



**EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY  
EAST AFRICAN LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY ON THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF  
DEMOCRACY DUE ON 15<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2012**

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**BY Hon. Abubakar Zein and adopted by the Assembly on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>  
September 2012**

**AWARE THAT** Fundamental Principles of the Community to govern the achievements of the objectives of the Community by the Partner States shall include among others; "good governance including adherence to the principles of democracy, the rule of law, accountability, transparency, social justice, equal opportunities, gender equality, as well as recognition, promotion and protection of human and peoples rights in accordance with the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights";

**FURTHER AWARE OF** Article 7(2) after the Treaty binds EAC Partner States to undertake and abide by the principles of good governance, including adherence to the principles of democracy;

**NOTING THAT** a credible that democratic culture is a crucial element in achieving regional integration and sustainable development;

**MINDFUL THAT** Democracy is a universal value based on the freely expressed will of people to determine their own political, economic, social and cultural systems and their full participation in all aspects of their lives;

**AWARE THAT** the UN General Assembly, in Resolution A/62/7 (2007) encouraged Governments to strengthen national programs devoted to the promotion and consolidation of democracy, and also decided that 15<sup>th</sup> September of each year should be observed as the International Day of Democracy;

**AWARE FURTHER THAT** in January 2007 the Heads of State and Governments of the African States being determined to promote and strengthen democratic principles within Member States adopted the African Charter on Democracy, Elections and Governance;

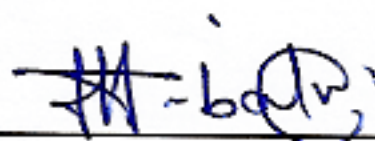
**AND WHEREAS** twenty nine (29) of the fifty three (53) African countries have now signed the Charter including all the five East African Community States;

**NOTING** that the IPU Union, vide its letter of 20<sup>th</sup> June 2012, to all its Members to which EALA belongs encouraged its Members to commemorate 15<sup>th</sup> Day of September;

**NOW THEREFORE THIS ASSEMBLY DO RESOLVE TO;**

- (i) Mark 15<sup>th</sup> September 2012 as the International Day of Democracy"; and
- (ii) Urge all stakeholders to pursue dialogue and *inclusiveness* as a means to democracy.

**CERTIFIED BY:**

  
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**Alex Obatre  
DEPUTY CLERK**

**DATE:** 24/9/12  
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