



**EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY
EAST AFRICAN LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

**MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY TO CONGRATULATE ITS
MEMBERS AND STAFF FOR AN EXEMPLARY PERFORMANCE AT THE 6TH
INTER-PARLIAMENTARY GAMES 2015 IN KIGALI, RWANDA**

PURSUANT to provisions of Article 49 (2) (a) of the Treaty for the Establishment of the East African Community, the EAC Inter-Parliamentary Games is a key aspect of building relations between the East African Legislative Assembly (EALA) and the National Assemblies in the EAC region.

RECOGNISING the decision by the EAC Speakers' Forum in 2009, to institutionalize the Inter-Parliamentary Games as an annual activity while employing the principle of rotation and by urging all National Assemblies and Parliaments to have a budget line to facilitate their respective teams' to participate annually;

WHEREAS Article 119 of the Treaty for the Establishment of the East African Community obliges the Partner States to promote close co-operation amongst themselves in culture and sports, with respect to;

- a) the promotion and enhancement of diverse sports activities;
- b) the development of mass media programmes on matters that will promote the development of culture and sports within the Community;

AND WHEREAS through the Inter-Parliamentary Games, Members of Parliament have enhanced interaction with the citizenry of the Partner States, leveraged sensitisation of EAC citizens and has contributed to the health of Members and staff;

RECALLING THAT THE EAC Inter-Parliamentary Games Tournament has been held six times to date and this is the 1st time in the entire history of the Tournament that EALA/EAC wins gold medals and a trophy in football;

NOTING THAT to be able to retain the trophy for keeps, EAC/EALA should win the next two subsequent football tournaments

FURTHER NOTING THAT the Inter-Parliamentary Games Tournament has realised benefits in EAC Integration matters as evidenced by the growing interest and increased participation from the Members and Staff;

APPRECIATING the Speakers' Bureau for budgetary support leading to the Introduction of different sporting disciplines including football, netball, volleyball, golf, tug of war and athletics, while encouraging the participation of all National Assemblies and Parliaments in all the above;

I BEG TO MOVE THAT THE 3RD ASSEMBLY IN ITS 4TH SITTING OF ITS 4TH MEETING DO NOW RESOLVE TO:

1. Congratulate its football team for defeating Parliament of Uganda 4-3 on penalties to be declared the Champions of the 6th Inter-Parliamentary Football game.
2. Congratulate the other teams of EALA for significant improvements in their performance and as well as participation of other National Assemblies which was exhibited with high level of discipline attributed to the Pre-Conference tournament message.
3. That the Assembly do provide time in every Plenary for Members and Staff to engage in training and friendly matches since the disciplines have increased. And with additional resources, the teams can then be involved in other tournaments besides the Inter-Parliamentary Games as a means of enhancing outreach in the Partner States.
4. Explore avenues for additional resources for initiating a better organised training regime of EALA Members and staff given its uniqueness in the way it conducts its work that does not enable Members to stay together during the year.
5. Explore avenues of forming regional Parliamentary teams that can play in future with their counterparts in other Regional Economic Communities and integration and,
6. Congratulate the host country, Republic of Rwanda for the adequate preparations and the Organising Committee for delivering yet another successful Tournament.

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