



**EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY  
EAST AFRICAN LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY URGING THE EAC PARTNER STATES TO  
ADOPT THE AFRICAN CHARTER ON DEMOCRACY, ELECTIONS AND  
GOVERNANCE**

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By Hon. Abubakar Zein Abubakar and adopted by the Assembly on Thursday  
January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015

**THAT THIS ASSEMBLY:**

**RECALLING THAT** the East African Community (EAC) is founded on the fundamental principles provided for in Article 6 of the Treaty, which among other principles establishes that the community shall be governed by, *"(d) good governance 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 in accordance with the provisions of the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights"*;

**FURTHER AWARE THAT** the Community has made this principle of good governance and democracy one of the critical criteria of assessing any future application for joining the Community;

**ACKNOWLEDGING THAT** steps to inculcate these principles in the life of the Community have been taken by various Organs of the Community including the development of principles for credible elections and their observations;

**AWARE THAT** Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, and Uganda have signed the African Charter on Democracy, Elections and Governance;

**APPRECIATING THAT** Rwanda has ratified this important African Instrument of Democracy;

**CONCERNED THAT** Burundi, Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania have not yet ratified this African Union instrument;



**CONVINCED THAT** the vision and principles of the African Charter on Democracy, Elections and Governance are compatible with the EAC Treaty,

**FURTHER CONVINCED THAT** the ratification of this critical African instrument will deepen and entrench the efforts of the Community to enhance democracy in the Community;

**RECALLING THAT** this African Charter was informed by various Declarations and Decisions of the OAU/AU including - the 1990 Declaration on the Political and Social – Economic situation in Africa and the fundamental changes taking place in the world, the 1995 Cairo Agenda for the Re-Launch of Africa's Economic and Social Development, the 1999 Algiers Declaration on Unconstitutional Changes of Government, the 2000 Lome Declaration for an OAU Response to Unconstitutional Changes of Government, the 2002 OAU/AU Declaration on Principles Governing Democratic Elections in Africa and the 2003 Protocol Relating to the Establishment of the Peace and Security Council of the African Union;

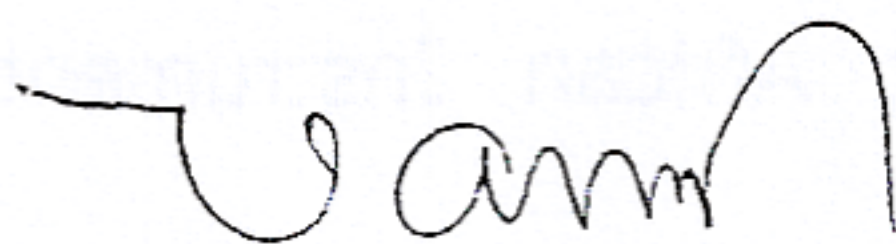
**FURTHER RECALLING THAT** the eighth ordinary session of the AU Assembly, held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2007 culminated these efforts by adopting this instrument as a mechanism of entrenching Democracy, ensuring credible elections and promoting good governance in our beloved continent;

**DESIROUS** of promoting these noble aspirations;

**NOW THEREFORE DO RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:-**

1. To urge the Summit of EAC to facilitate Partner States to ratify the African Charter on Democracy, Elections and Governance.
2. To urge the Council of Ministers to mainstream the principles of the Charter in EAC.
3. To urge the Parliaments of the Partner States to domesticate the Charter in Partner States laws and policies where applicable.

**CERTIFIED BY:**



**KENNETH MADETE**  
**CLERK**

**DATE:** 30<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2015