



**EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY  
EAST AFRICAN LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY TO CONDOLE WITH THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLES OF THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA OVER THE TRAGIC LOSS OF LIVES IN THE GARISSA UNIVERSITY 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**

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**By Hon. Jeremie Ngendekumana and adopted by the Assembly on Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015**

**GUIDED BY** the fact that Garissa University College was founded in 2011 as a constituent college of Moi University, in the facilities of the former Garissa Teachers Training College. It was the first and only public post-secondary school to offer approved University Degree courses in the North Eastern Province around 200km from the border with Somalia, which was considered as "one of the safest spots in the region". The institution provides courses in the schools of education, information science, arts and social sciences. On 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2015 gunmen stormed Garissa University and took lives of at least 148 people of whom 142 were students, 3 were soldiers and 3 were police officers, up to 587 students escaped but 79 were injured;

**FURTHER GUIDED BY** the fact that the attack was the deadliest in Kenya since the 1998 al Qaeda bombing on the US embassy in Nairobi at least 200 people died and is the second deadliest overall, with more casualties than the 2002 Mombasa attacks with 13 people died, the 2013 Westgate shopping mall attack with 67 people



died, the 2014 Nairobi bus bombings in Mandera 28 people died, the 2014 Gikomba bombings 12 people died, the 2014 Mpeketoni attacks 60 people died and the 2014 Lamu attacks at least 29 people died.

**FURTHER GUIDED BY** the Treaty for the Establishment of the East African Community that peace, security and strong political relations are critical factors in creating a conducive environment for regional cooperation and integration and **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;

**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) to promote peace, security, stability and good neighbourliness' among themselves;

**FURTHER AWARE THAT** a number of regional efforts aimed at promoting peace and security are in place including progress towards the conclusion of an EAC Protocol on peace and security, although this is bedeviled by constant delays;

**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;

**NOTING WITH CONCERN THAT** terrorism continues to pose a serious threat to regional peace and security, the enjoyment of human rights, the social and economic development of all Partner States and undermines regional stability and prosperity;

**FURTHER CONCERNED THAT** this threat has become more diverse, with an increase of terrorist acts;



**RECOGNIZING THAT** terrorism will not be defeated by military force, law enforcement measures and intelligence operations alone, and underlining the need to strengthen efforts for the successful prevention of terrorism and the protection of those who could be susceptible to terrorist recruitment as a particular goal of counter-terrorism strategies and the strive for sustainable peace and security;

**APPRECIATING** efforts by all leaders who stood by the people of Kenya to give them further assurances during their 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;

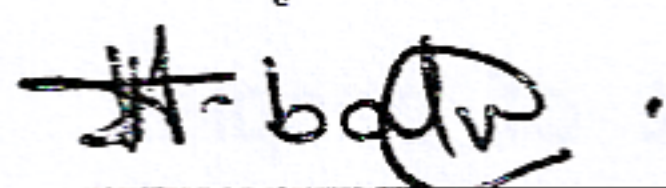
**NOW THEREFORE** this Assembly hereby do resolve as follows;-

1. Condemn without reservation and in the strongest terms the terrorist attacks that took place in Garissa University of innocent East Africans. We sincerely hope that while Kenya is going through this difficult time, all the Partner States will work together to fight against the scourge of terrorism and intensifying the existing cooperation to bring the perpetrators of this horrible act to justice and the restoration of peace and security in the region.
2. With profound sadness following the senseless shooting in Garrissa, we will never condone such cowardly acts of terror aimed at instilling fear and propagating discord among our citizens. We 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 express its solidarity with H.E Uhuru Kenyatta, the President of the Republic of Kenya and the Government of peoples Republic of Kenya.



3. We urge the international community the need to strengthen international, regional and sub regional cooperation aimed at enhancing the East African capacity to prevent, combat and effectively eliminate terrorism in all its forms and manifestation.
4. We condemn the negative and increased use of technology in particular the Internet by the terrorists and their supporters, for the purpose of recruitment and incitement to commit terrorist acts, as well as for financing, planning and preparation of their activities.
5. We urge all Partner States to prevent and suppress the financing of terrorist acts and refrain from providing any form of support.
6. We further urge all Partner States to take and strengthen national measures, as appropriate, to prevent terrorists from acquiring weapons of mass destruction and their means of delivery to the region.
7. We also urge the Council to expeditiously conclude the 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. In addition, we urge the Partner State to come up with a mechanism to help any Partner State which is being attacked so that all Partner States come together to support the county in danger.

**CERTIFIED BY:**



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