



**EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY
EAST AFRICAN LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

**RESOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY URGING EAC PARTNER STATES TO
IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF
PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

**By: Hon. Dr. James Ndahiro and adopted By Assembly on Thursday,
August 13, 2009**

THAT, this Assembly;

AWARE of the comprehensive nature of the Provisions of the UN Resolution 61/106 of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with disabilities;

FURTHER AWARE that this Assembly did exercise its mandate by adopting a Resolution urging Partner States to ratify the Convention;

COGNIZANT of the fact that the Council of Ministers expeditiously handled the request which enabled the EAC Partner States to ratify the Convention;

CONVINCED that the Partner States are committed to providing affirmative action for PWDs as evidenced by the practical measures being adopted particularly by the Governments of Uganda, Kenya and Rwanda;

NOTING with emphasis that Partner States under Article 120 (c) of the Treaty for the Establishment of the East African Community are required to closely co-operate amongst themselves in the field of social welfare in respect to the development and adoption of a common approach towards the disadvantaged and marginalized groups, including affirmative action towards persons with disabilities;

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NOW THEREFORE DO RESOLVE:

- (i) To collectively express its gratitude to the Council of Ministers for the expeditious manner in which the ratification process of the Convention was concluded;
- (ii) To urge the Partner States through the Ministers responsible for persons with disabilities to implement the provisions of the convention and where applicable invoke legislative action;
- (iii) To thank the Government of the Republic of Rwanda for adopting a cabinet decision in August 2009 to assume an ambassadorial position for PWDs on the African Continent;
- (iv) To thank the Government of Kenya for its proactive role in establishing a separate budget line for PWDs in the National Budget for the FY2009/2010 and to urge the other Member States which have not yet done so to take the necessary measures within the 2010/2011 budget year;
- (v) To urge the Secretary General to establish appropriate practical measures within the EAC Secretariat to coordinate the establishment of disability structures within the Partner States; and
- (vi) That, the Chairperson of the Council do follow up this matter and report to the Assembly the progress made within six months following the adoption of this resolution.

CERTIFIED BY:



Alex Obatre
For. CLERK

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