



**EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY
EAST AFRICAN LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

RESOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY TO CONDOLE WITH THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLES OF THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA OVER THE TRAGIC LOSS OF LIVES IN THE WESTGATE MALL ATTACK AND URGING THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS TO EXPEDITE THE ESTABLISHMENT AND RATIFICATION OF A REGIONAL MECHANISM FOR EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF DECISIONS MADE IN AREAS OF PEACE AND SECURITY

By Hon. Jeremie Ngendekumana and adopted by the Assembly on 24th October 2013

THIS ASSEMBLY:

AWARE THAT in order to promote the achievement of the objectives of the Community set out in the Treaty the Partner States agreed under Article 5 (3)(f) of the Treaty to promote peace, security and stability within, and good neighbourliness' among themselves;

AND FURTHER AWARE THAT a number of regional efforts aimed at promoting peace and security are in place although noting that the EAC Protocol on peace and security is being negotiated at a *snails pace*;

RECALLING THAT under Article 124 of the Treaty the Partner States agreed that peace and security are pre-requisites to social and economic development within the Community and vital to the achievement of the objectives of the Community;

CONCERNED THAT the recent Westgate Mall tragedy has taken lives and inflicted a lot of pain and suffering on Kenyans, East Africans and their global friends and citizens who call Nairobi *home*;

FURTHER CONCERNED THAT the agents of terror, themselves craven wretches and lowly cowards, had the agenda of perpetrating grievous mayhem in one of our Partner States, senselessly killing, maiming, and traumatizing harmless and innocent people;

COGNISANT OF THE FACT THAT President Yoweri Museveni of Uganda and Chair of the EAC Heads of State as well as, President Jakaya Kikwete of Tanzania, President Paul Kagame of Rwanda and President Pierre Nkurunziza of Burundi all being Members of the summit, issued statements of solidarity and have been following the events on a daily basis to maintain their solidarity with the people of Kenya and to encourage President Uhuru Kenyatta in these trying moments;

APPRECIATING the efforts by all the other categories of leaders who stood by the people of Kenya to give them further assurances during this time of despair, that the Kenyan spirit shall remain ever glowing since Kenyans are one indivisible family that cannot be deterred by acts of cowardice;

FURTHER APPRECIATING the efforts of the Kenya security forces to put to an end the three day siege of the Westgate Mall by the coward forces of the Al-shabab;

MINDFUL THAT peace, security and strong political relations are critical factors in creating a conducive environment for regional cooperation and integration;

CONSCIOUS of the fact that close cooperation, mutual understanding and collaboration in matters of peace and security will be to the mutual benefit of the Partner States;



NOW THEREFORE DO RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS: —

1. To condemn in the strongest possible terms the tragic incident that took place during midday of 21st September, 2013 at the Westgate Mall, where more than 60 shoppers, staff and soldiers were killed, more than 200 people injured, properties worth millions of dollars damaged in the attack occasioned by the Al-shabab criminals.
2. To extend our deepest heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families, relatives and friends of those who have lost their lives and to wish the injured quick recovery. In this moment of deep sadness and loss, the Assembly expresses its solidarity with H.E. Uhuru Kenyatta, the President of the Republic of Kenya, and the Government of people of the Republic of Kenya.
3. To pay our tribute to the gallant soldiers, the general security unit (GSU), the police officers, members of the medical teams, rescue teams, blood donors, and all those who worked tirelessly for their bravery, putting their lives on the hook so that the victims of the siege could live.
4. To salute the international community for providing expertise to diffuse the situation and for assisting in one way or another to address the problem.
5. To urge for expeditious establishment and ratification of a regional mechanism for effective implementation of decisions made in areas of peace and security to consolidate further ties of friendship and fraternity amongst Partner States in the hour of need.



6. To urge the EAC Council of Ministers and the Secretariat to push for the Peace and Security Protocol to be brought in place so that when one of the Partner States is attacked, others move together to defend it.
7. To urge the EAC Council of Ministers to expedite the establishment and ratification of regional mechanisms for effective implementation of the decisions made in areas of peace and security to consolidate further ties of friendship and fraternity among Partner States in the hour of need.

CERTIFIED BY:



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