

EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY EAST AFRICAN LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

RESOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY IN APPRECIATION OF THE REMARKS BY HIS EXCELLENCY HON. MWAI KIBAKI, C.G.H., M.P. PRESIDENT AND COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE DEFENCE FORCES OF THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA AND CHAIRPERSON EAC HEADS OF STATE SUMMIT

By Hon. Peter Muthuki and adopted by the Assembly on Thursday 13th September 2012

WHEREAS Article 59 of the Treaty for the Establishment of the East African Community empowers Members of the Assembly to propose any motion in the Assembly;

AND WHEREAS the provisions of Article 59 of the Treaty are embodied in the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly and particularly in Rules 26;

AWARE THAT Pursuant to Article 54 (1) The Speaker of the Assembly, may invite any person to attend the Assembly, notwithstanding that he or she is not a member of the Assembly, if in his or her opinion the business before the Assembly renders his or her presence desirable;

AWARE FURTHER that H.E President Mwai Kibaki, C.G.H, is the current Chairperson of the EAC Heads of State Summit who has always expressed unwavering support for EAC integration;

NOTING THAT H.E Mwai Kibaki, C.G.H, accepted The Rt. Hon. Speaker's invitation to address the East African Legislative Assembly on 4th September 2012 in which he delivered a fruitful speech aimed at accelerating the EAC integration;

NOTING FURTHER that H.E Kibaki called upon and encouraged EALA to forge linkages with National Assemblies in order to improve performance of the Community, for instance special joint session of EALA and National Assemblies; working together of different Partner States Legislatures to ensure that the laws enacted by EALA enhance and compliment national laws; collaboration of the Assembly and the Council of Ministers to deliberate more on mechanisms to initiate laws to enforce the expeditious implementation of the Customs Union and the Common Market to enable citizens of EAC to reap benefits accruing from these significant pillars of integration and to ensure the fulfillment of the citizens' desires; removal of Non-Tariff Barriers so as to spur trade and called for effective communication of policies agreed upon across the region to enable the seamless flow of goods and services;

NOTING FURTHER that under H.E Kibaki's leadership, Kenya had proceeded to reduce the police road blocks for transit cargo to ensure speedy movement of goods and services to the EAC Partner States and that Kenya is keen to ensure smoother operations at the Mombasa port and at weighbridges;

NOTING AGAIN that H.E Kibaki emphasized better mechanisms to contain the periodic droughts, floods and other natural resources and challenged legislators to play their part in mitigating the effects of Climate Change;

DETERMINED to execute our functions as Members of the East African Legislative Assembly, to realize a prosperous, economically stable, secure and politically united East Africa; **AND**

DETERMINED further to engage all organs and institutions of the Community to achieve the objectives of the Community as first as possible and to a logical conclusion;

NOW THEREFORE this Assembly resolves to:

(i) Congratulate H. E. President Mwai Kibaki, C.GH, MP, for his achievements as the Chairperson of EAC Heads of State Summit and President of the Republic of

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Kenya for his continued support for EAC integration and that this resolution be passed on to the President by the Rt. Hon. Speaker of this Assembly.

- (ii) Fully and unanimously support the statement by H.E Mwai Kibaki delivered to this august House on 4th September 2012.
- (iii) Unanimously applaud and thank H.E Kibaki for the wise counsel on various aspects of integration as contained in his speech.

CERTIFIED BY:

POM,

Alex Obatre
DEPUTY CLERK

DATE: 24/09/2012