

**EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY
EAST AFRICAN LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

**RESOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY URGING THE EAC COUNCIL OF
MINISTERS TO ADOPT A POLICY ON SOCIAL COHESION IN THE EAC**

**By Hon. Dr. James Ndahiro and adopted by the Assembly on Thursday
January 24th, 2013**

WHEREAS the Partner States pursuant to the provisions of Article 120 of the Treaty for the establishment of the East African Community undertook to cooperate among themselves in the field of social welfare, and to bring the people of the East African Community together and to eradicate all forms of discrimination;

AND WHEREAS in Article 5(3)(d) of the Treaty, the Partner States further undertook to ensure the strengthening and consolidation of the long standing political, economic, social, cultural and traditional ties and associations between the peoples of the Partner States so as to promote a people centred mutual development of these ties and associations;

NOTING that in order to promote the above ties among the peoples of East Africa, a framework on social cohesion needs to be formulated and adopted by the East African Community;

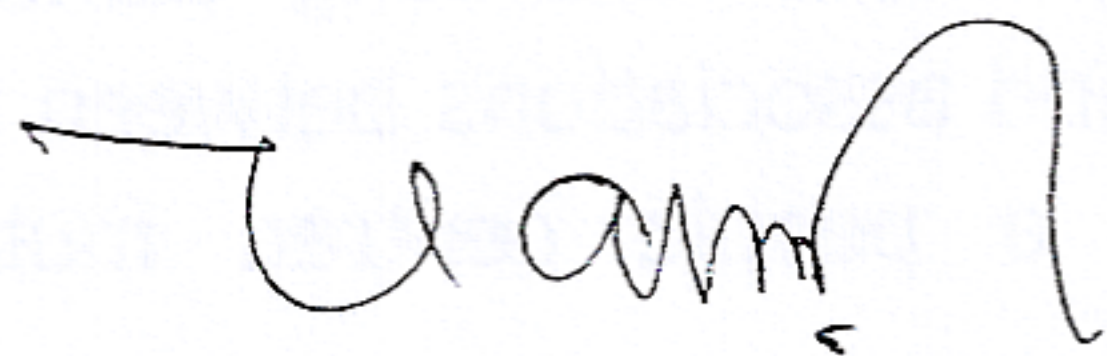
NOTING FURTHER that such a framework fosters integration and confidence building, promotes friendship, cooperation and exchange of information between the Communities and institutions in the Partner States;

THIS ASSEMBLY DO RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS; THAT:

1. The Council of Ministers should formulate a policy on social cohesion in the EAC and put in place its implementation programme, and submit to the Assembly for adoption.

2. The Council of Ministers should in the meantime, formulate a policy on twinning of peoples and institutions of the Community, which twinning policy shall be an integral part of the overall social cohesion policy.
3. The Secretary General in liaison with the Assembly shall prepare set guidelines on how to operationalize the twinning policy and also clearly indicate how the people shall be sensitized on the policy and the roles they are expected to play.
4. The Partner States should enhance twinning coordination capacity in their Ministries having twinning programmes in their attribution.
5. The Council of Ministers should within twelve months of the date of this Resolution submit a progress report on the status of implementation of the Resolution.

CERTIFIED BY:



DATE: 25TH JANUARY 2013

Kenneth Madete
CLERK