parliament who are here, I have seen the former Secretaries General of the East African Community and former Members of EALA, we would like to welcome you here, Your Excellencies the High Commissioners and Ambassadors present today, I want to take this opportunity to thank the Speaker of EALA for giving me yet another opportunity to make a few remarks on this very important and historic day in the life of the

Uganda Parliament and the Uganda people. It is again with pleasure that I welcome you to the parliament and to Kampala.

Today is a special day for the East African Community when the state of the Community address which is vital in informing all of us what is happening in the Partner States is to be delivered. I warmly welcome you, Your Excellency, President Kibaki and I believe this address will be very invaluable in informing the people of Uganda and of East Africa about our integration. And for me it is even a greater pleasure to host the first foreign President in my tenure as a speaker. *(Applause)* But I am even more honoured to receive in this chamber one who left Uganda as a student many years ago has returned as a president but has also been conferred with the highest honour of the PhD degree of Makerere University. Your Excellency, we congratulate you. *(Applause)*

Let me take this opportunity to salute the Speaker and the Members of the East African legislative Assembly for the work done during their tenure; I know that it is about to end, but I want to commend them for moving in addition to the government work, Private Members Bills, meaning that the views of the people of East Africa are being brought into the integration

process through their representatives. We thank you very much.

(Applause)

Mr Speaker and hon. Members, this is the year of the golden jubilee of Uganda's independence; we shall be 50 years old on the 9th of October and I again inform the gathering here and Your Excellency President Mwai Kibaki that the contribution of Uganda Parliament to the golden jubilee will be the hosting of the 126th IPU Assembly in this country at the end of March.

(Applause)

Mr Speaker and hon. Members, we need to remind ourselves of our targets; we are halfway through what was budgeted by the heads of state and it is imperative that we do what the people of East Africa are yearning for. We still have a few challenges but I want to thank our leaders; one, for declaring the decade of maternal health in Kampala in July last year and I look forward to an improvement in the lives of our people during that time.

We are also mindful of the present difficulties in our region from drought; from hunger; from floods but also the issue of piracy on the high seas which has contributed to the increase in the costs of certain basic services to the people of this region. I hope that these and others will be addressed to enable us give services to our people.

Mr Speaker and Your Excellency the President, I thank you very much and you are welcome to enjoy the facilities of the Uganda Parliament. Thank you very much. *(Applause)*

The Speaker: Your Excellency, Dr Mwai Kibaki, President of the Republic of Kenya and Chairperson of the Summit of the EAC Heads of State, the Rt hon. Rebecca Kadaga, Speaker of the Parliament of Uganda and Chairperson of the EAC Speakers Forum, hon. **Musa Seruma**, Chairperson of the EAC Council of Ministers, hon. Ministers, hon. Members of EALA and the Parliament of Uganda, hon. Secretary General of the East African Community, Your Excellencies, Ambassadors and High Commissioners and other members of the diplomatic corps, all Distinguished invited Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen, it is with great pleasure that I rise to welcome Your Excellency to today's Special Sitting of the Assembly. May I take this opportunity to thank you for graciously accepting my invitation to address this august House.

May I also use this opportunity, though belatedly, to congratulate you, for once again being elected the Chairperson of the Summit of the EAC Heads of State. *(Applause)* We continue to place our trust in your leadership and vision when it comes to EAC matters where you have on many occasions offered solutions necessary for deeper integration. We are, therefore,

thankful to all the Members of the Summit for having done their noble duty to entrust you with the leadership of the EAC.

Your Excellency, your presence over the years has been characterised by a number of positives, which I wish to briefly enumerate:

- We congratulate you for your academic achievements at Makerere University where you earned a first class degree in economics with honours and later came back to lecture at the university. (*Applause*)
- We congratulate you upon being conferred with you an honorary degree of laws, one of the most prestigious awards at Makerere University yesterday. (*Applause*) This resonates with your academic brilliance. The award exemplifies your distinguished academic and leadership achievements. Lord of economics, gender reforms and transformation to empower women across social and political spheres. (*Applause*)
- You have proven that leadership can originate from humble beginnings. Born in rural Kenya to parents who were peasants, you have risen to lead Kenya. In addition, Kenya

and the other countries in the region have immensely benefited from your all-round dedicated service. You have served as: a civil servant, academician, lecturer, parliamentarian, member and Chair of parliamentary committees, Leader of Government Business in Parliament, minister, Vice-President, Leader of Opposition, President, and Member and Chair of the EAC Summit. (Applause) When people talk about federation, maybe we can also add on the list the next President of the EAC Federation. (Laughter) Truly, many East Africans are inspired by your success story which is a glimmer of hope for the people of East Africa.

