



**EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY
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**RESOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY URGING EAC PARTNER STATES TO ADOPT A
PARADIGM SHIFT FROM AID EFFECTIVENESS TO DEVELOPMENT EFFECTIVENESS.**

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WHEREAS development aid has been crucial in defining the budget outlook of our Partner States which in some cases has accounted for over 40% of our budgets through budget support;

AND WHEREAS the continued reliance on aid is motivated by the need for our Partner States to realize the resources they require to bridge the gap towards attaining the Millennium Development Goals (MDG's);

NOTING that substantial cooperation is evolving between our respective Partner States and development Partners on the path to development while at the same time pursuing mechanisms for transparency and accountability in the utilization of aid;

FUTHER NOTING that the working party on aid effectiveness has organized three high level meetings on Aid effectiveness, in Rome (2003), Paris (2005) and Accra (2008) which meetings have raised awareness about aid effectiveness and built consensus on the actions needed to maximize aid to achieve sustainable development;

HAVING IN MIND that the Paris Declaration on aid effectiveness yielded a number of positive mechanisms to make aid effective and yet was not fully embraced by most of the developing countries including in our region; the mechanisms being:

- (a) Alignment: where donors base their overall support on partner countries' national development strategies, institutions and procedures;
- (b) Ownership: where partner Countries exercise effective leadership over their development policies and strategies and coordinate development actions;
- (c) Harmonization: which require donors' actions to be harmonized, transparent and collectively effective;
- (d) Managing for results: which ensures managing resources and improving decision-making for results;
- (e) Mutual accountability: where donors and partners are requested to be accountable for development results.

KNOWING that these measures were further buttressed through the African consultation group meeting held in Tunis in November 2010 (attached) where it was agreed that a paradigm shift is necessary from aid effectiveness to development effectiveness; (and **AWARE** that the Tunis consensus will be Africa's joint position to be taken to the 4th High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness to take place in Busan, Korea from 29th November to 1st December, 2011, particularly, with the vision of progressively graduating from aid effectiveness to effective development; Partner states should:

- (a) Strengthen national and regional parliaments to allow them play fully their oversight role in order to achieve the principles of accountability and transparency which in turn will make our governments more effective and accountable;
- (b) Fast track regional integration, particularly those aspects oriented at promoting trade and market access without undue influence from our competitors;
- (c) Strengthen capacity of the private sector, and civil society organs;
- (d) Strengthen ways of raising national and regional resources instead of relying mostly on donor funding;
- (e) Use aid as a catalyst for sustainable development by strengthening productive sectors;
- (f) Define cooperation objectives that seek to untie the curse of aid dependency while at the same time defining relationships with development partners based on key principles of mutual respect, equality, mutual accountability and transparency;

NOW THEREFORE, this Assembly:-

- (1) Embraces the Accra Agenda for Action on aid effectiveness and commits itself to prepare a plan of action for its implementation;
- (2) Urges the EAC Partner States to prepare in advance a formidable team to the Busan HLF4, to include Ministers, negotiators, Parliamentarians, and CSOs;
- (3) Urges the EAC Partner States through the Council of Ministers to jointly prepare their participation in the 4th High Level Forum in Busan to have a common voice in order to influence the future architecture of cooperation and aid policy;
- (4) Urges the EAC secretariat to coordinate and facilitate the preparation of a common East African position on development issues;
- (5) Urges the Council of Ministers and the Partner states to revisit respective policies and legal frameworks that impinge on development.