



EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY

EAST AFRICAN LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

MOTION FOR THE RESOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY TO URGING COUNCIL OF MINISTERS TO SUBMIT ANNUAL REPORTS FOR ACCOUNTABILITY PURPOSES

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WHEREAS on the Consultative meeting on EAC Annual Report format and Draft Report of the EAC Annual report 2007/08, held on 27th October 2009 in Arusha agreed on the format and contents of the 2007-08 Annual Reports. The Chair noted that, format shall be applicable to subsequent Annual reports which will be submitted to the Assembly for consideration as provided under Article 59 (3) (a) and Article 49 (2) (c) of the Treaty for the Establishment of the Community;

WHEREAS Article 59 (3) (a) of the Treaty for the establishment of the East African Community direct the Council of Ministers to publish an annual report on the activities of the Community and present to the Assembly to be debated and considered;

AND WHEREAS Article 59(3) (c) of the Treaty direct the Assembly to hold an annual debate on the report submitted by the Council on the progress made by the Community in the development of its Common Foreign and Security Policies;

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT It was agreed that the format and content of the report should be complaint with the requirements of parliamentary oversight and budget making and not public relation; the report should be based on the financial year for which it refers; should contain progress report of the activities that are provided for in the approved work plan (it being understood that these work plans are drawn from the development strategy), and budget (including supplementary) of the financial year; also clearly identify challenges by sectors to facilitate their discussion and resolution; also contain report from all the Organs and institutions of the Community prepared by themselves; also contain the audited accounts (or draft accounts signed for by the internal auditor) for the financial year in question; contain an annexure for the

approved work plans and clear progress reporting on these plans based on budget utilization and actual achievements, quarterly performance targets; Endeavor to provide evidence (to include also qualitative) of the achievements (outcomes) towards attaining the bigger goal/benefits/impacts of integrating the region, an attempt should be made to analyse salient trends and indicators to show value addition from financial year to financial year and last the report should include a procurement report for the particular financial year, annual operation plan and a monitoring and evaluation framework/tool and quarterly performance targets;

NOTING The meeting considered the draft annual report 2007/08 and agreed that the draft report was in line with the criteria upon subject to some improvement in some areas. Also the annual reports of all years should be presented to the Assembly in time to allow for its utilization as reference document for the next budget cycle;

NOTING FURTHER on the way forward the meeting agreed that, the 2006/07 Annual Report be developed in the same format and submitted to the Assembly and EALA will henceforth be availed with the quarterly performance reports after their consideration by the Council;

NOW THEREFORE This assembly does resolve to urge the Council of Ministers to submit all Annual Reports including the 2006/07 to the Assembly for accountability purposes.

...extracts from the Hansard...

Hon. L F Masha raised a concern in **14th May 2008 24th Setting – 2nd Assembly; 6th Meeting- 1st Session** on the annual report of the east African Community for the year 2006/2007, that the report was not well formatted accordingly and prepared according to the procedures.

"Mr. Speaker, Sir, let me end with a few procedural notes. I notice that two documents were tabled before the Assembly yesterday and I expected or assumed that we would be talking about all of them, including what was tabled as the annual report of the East African Community for the years 2006/2007. Certain things maybe need to be expressed by example. I understand in the rules of procedure we have a reference to how we should be dressed if we are here. Of course, if Dr. Masha came in slippers and swim wear it would still be the same Dr. Masha and, probably, he would say the same words but it will be considered a dishonour to this Assembly. Probably, I would be thrown out of the Assembly. If I may quote the language of my learned ones the lawyers; they would say you came in undressed".

"If you go to a serious body such as the assembly and submit a document such as this one here, as the annual report of the organization, I cannot find any simpler or humbler word than to say that it is a lack of respect to the organization - (Applause)".

"I would have expected the report of the organization to the assembly to be a report of the Secretary-General. However, this is not even a report of the Secretary-General. If you look at the second piece of paper, it is from the Department of Communication, something not even a name or a title to whoever sent it here is shown. The annual report references seem to have been stamped in there. If you go through the whole thing, some of the way it is presented, you wonder – (Interruption)"...