- Under you, Kenya has enjoyed a prolonged spate of peace. Your Government's action against the Al-Shabaab also serves as testimony to your desire for peace in Kenya and the neighbouring countries. (Applause)
- As Commander-in-Chief of the armed forces in Kenya, you have shown leadership by protecting the borders of Kenya. The gesture contributes to ensuring peace not only in Kenya but for the entire East African Region. EALA supports this

initiative since a peaceful region is essential in order to ensure progress and development.

- You have demonstrated a sense of strong leadership on issues of good governance and rule of law. Indeed Your Excellency, you are among the very few leaders at the helm that are properly steering a coalition government. The world has lessons to learn from the Kenya's success story.

(Applause)

- Kenya has enjoyed and continues to enjoy your very rich constitutional wisdom. Very few of us may know that you and a few colleagues drafted a document that was later to become Kenya's first Constitution. Some people have it that you drafted this document in a "small joint" somewhere in Nairobi in just a few hours because you had and always have had Kenya at heart. You also participated in the subsequent constitutional amendments and presided over the recent new Constitution which is now a beacon of hope.

- Under your leadership Kenya is building a modern day prosperous economy, for the future of our region.

- Last but not least you have continued to maintain Kenya's commitment in the EAC integration agenda.

Your Excellency, turning to the speech you are about to deliver, it is and has now become known as the State of the East African Community Address, which is delivered annually by the sitting Chairperson of the EAC Summit of Heads of State .

The Assembly started this way back in 2008 when His Excellency Yoweri Kaguta Museveni addressed the Assembly. Ever since then, it is done annually thus: His Excellency Paul Kagame (2009) in Arusha, His Excellency Jakaya Murisho Kikwete (2010) in Nairobi, and His Excellency Pierre Nkuruziza (2011) in Kigali respectively have delivered the address. It is on this premise that you will today address the Assembly.

The address is mainly done for the following reasons:

- a) It espouses the Chair of the Summit's vision and mission during his tenure by clearly putting forth the priorities of the Community for the coming year.

- b) It provides an opportunity for the Assembly to be officially notified of the decisions and future plans of the Summit and the Council.
- c) It provides an opportunity for the Assembly to interface with the Chair of the Summit on important EAC issues.
- d) It provides an opportunity for the citizens of East Africa to get to know of the developments in the Community. Moreover, the address provides the opportunity to Members of the Assembly to debate the Address; and then use it as a basis for follow-up on whether the priorities are budgeted for and implemented.

Lastly, I, wish to report to Your Excellency, that this Assembly even in the remaining time, is dedicated and committed to its role as the legislative organ of the Community. (Applause) We pledge our unwavering support and commitment to work closely with you; with the EAC Summit; the Council of Ministers and other organs and institutions of the Community until the dream of a United East Africa is realised.

Finally, Your Excellency, the people of Kenya will soon go into general elections to choose their leaders. We wish them peaceful elections and to assure them that the people of East Africa are with them. At a personal level, I wish all Kenyans who may wish to contest for various offices the very best of luck and success. The same goes to all East Africans who are interested in contesting as Members of EALA. I know hon. members of EALA don't like me saying that because people will know that elections are coming but you have to go for elections. As you can see and feel, it is a real election mood everywhere.

With regard to the elections of the next Members of EALA, I wish to report that the current members of EALA have tremendously well and I beseege the Parliament and people of Kenya to consider them first when they are electing the new Members.

