



**EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY
EAST AFRICAN LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

**RESOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY ON THE PROPOSAL TO AMEND
ARTICLE 59 OF THE TREATY –PRIVATE MEMBERS BILLS.**

**By Hon. Patricia Hajabakiga and adopted by the Assembly on
Thursday 13th September, 2012.**

WHEREAS the Council of Ministers at its 25th Meeting received and considered a submission from the United Republic of Tanzania seeking to amend Article 59 of the Treaty to fetter the process of enacting Private Members Bills;

AND WHEREAS the Council has called for comments from Partner States Prior to presenting the proposal to the Summit for express decision;

AWARE that the Proposal from the United Republic of Tanzania is not founded on Parliamentary Practice and Procedures as well as Parliamentary tradition all over the Commonwealth where Parliaments have opportunity to enact legislation through executive or Private Members Bills; which process is executed judiciously taking into account all view points;

CONCERNED that attempts to fetter the legislative process of the Community will greatly impinge on the Assembly's legislative and representative function; it will interfere with the respect for the sanctity and authority of the Assembly; and interferes with the Principle of Separation of Powers as stated in the Treaty;

