



**EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY  
EAST AFRICAN LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

**MOTION OF THE ASSEMBLY EXPRESSING SYMPATHIES AND SOLIDARITY  
WITH THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF BURUNDI ON THE LOSS OF  
PROPERTY OCCASIONED BY THE DISASTROUS FIRE THAT DESTROYED  
THE BUJUMBURA CENTRAL MARKET**

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**Moved by Hon. Dr. Odette Nyiramilimo and adopted by the Assembly on  
Tuesday January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

We the Members of the East African Legislative Assembly;

**HAVING** learnt with distress, the disastrous and catastrophic fire that gutted the  
Bujumbura Central Market on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2013;

**AWARE** that the Bujumbura Central market is/has been the biggest market within  
the City and indeed the oldest, hosting all kinds of businesses from food produce,  
hardware, electrical appliances to clothings, among others thus offering employment  
to well over 10,000 people and a source of livelihood to a sizeable population of  
the city, and the country at large;

**NOTING** that the fire broke out in the early hours of the morning of Sunday where  
many traders were not at the Market to save some of their properties;



**RECOGNIZING** the Government's efforts to try to put out the fire especially through the fire department, but had difficulties to succeed early enough due to the gravity of the fire;

**NOTING** that many of the businesses may not have any insurance cover, and yet had acquired loans or were using their lifetime savings;

**ALSO NOTING** the desperacy, pain and sense of loss that has been occasioned by this disaster;

**APPRECIATING** the quick assistance and rescue efforts offered by other EAC Partner States, namely Rwanda and Tanzania.

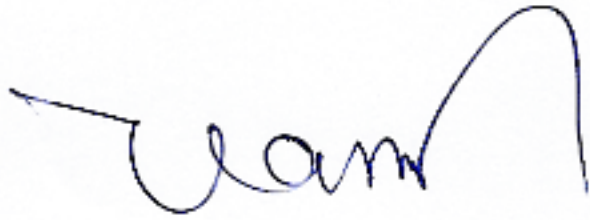
**THIS HOUSE DO HEREBY:-**

1. Express our deepest sympathies to H.E President Pierre Nkurunziza, the Government of Burundi, the Business Community, the traders and the affected families upon this great loss.
2. Strongly urge the EAC Council of Ministers to put in place Disaster Risk Management Mechanisms to give guidance to what measures need to be put in place by Partner States in order to minimize the catastrophic effects of such disasters.
3. Support the efforts of the Government of Burundi to alleviate the suffering of the business community and the traders including any efforts to work with financial institutions to extend any financial facilities to support them to restart their livelihoods.



4. Urge the EAC Partner States to together with the EAC, support the expeditious rehabilitation of the market.

**CERTIFIED BY:**



**DATE:** 30<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2013

**Kenneth Madete  
CLERK**