(Applause)

Your Excellency, before I call you, I would like to recognise some dignitaries who have come to listen to you here today; we have heads of organs of the EAC institutions, could you please, stand up for recognition. *(Applause)* We have permanent secretaries from the Republic of Uganda and the Republic of Kenya; we have the Vice Chancellor, Makerere University. I would

like to say that he rode on our back yesterday when he was conferring the degree on His Excellency, he chose the dates which were close to EALA so to make sure that His Excellency would be here-(*Laughter*)- we have some former Members of EALA, could you, please stand up; I saw hon. Yona Kanyomozi; we have hon. Amanywa Mushega the former Secretary General of the EAC; we have Ambassadors and High Commissioners, could you please, stand up; we have Members of Parliament from Uganda; we have ministers from the Republic of Uganda - I thought hon. Kategaya would stand up-(*Laughter*)-but he is a Member of EALA; we also have in the entourage of the President ministers from the Republic of Kenya- we have the Minister of Foreign Affairs, hon. Moses Wetangula and hon. Asman Kamama, Assistant Minister for Higher Education. (*Applause*)

Finally, Your Excellency it is now with great pleasure and honour that I execute my humble duty to welcome Your Excellency to address this august House today Wednesday 25th January, 2012, *karibu sana Mheshimiwa Rais.* (*Applause*)

The President of the Republic of Kenya (Mr Mwai Kibaki): The Speaker of the East African Legislative Assembly, hon. Members,

Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen, I am pleased to join you for this Special Sitting of the East African Legislative Assembly. I thank the Government and the people of Uganda for hosting this Session of the Assembly. I also thank the hon. Speaker for inviting me to deliver the annual State of EAC Address.

During this 5th Session, Honourable Members will deliberate on crucial legislative matters regarding our Community. These include the following Bills:

1. Inter-University Council of East Africa Bill;
2. The EAC Trans-Boundary Ecosystem Management Bill; and
3. The EAC Polythene Materials Control Bill.

Members will also receive and consider reports from various committees of the Assembly, as well as hold briefing sessions with senior members of the Secretariat. This is, therefore, an important session which will further build on what has been achieved so far.

Mr. Speaker, over the last 10 years, our Community has made tremendous achievements that have facilitated socio-economic development in all our partner states. For instance, since the launch of the Customs Union, and subsequently of the Common

Market, regional trade has improved with intra-EAC trade increasing from about US \$ 2 billion 2005 to US \$ 4 billion in 2010. *(Applause)*

As benefits of regional integration begin to be felt in various sectors, the expectations of our people are increasing. The ordinary citizens of East Africa are keen to see tangible benefits in form of increased employment, rising household incomes and better infrastructure. We, therefore, need to hasten and deepen the pace of the integration process. *(Applause)*

To this end, there is urgent need to focus on the following three critical areas:

First, we must diversify the economies of our region. Agriculture is the main economic activity in all the five Partner States in our Community. The agriculture practiced in our region is generally not mechanized and there are few agricultural value addition industries.

There is need for rapid development demands that we begin focusing and investing in industrialization including value addition.

Let us take advantage of the resources in our region, both natural and human to develop processing, manufacturing and basic industries as well as many forms of non-agricultural industrial activities. Indeed no country or region in the world has transformed without rapid industrialization. We also need to focus on growth of sectors such as tourism and ICT.

While it is commendable that tourist arrivals to our region have now surpassed the 4 million mark, this number is still small, indeed smaller than what individual countries such as South Africa and Egypt receive.

We must, therefore, invest in tourism promotion through innovative ways including projects that will, for example, offer tourists to our region opportunities to visit circuits that will take them to different parts of East Africa. *(Applause)*

Regarding ICT, we should encourage innovation and facilitate the establishment of enterprises such as business process outsourcing centres. The massive penetration of mobile telephony in our region offers great opportunity for development of mobile applications and systems that will improve the lives of our people.

Second, it is important for all EAC Partner States to fully implement the Common Market Protocol to ensure free movement of people, goods, services, capital and rights of residence and establishment. *(Applause)* The focus in this area should be on ensuring adherence to the agreed commitments in the Protocol for the establishment of the Common Market within the set timeframes. We should also fast-track the transposition of national laws that contradict the Common Market spirit to enable its successful implementation.

