

**EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY
EAST AFRICAN LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY URGING EAC PARTNER STATES TO
ELIMINATE WORK PERMIT FEES ON CITIZENS OF THE EAC PARTNER
STATES**

**By Hon. Bernard Mulengani and adopted by Assembly on Thursday
18th April 2013**

WHERE AS Article 76 of the Treaty for the Establishment of the East African Community recognizes that within the Common Market, and subject to the Protocol provided for, there shall be free movement of labour, goods, services, capital and the right of establishment;

NOTING THAT Article 10 of the protocol on the Establishment of the East African Community Common Market Protocol recognizes that the Partner States hereby guarantee the free movement of workers, who are citizens of the other Partner States within their territories;

FURTHER NOTING THAT EAC citizens have been subjected to altered work permit rates within the region. The work permit fee is divided into various classes in each state. The Classes are A, B, C, D, E up to M which are subdivided into various subclasses to cater for different professions. Tanzania has a total of 13 sub-classes, Uganda 9, Kenya 9, Rwanda 2, and Burundi 2;

HAVING IN MIND THAT Kenya and Rwanda have eliminated the work permit fees for citizens of other East African Community (EAC) nations wishing to work in those countries in line with East African community spirit to have a borderless EAC;

AWARE THAT the fees charged to obtain work permit vary from Partner State to another. In Tanzania the fees range from Tshs. 10,000 (approximately \$ 6.34) for peasants to USD \$3000 (for the miners). Uganda it ranges from USD \$250

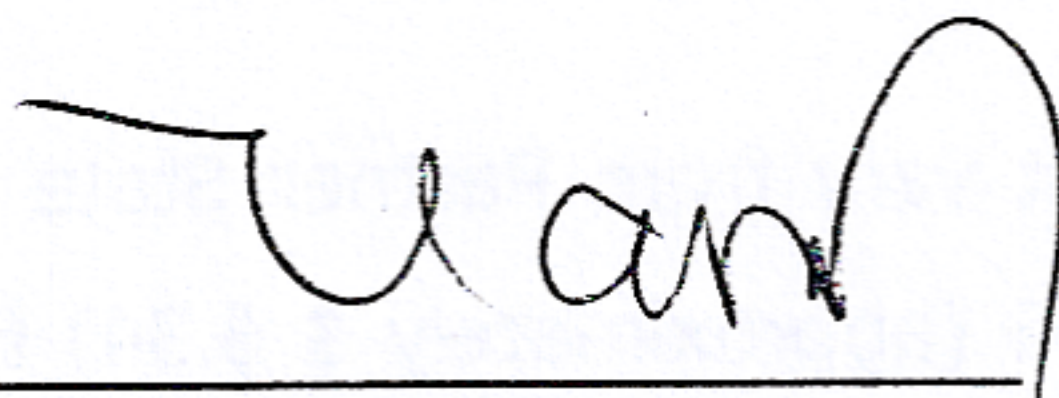
for missionaries up to USD \$2500 for mining, while in Burundi from USD 60 for students to USD \$84 for regular workers;

The above information reveals that the fees for permits vary from one class to another within a Partner State, from one Partner State to another, and the documents required to obtain a work permit are not uniform.

NOW THEREFORE, this Assembly do resolve to:

1. Commend the Governments of the Republics of Kenya and Rwanda for eliminating the work permit fees for the citizens of EAC.
2. Urge Partner States to respect the provisions of Article 10 of the Protocol on the Establishment of the East African Community Common Market on free movement of workers.
3. Urge the Council of Ministers to call for elimination of the work permit fees for citizens of EAC Partner States.
4. That the elimination of work permit fees should apply to jobs already agreed upon in the EAC Common Market Protocol.
5. Urge the Council of Ministers to call for harmonisation of national laws to allow free movement of labour and services.
6. Urge the United Republic of Tanzania, the Republic of Uganda and the Republic of Burundi to emulate the Republics of Kenya and Rwanda's spirit to allow free movement of labour within their jurisdictions.

CERTIFIED BY:



Kenneth Madete
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18TH APRIL 2013