



**EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY
EAST AFRICAN LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

**RESOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY TO CONGRATULATE THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH
SUDAN ADMISSION INTO THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY**

By Hon. Peter Mathuki and adopted by the House on Wednesday 9th March 2016.

WHEREAS clause 1 of Article 3 of the Treaty for the Establishment of the East African Community (The Treaty) allows the Partner States to grant Membership to the East African Community to any country that applies to be a Member;

AWARE THAT on 10th November, 2011, the Republic of South Sudan (RSS) applied for admission into the East African Community;

AND WHEREAS clause 3 of Article 3 of the Treaty provides for the conditions under which the applying country must fulfil in order to be considered to be admitted into the East African Community;

NOTING THAT East African Community conducted a verification mission to the RSS between 15th and 31st July, 2012 and negotiations between the EAC Partner States and the RSS were carried out between March and October 2015 at the EAC Headquarters in Arusha, Tanzania.

AWARE THAT the 17th Ordinary Summit of the EAC Heads of State held on 2nd March, 2016 in Arusha, United Republic of Tanzania, received a report of the Council of Ministers on the negotiations for the admission of the Republic of South Sudan into the East African Community and decided to admit the Republic of South Sudan as a Member of the EAC;

CONVINCED THAT the accession of the RSS into membership of the East African Community will enhance cooperation and integration between RSS and other East African Community Partner States;

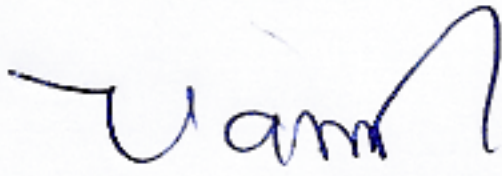
AWARE THAT the admission into the East African Community will enable the RSS to benefit from the existing advantages which are being enjoyed by the people of East Africa such as the Customs Union, the Common Market, and soon the Monetary Union and the Political Federation;

NOTING FURTHER that the admission of South Sudan into the East Africa will foster integration and confidence building, promote friendship, get access to vibrant market around the 162 million people, provide potential growth for business and general economic development; and as a step further towards the coveted African Unity, among others;

NOW THIS ASSEMBLY DO HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS; TO:

1. Congratulate the Republic of South Sudan for qualifying to be admitted into the East African Community.
2. Urge the Government of South Sudan to expeditiously sign the Treaty of accession and deposit the instrument with the office of the Secretary General.

CERTIFIED BY:



**KENNETH MADETE
CLERK**

DATE: 10TH MARCH 2016