Third, we must invest more in infrastructure development. As the region aspires to deepen and widen the integration process, the development of modern infrastructure in the region is indeed a critical foundation for industrialization and free movement of people and goods. Poor infrastructure hampers any form of movement geared to development.

Fortunately, we have experienced considerable progress in the area. Commendable work is being done in the implementation of the East African Road Network Project across the region. Focus should now be placed on upgrading and modernizing the current railway network in addition to extending it to other parts of the Community. *(Applause)*

The shortfall in the supply of power remains a major constraint to economic development in the EAC economies. Several projects aimed at building a reliable power supply capacity across the region are currently underway. These include the Bujagali Hydro Power Project here in Uganda as well as the expansion of geothermal power generation at Olkaria in Kenya.

Mr. Speaker, the success of our Community is directly related to peace and stability in our neighbouring states. Our engagement in bringing law and order in Somalia is driven by the desire to bring about peace, stability and development in this region. I commend all EAC Partner States that have committed resources and personnel in this noble endeavour. Our goal is to help the Transitional Federal Government of Somalia gain full control of the country and commence the work of national reconstruction.

In conclusion, Mr. Speaker, I salute this Second East African Legislative Assembly for effectively discharging its oversight and legislative role of the integration process. I also thank our development partners for the support they have continued to extend to us. It is my hope that this partnership will continue.

With these remarks, Ladies and Gentlemen, Mr. Speaker, I wish the Assembly fruitful deliberations during this Session. Thank you and God bless you all. (Applause)

VOTE OF THANKS TO THE SPEECH BY H.E. THE PRESIDENT

The Speaker: Hon. Sebalu could you move a vote of thanks on our behalf.

Mr Mike Sebalu (Uganda): Thank you very much Rt hon. Speaker. Your Excellency Dr Mwai Kibaki, Rt hon. Speaker of EALA, Rt hon. Speaker of the Parliament of Uganda, the Chairperson Council of Ministers and all Council members, hon. Members of EALA, hon. Members of national parliaments, the Secretary General and all staff of the East African Legislative Assembly and the Parliament of Uganda. It is such a great honour and privilege to be accorded this singular responsibility of moving a vote of thanks to a distinguished son of Africa; a distinguished son of East Africa originating from Kenya.

The work of moving a vote of thanks was made very easy and I am simply doing this in addition to what Makerere University did yesterday because that is the greatest vote of thanks that can ever be accorded to a person of H.E. Mwai Kibaki. May I at this point in time beg for your indulgence so that we can give a standing ovation accompanied by a befitting round of applause to Dr Mwai Kibaki. (Applause) Thank you very much for your kind indulgence. We have had professors of politics but now we have a

doctor of politics among others, congratulations Your Excellency.

Rt hon. Speaker, it is indeed not an easy task to move a vote of thanks to a person of the calibre of H.E. Mwai Kibaki whose history is a very interesting one. He is the last son of Kibaki Githinji and Theresa Wanjiku. Now being the last son, he came and went with all the luck that could have been in that family because he has risen to become the first citizen of the Republic of Kenya; last born becoming the first citizen of Kenya, what a big achievement? It is something to write home about.

Your excellence begun long before you became Your Excellency because at school all records do indicate that you excelled and available records show that you excelled so well at high school that you earned yourself a scholarship to Makerere University, Kampala, which was the only place to be at the time. Congratulations, Your Excellency. *(Laughter)*

While at Makerere, you again did excel and earned yourself a first class degree in economics and this too earned you another scholarship to a university of your choice in Britain. That is another level of excellence before you became Your Excellency. And in Britain, your choice of such a university was the prestigious London School of Economics where you again excelled

before becoming Your Excellency by earning yourself a first class degree. The records show that you were the first Kenyan, if not the first East African to earn a first class degree at the London School of Economics. *(Applause)*

After that level of excellence, His Excellency took his excelling attributes to the field and he did lecture at Makerere University where records do indicate that you preformed your duties with excellence, diligence and in decorum.

