



**EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY
EAST AFRICAN LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

**RESOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY URGING THE EAC PARTNER STATES
TO QUICKLY UNDERTAKE CONCRETE POLICIES FOR ADEQUATE
HOUSING FOR ALL EAC CITIZENS**

**By Hon. Hon. Frederic Ngenzebuhoro and adopted by the Assembly on
Thursday 16th December 2010.**

THAT THIS ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING that EAC Partner states are signatories of both the Universal Declaration on Human Rights and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in which respectively the articles 25(1) and 11(1) stipulate that everyone has a right to a decent standard of living for his health and well-being and for his family, including housing, food, clothing, medical care and other necessary social services;

NOTING that EAC Partner States have reaffirmed , at the United Nations Conference on Human settlements (Habitat II) , held in Istanbul, Turkey from 3rd to 14th June 1996 through the Istanbul Declaration, their commitment to fully and progressively realize the right to adequate housing;

NOTING further that the EAC Partner States, according to the Treaty for the Establishment of the East African Community, in its article 7(2), undertake to abide by the principles of good governance, including adherence to the principles of democracy, the rule of law, social justice and the maintenance of universally

accepted standards of human rights in which the right to adequate housing is included;

RECOGNISING that an adequate housing is one of the best indicators of a good standard of living and consideration of a person in the society and is one of the fundamental and human needs that have a profound impact on the welfare of the population, its health, its social attitudes and its performance to economically produce;

CONVINCED that adequate housing is the best shelter to protect people against natural catastrophes like storms, floods, earthquakes and other possible dangers;

CONVINCED FURTHER that the best way to stabilize our people, especially in rural areas, is to provide them with property, on which they can build an adequate housing for their welfare;

REGRETTING however that until now there are numerous families in the EAC Partner States which do not enjoy adequate housing and continue to miserably live in one narrow room or a thatched small house, even if the family is large and comprises parents, mature and young children, with the consequences of such a situation on the education, the behavior and the health of the children;

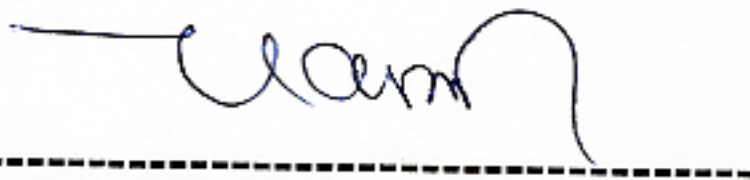
NOTING however with appreciation that EAC Partner states are determined to achieve a community where all citizens can enjoy a decent life of dignity, happiness, good health and hope;

NOW THEREFORE DO RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

1. Urge EAC Partner States to fully and willingly undertake policies at all levels of the administration to ensure the fundamental right to housing by

- facilitating the procedures of accessibility to an adequate housing to all citizens.
2. Request EAC Partner States to encourage marginalized persons like those who belong to minorities or vulnerable categories such as families headed by women or children living in extreme poverty to get their own property and adequate housing.
 3. Encourage the Partner States to prioritize the issue of adequate housing while achieving the Millennium Development Goals, otherwise it would be illusory.
 4. Call upon the East African Legislative Assembly and National Assemblies to regularly carry out oversight activities to ensure that all citizens, without discrimination for any reason, are enjoying adequate housing.

CERTIFIED BY



Kenneth Madete
CLERK

Date: 20th January 2014