



**EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY
EAST AFRICAN LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**



RESOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY URGING THE SUMMIT OF EAC HEADS OF STATE TO INTERVENE AND RESOLVE THE CONFLICT BETWEEN SOUTH SUDAN AND SUDAN AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS

By Hon. Clarkson O. Karan and adopted by the Assembly on Thursday 31st May, 2012

WHEREAS Sudan and South Sudan became two separate countries on 9th July, 2011 when South Sudan attained her independence making it the newest independent nation;

WHEREAS the separation into two independent nations provided a beckon of hope to the two Countries to work towards peaceful co-existence as separate entities since the war they fought from 1983 until at the time of the negotiated peace agreement was more about a war of independence and therefore with the independence, this concern appeared effectively resolved since the issue and all other concerns are well documented in the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA);

AND WHEREAS the EAC Partner State were in a celebratory mood created by the independence of South Sudan because they, for the first time, realized that peace would reign at the borders of the East African Community on the side of South Sudan while at the same time they craved for the economic opportunities between and amongst the people of the East African Community and those of our neighbors in South Sudan;

CONSIDERING that this House translated the joy of East Africans on the attainment of independence into a resolution which was acclaimed both regionally and

internationally congratulating South Sudan and urging all stakeholders including the East African Community to work together to build the economic, political, social, security and other means of livelihood support for this new nation to unlock its vast economic potential;

CONCERNED however that since the separation of the two countries, their relations have been volatile culminating into among others, occupation of territory; economic blockades especially in the transportation of South Sudan crude oil through the pipelines running through Sudan and levying on high tariffs for transportation of oil; disputes about borders etc;

FURTHER CONCERNED that the returns on trade for the EAC Partner State and her people have greatly declined causing misery to our traders in South Sudan and they have even urged the respective governments to intervene;

AWARE that several continental and international efforts especially from the AU, UN, EU and respective Partner State are in play to try and resolve the problem between the two countries;

NOW THEREFORE this Assembly do resolve as follow:-

- (i) Urge the EAC through the Summit of Heads of State to bring the two Countries to conform to the requirements of Comprehensive Peace Agreement during the ongoing negotiations;
- (ii) Urge the East African Community to fast-track the admission of South Sudan into the Community in accordance with the requirements of the Treaty for the Establishment of the East African Community;
- (iii) Direct the Secretary General to transmit this resolution to the Chairperson of the Summit of the EAC Heads of State for further action.



CERTIFIED BY:

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DATE: 1st June 2012

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