

**EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY****EAST AFRICAN LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY****RESOLUTION OF THE EAST AFRICAN LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY TO CONGRATULATE THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF SOUTHERN SUDAN UPON THE LANDMARK INDEPENDENCE OF SOUTH SUDAN ON 9TH JULY, 2011**

By Hon. Dan Kidega and adopted by the Assembly on Wednesday, 14th September, 2011

WHEREAS South Sudan became an independent Country on 9th July, 2011 making it the newest member state of the African Union and the United Nations;

AND WHEREAS the clamour for her independence was a long standing issue arising out of the perceived repressive measures by the Central authority in Sudan against the people of South Sudan which culminated into sporadic fighting particularly from the time when the South Sudan People's Liberation Movement was established in 1983;

CONSIDERING that the peoples of South Sudan endeared themselves to the pursuit of justice, peace, prosperity and inherent freedoms to counter the repressive measures against them by the ruling government of the time;

FURTHER CONSIDERING that their struggles were of regional, continental and international concern which, resulted into a negotiated Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) in 2005 to guide the future relations between the South and North Sudan;

AWARE that the quest for freedoms and independence were galvanised by the desire of South Sudan to tread the path of political, social and economic prosperity;

FURTHER AWARE that South Sudan looked upon the neighbouring states and the international community for political, social and economic frontiers thereby, striving to maintain good neighbourliness with them especially with countries of the EAC region;

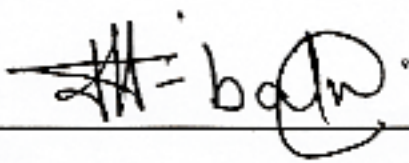
ALSO AWARE of the strong economic ties between some of the EAC Partner States and the South Sudan which all parties are expected to reap from, owing to the independence of South Sudan;

ALSO AWARE of the strong and cordial relationship between the political leaders of the EAC Partner States and those of South Sudan which, stands to intensify following the independence of Southern Sudan; and also **NOTING** the sustained and intensified relationship between EALA and its Speaker on one side and the Parliament of South Sudan and its Speaker on the other side;

NOW THEREFORE, this Assembly do resolve to:

- (1) Unreservedly congratulate the Government and the Citizens of South Sudan upon the landmark achievement of independence;
- (2) Unreservedly congratulate the Governments and People of the EAC region upon the independence of South Sudan;
- (3) Urge the EAC Partner States through the Council to develop regional infrastructure that links up to our borders with Southern Sudan to enable the EAC and Southern Sudan to unlock the vast economic potential of the region;
- (4) Urge the EAC Partner States through the Council to pursue a sustained and increased trade, political and social cooperation with South Sudan;
- (5) Work closely with EAC Council, the Summit and the Government and Parliament of Southern Sudan to strengthen ties between the East African Community and the Republic of South Sudan.
- (6) Empower the Speaker of the Assembly to transmit this resolution to the President, and the Speaker of Parliament of Southern Sudan.

CERTIFIED BY:



DATE: 19/9/2011

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