Your Excellency, you did not stop there, you became the first African to hold a managerial position in the corporate world being the first Regional Manager of Shell. That is another level of excellence. For Members who are not aware of this, when you see Shell and what it is, the brains of His Excellency gave it that initial kick start, congratulations Your Excellency. *(Applause)*

Your Excellency, your whole life is legendary and is spiced with a legacy of exceptional achievements.

Rt hon. Speakers, this is a true story of outstanding achievements but if I go through it, you may imagine that I am engaging in fiction. I am not. Can you imagine being a Member of Parliament for over 40 years and yet you are still one?

(Laughter) Thank you Your Excellency. Many of us are aspiring to get to that level. If we could get a few more terms we shall be grateful. Getting halfway your level is not a bad bargain.

Your Excellency, you were a Minister of Finance for 24 years; being an exchequer for 24 years is something to write home about and records indicate that you are the longest serving and most competent Minister of Finance in the whole of Africa. (Applause)

Being a Vice President for 10 years is not a simple feat in political terms but Your Excellency you did serve at that level with a lot of dedication and diligence to your country.

Being a President for your country for 10 years is another achievement added to your long list of achievements. But what is very interesting is that the shortest spell that H. E. Ever occupied in political life was Leader of Opposition. That was the briefest responsibility you have taken and I think that is something to be emulated about. Try as much as possible to spend less time as Leader of Opposition and longer time as a leader, then your record is more distinguished.

Your Excellency, you are an integral part of the evolution and development of the Kenyan politics in as far as democratisation and constitutionalism are concerned. The history of Kenya can

never be written properly without your active participation and your contribution. Congratulations, Your Excellency for that wonderful tenure of duty that you are still undertaking.

At the East African level, Your Excellency you have not been found wanting either. You have excelled just in the same way you have done at the national level. You have been a shining star of the region at national, regional and international level. Your participation in the international fora and your contributions in terms of bargaining and articulating the needs; the demands; and the aspirations of the region are indeed very well appreciated.

You are a pillar of integration and I can only describe you as a supporter and promoter of integration at all times and circumstances. In other words, you are a man of all seasons on all matters of the integration.

You have indeed been part of the integration right from the first phase of integration and you have been very consistent at all levels of our integration agenda. Even up to today, your coming here out of your busy schedule is a clear manifestation of your unwavering support and commitment to your region in general.

Your Excellency, the address you have just given to us this morning has been a very important one and you have fulfilled the requirements of our procedures where we always pay audience to the Chairperson of the Summit of the Heads of State giving the State of the East African Address. You have indeed done it in a manner that will make it relevant to all East Africans and Ugandans.

You have given us the background and the where we have come from in terms of performance, where we are and where we intend to go and specifically you have raised three very important areas of focus, which we should take seriously as parliamentarians and other leaders within the region both at the Executive and civil service level .

You have rightly identified the issue of diversifying the economies of the region and you have pointed out that we need to industrialise, we need to invest more in tourism and be able to build a good synergy for our economies. This is a matter that we have take seriously and we are going to play our part at our level.

You have also raised the issue of full implementation of the Common Market by all Partner States. Your Excellency that issue has been raised in the most relebvant audience. This is a matter

that our Speaker and all Members of EALA have been expounding calling upon Partner States to leave up to the expectations of the East African people regarding the commitments that they have made and they seek to implement. I believe that the Council of Ministers have taken that matter very seriously and we promise to work with them to ensure that the next time we meet, that will be part of history.

Your Excellency, you have also raised the issue of infrastructural development; definitely that is a matter of serious concern if we are to integrate and move to the level that we desire as a region. In the same vein, I believe that all those that are concerned and have powers to play a part will definitely play their part accordingly.

