

EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY EAST AFRICAN LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

A MOTION SEEKING LEAVE OF THE HOUSE TO APPOINT A SELECT COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE THE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH THE 4TH SESSION OF THE 2ND ASSEMBLY WAS SUSPENDED AND THE TREND OF THE FINANCIAL REMITTANCES FROM PARTNER STATES TO EAC FOR THE FINANCIAL YEARS 2007/2008 AND 2008/2009

By: Hon. Clarkson Otieno Karan and adopted by the Assembly on Tuesday February 17, 2009

WHEREAS the operational principles of the East African Community are guided by the Treaty for the Establishment of the East African Community which provides a number of mechanisms to address all matters pertaining to the Community;

WHEREAS Article 9 (1) establishes Organs of the Community and expressly sets forth principles for their functioning under Article 9 (4) which empowers the Organs and Institutions of the Community to perform the functions, and act within the limit of the powers conferred upon them by or under the Treaty; and that the Assembly is one such Organ which is duty bound by the provisions of the Treaty;

AWARE that the functions of the Assembly are embedded in Article 49 of the Treaty and further reinforced in the provisions of the Rules of Procedure in Part XIV together with matters incidental to appointment of Committees (Rules 71 and 80 of the Rules of Procedure);

NOTING that in the discharge of its functions, it is guided by a Legislative Calendar adopted by the House Business Committee and is circulated widely to cause its implementation;

FURTHER NOTING that the discharge of those functions requires the Assembly to sit at such times and places as the Assembly may appoint; and the 4th Meeting of the Assembly having been planned to take place in Arusha, United Republic of Tanzania, the Seat of the Assembly;

Having confirmed that the 4th Meeting will be held in Arusha between February 15th -28th, 2009 which was preceded with Committee meetings between 8th – 14th February. 2009 to consider Bills to be discussed during the Meeting;

CONSEQUENTLY following an Internal Memo from the DSG (F&A) of 6th February 2009, which occasioned the cancellation of the 4th meeting and the related Committee activities a day prior to commencement of activities, which action was reversed through another notice for resumption of the 4th meeting of the Assembly;

NOW therefore:

- (a) This Assembly collectively conveys its displeasure to the Office of the Secretary General;
- Collectively endorses a Proposal to set up a Select Committee of the House to: (b)
 - (i) Investigate the causes and consequences of such an action and make appropriate recommendations to the House; and
 - (ii) Establish the trend and prioritization of financial remittances from Partner States to EAC for the Financial Years 2007/2008 and 2008/2009 and make appropriate recommendations to this House.

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