



**A MOTION OF THE ASSEMBLY URGING HON. MEMBERS AND THE EAC PARTNER STATES PARLIAMENTS TO ANNUALLY CELEBRATE THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF DEMOCRACY WHICH FALLS ON 15<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**

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**By Hon. Patricia Hajabakiga and adopted by the Assembly on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2011.**

**WHEREAS** on 30<sup>th</sup> day of November, in the year one thousand nine hundred and ninety nine the EAC Heads of State appended their signatures to the Treaty in which Article 6(d) binds the contracting parties to the principles of good governance including adherence to the principles of democracy, the rule of law, accountability, transparency, social justice, equal opportunities, gender equality, as well as the recognition, promotion and protection of human and people's rights in accordance with the provisions of the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights;

**AND WHEREAS** the EAC Partner States undertake to abide, by the principles stated in order to aim universally accepted standards of human rights as stipulated in Article 7(2) of the Treaty for the Establishment of the East African Community;

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

**CONSIDERING THAT** since the International Day of Democracy was instituted by the United Nations in 2007 and that more than 75 Parliaments have staged special



events to mark the occasion;

**BELIEVING THAT** 15<sup>th</sup> September is an invitation for every country to reflect on the meaning and significance of democracy;

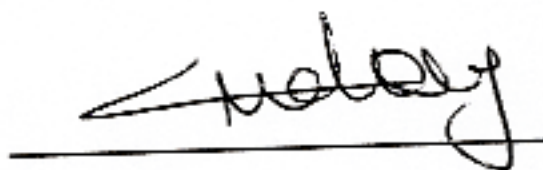
**RECOGNISING THAT** a truly living democracy depends on the active contribution of citizens' participation in shaping their political future and co-operation within political institutions thus being a decisive factor for the smooth functioning of democratic institutions;

**NOW THEREFORE** this House do resolve that:-

1. Pursuant to the requirements of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, this Assembly and Partner States Parliaments do celebrate annually the International Day of Democracy which falls on 15<sup>th</sup> September.
2. A dialogue between Parliaments and citizens, especially the young people be conducted under the theme: "what do citizens expect of their Parliament".

Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to move

**CERTIFIED BY:**



DATE:

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