Your Excellency, we have indeed benefited from your presence, we have benefitted from your inspiration and we have benefitted from your commitment. Allow me, Your Excellency to thank the Rt hon. Speaker of EALA for always ensuring that EALA transacts its business in a rotational manner thereby bringing the parliament and the integration process nearer to the people in order to answer the call and demands of the Treaty that the integration process should be people centred. Rt hon. Speaker, we thank you for that commitment and consistency in that regard. *(Applause)*

Your Excellency, allow me also to thank the Rt hon. Speaker of the Uganda Parliament. Indeed she has been a wonderful host and as we speak, Members of Parliament of Uganda are displaced persons within their own home. We have a saying that "internally displaced persons" so they are IDPs in the strangers gallery and yet they are no strangers to this Parliament. But that was due to the magnanimity of their Speaker to accord us the highest level of courtesy and hospitality to enable us perform our duties in a very enabling environment. Thank you very much Rt hon. Speaker and all members of your staff.

I would like to thank the Chairman and Members of the Council of Ministers for their continued cooperation and allowing us to work with them in a cordial manner because we are all serving the same people. They are always available and we always do our work in a **collegial** way. So I want to thank them before you, Your Excellency and I believe they are even going to do better and make us deliver during our final round of duty.

Your Excellency, allow me to thank the Secretary General and members of staff. They too do good work and have facilitated this meeting. It can never be successful without their input.

Allow me to thank Members of EALA; you are a committed team of legislators and with that level of commitments and diligence

that you have served the East African Community, I want to address this to the Chair Council, this team of legislators can benefit from another round of service to the East African Community. (Applause) This could be a by the way but it could be a matter you could consider at the Summit and see how best you can allow continuity and good performance.

Allow me to thank members of the media; they have done a great job in facilitating and popularising the integration process. Members of the media we shall always be indebted to you for your commitment and the contribution that you make in terms of sharing issues of integration with the rest of the public.

Rt hon. Speaker, with those not too few words, I wish to once again thank you for making it possible for us to meet in Kampala and for the kind invitation extended to His Excellency the Chairman of the Summit who gladly accepted to come and address us as per the provisions of our procedures.

Your Excellency, I would wish to thank you once again and wish you journey mercies when the time comes but you should definitely know and appreciate that Uganda and Kampala in particular is your home and you could find some time off to touch base with some of the places you used to enjoy during your college days and some of the Members may be willing to touch

base with you. Thank you very much, Your Excellence and may God bless you. (Applause)

The Speaker: Hon. Members, maybe another round of applause for hon. Sebalu. (Applause) Before I go to the other business, His Excellency has requested that he would like to once again say a few words. (Applause)

The President of the Republic of Kenya (H. E Mwai Kibaki):
Ladies and Gentlemen, I know that you already know what a great thing it is that we have a lady Speaker in Kampala - (Applause) - and that she is at this opening of the East African Assembly. It is a great joy because I don't think that we have a lady Speaker in any of the other five states. And most important, it is not just that it is unique; it is that it has been done as a natural thing that we should have a lady speaker. (Applause) I felt that it would be wrong for me to leave here without saying how grateful I am and without saying thank you to the Ugandan Parliament and to everybody who has been involved for the reason that we are making progress and we have made very great progress. We want to congratulate you, thank you very much indeed; *asante sana*. (Applause)

ADJOURNMENT

The Speaker: Thank you very much Your Excellency. Hon. Members, if you listened to His Excellency very well today, he added another word to the Treaty which I hope they will amend. He said, "Widen, deepen and hasten." So, I hope you heard that one; you bring it forward for amendment to the Treaty. *(Laughter)* Hon. Members, we have come to the end of today's business. Again Your Excellency I would like to thank you again on my own behalf and on behalf of all these Members for having found time from your busy schedule to be with us here today.

Hon. Members, His Excellency has also accepted to join us for lunch after this and but since he is on a tight programme, it would be good if after the photographs you would go to your respective vehicles and immediately go to Serena. So, let us hasten it.

Two, I would like to say that the people who would like to go to Kapchorwa- I know there are some who are already registered- if you could please register with the Clerk's office because we will be going far it will be difficult to be back on Friday morning. So, we have changed the programme. Whatever we were having with the Deputy Secretary General will happen on Monday morning and hon. Members, please be on time on Monday morning

for the briefing of the DSG. With those few remarks, I now adjourn the House until Monday, 2.30 p.m. Thank you.

(The House rose at ...)