EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY

EAST AFRICAN LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY



INTERNAL MEMO

To : SG

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From: Ag. Clerk

Date: March 4, 2009

RE: RESOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY ON MIGINGO ISLAND

At its 50th sitting held on 25th February 2009, the Assembly adopted a Resolution "Urging for Peaceful Resolution of the conflict in Migingo Island".

This is to forward to you a copy of the said Resolution and request you to officially bring it to the attention of the Council of Ministers.

Kenneth Madete

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EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY EAST AFRICAN LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

A RESOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY URGING FOR PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF THE CONFLICT IN MIGINGO ISLAND WHICH HAS DRAWN MEMBERS OF PARTNER STATES OF THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY

By: Hon. Abdulkarim Harelimana and adopted by the Assembly on Wednesday, February 25, 2009

WHEREAS under Article 5 (3) (f) of the Treaty for the Establishment of the East African Community, the Partner States have agreed to cooperate in the promotion of peace, security and stability within, and good neighbourliness among, the Partner States;

AND WHEREAS, under Article 6(b) and (c) of the Treaty, the Partner States agreed to a peaceful co-existence, good neighbourliness and peaceful settlement of disputes;

AND WHEREAS in view of Article 124 (1) of the Treaty, the Partner States have agreed that peace and security are pre-requisites to social and economic development within the Community and vital to the achievement of the objectives of the Community. In this regard, the Partner States agree to foster and maintain an atmosphere that is conducive to peace and security through co-operation and consultations with a view to prevention, better management and resolution of disputes and conflicts between them;

RECOGNISING that the island of Migingo in the middle of Lake Victoria has sparked off a row between the Partner States of Kenya and Uganda which has direct or indirect impact on the economic and social development of the entire Community with serious peace, security and stability implications within and beyond the Community;

CONSIDERING that both countries are said to have deployed security personnel to the said island, an action which may spark off a violent conflict, raising fears of another humanitarian disaster and grave consequences it may have for the economic development, peace and security and social stability of the region;

NOW THEREFORE, THIS ASSEMBLY do resolve to:

 Urge the Governments of the Republic of Uganda and Kenya to resolve the problem amicably.

CERTIFIED BY:

Kenneth Madete

Ag. CLERK

Date:

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