



**EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY
EAST AFRICAN LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

**RESOLUTION ON THE ADOPTION OF THE CHARTER FOR AFRICAN
CULTURAL RENAISSANCE**

**By: Hon. Abubakar Zein Abubakar and adopted by the Assembly on
Wednesday 20th November 2013.**

THAT THIS ASSEMBLY;

WHEREAS all the EAC Partner States are members of the African Union and therefore are subjected to membership obligations over the decisions of the African union;

WHEREAS Art.5 of the EAC Treaty provides for the objectives of the community including cooperation in the cultural field which is further amplified in Article 119 of the EAC Treaty which espouses cultural promotion and acceding to and ratification of international conventions that directly bear upon culture;

AND FURTHER obligations are placed on Partner States vide ART.130 of the EAC Treaty which calls on Partner States to Honour their commitments in respect of multi-national and international organizations of which they are members and in particular their obligations for a wider unity of Africa;

GUIDED by the Charter for African cultural Renaissance adopted by the Heads of State and Governments of the African Union meeting in the sixth ordinary session in Khartoum, the Republic of Sudan, from 23rd to 24th January 2006 and the preceding

instrument on culture that is the Cultural Charter for Africa adopted in Port Louis, Mauritius, from 2nd to 5th July 1976;

AWARE of the importance of culture in delivering the objectives of the East African Community (EAC) as articulated in articles 5 and 119 of the EAC with the potential of strengthening our integration efforts;

RECALLING in particular the provisions of the EAC treaty on the issue of acceding to and ratification of international conventions that directly bear upon culture under 119 (f);

APPRECIATING that Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda and Tanzania ratified the Cultural Charter for Africa;

NOTING THAT none of the partner states in the EAC has signed and ratified the successor instrument to the Cultural Charter for Africa that is the Charter for African Cultural Renaissance;

CONCERNED that the peoples and the EAC Partner States in particular may not benefit from the vision, rights and responsibilities provided for by the African Cultural Renaissance Charter;

OBSERVING that the noble objectives of the African Cultural Renaissance Charter under article 3 are:

- 1) *To assert the dignity of African men and women as well as the popular foundations of their culture;*
- 2) *To promote freedom of expression and cultural democracy, which is inseparable from social and political democracy;*

- 3) *To promote an enabling environment for African peoples to maintain and reinforce the sense and will for progress and development;*
- 4) *To preserve and promote the African cultural heritage through preservation, restoration and rehabilitation;*
- 5) *To combat and eliminate all forms of alienation, exclusion and cultural oppression everywhere in Africa;*
- 6) *To encourage cultural co-operation among Member States with a view to the strengthening of African unity, through the use of African languages and the promotion of inter-cultural dialogue;*
- 7) *To integrate cultural objectives in development strategies;*
- 8) *To encourage international cultural co-operation for a better understanding among peoples within and outside Africa;*
- 9) *To promote in each country the popularization of science and technology including traditional knowledge systems as a condition for better understanding and preservation of cultural and natural heritage;*
- 10) *To strengthen the role of culture in promoting peace and good governance;*
- 11) *To develop all the dynamic values of the African cultural heritage that promote human rights, social cohesion and human development;*

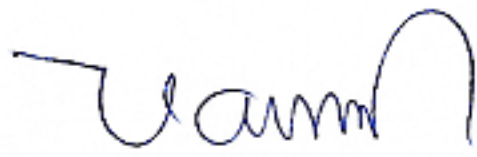
12) To provide African peoples with the resources to enable them to cope with globalization.

AFFIRMING that these objectives are compatible with the provisions of the EAC treaty and may assist in attaining our cultural objectives,

NOW THEREFORE DO RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS;-

1. To urge the Summit of the Heads of State of the EAC to lead the Partner States to sign and ratify the Charter for African Cultural Renaissance.
2. To request Parliaments of the EAC Partner States to domesticate the Charter for African Renaissance in their respective Legal regimes and support Programmes for its implementation.
3. To urge Partner States to scale up close cooperation amongst themselves as provided for in Article 119 of the Treaty and request the Council of Ministers to inform this Assembly on action taken in this regard and in respect to the adoption of the African Cultural Renaissance Charter.

CERTIFIED BY:



**Kenneth Madete
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DATE: 21st NOVEMBER 2013