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EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY

EAST AFRICAN LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

**RESOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY IN COMMEMORATION
OF THE EAC 10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS**

By: Hon. Jacqueline Muhongayire

THAT THIS ASSEMBLY

RECALLING that Pursuant to the provisions of Article 14.02 of the mediation Agreement of 1984 (following the dissolution of the East African Community), the Heads of State of the East African Community on 30th November 1993 agreed to establish a permanent Tripartite Commission for cooperation responsible for the coordination of economic, social, cultural, security and political issues among the Partner States;

FURTHER RECALLING that on the stated date above the Heads of State also issued a Declaration for closer East African Cooperation which on 26th November 1994 culminated into a protocol on the Establishment of a Secretariat of the Permanent Tripartite Commission for cooperation between the Partner States;

AND FURTHER RECALLING that on the 29th day of April 1997, the Heads of State after reviewing the progress made by the Tripartite Commission directed the Tripartite to embark on negotiations for upgrading of the Agreement establishing the Tripartite Commission into a Treaty;

NOTING that the Treaty was eventually signed on 30th November 1999 and came into force in July 2000 giving birth to the East African Community;

FUTHER NOTING that in the said Treaty the Partner States agreed to develop policies and programmes aimed at widening and deepening economic, social and cultural fields etc for their mutual benefit; and to establish among themselves a Customs Union, a Common Market, subsequently a Monetary Union and ultimately a Political Federation;

NOTING WITH SATISFACTION that in accordance with the EAC Development Strategy 2006 – 2010, the Customs Union was established in 2005; negotiations for the Common Market Protocol have been finalized and the protocol ready for signing by the Heads of State and preparations for the establishment of the Monetary Union and the Political Federation are on course;

FUTHER NOTING WITH PRIDE that the East African Community has in its first 10 years of existence expanded from three to five Partner States;

NOW DO RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

1. To pay tribute to H.E. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, President of the Republic of Uganda, H.E. Daniel Arap Moi (former) President of the Republic of Kenya and H.E. Benjamin William Mkapa (former) President of the United Republic of Tanzania, as founding fathers of the new EAC cooperation, for their bold and visionary decision to re-establish cooperation among the Partner States and for their dedication and commitment to the idea's of oneness.
2. To pay tribute to H.E. Benjamin William Mkapa (former) President of the United Republic of Tanzania, and H.E. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, President of the Republic of Uganda and H.E. Mwai Kibaki, President of the Republic of Kenya for their commitment to the cause of the Community and their bold decision and directive of 2004 to the effect that the integration process be fast tracked.
3. To thank all the present leaders (H.E. Paul Kagame, President of the Republic of Rwanda; H. E. Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete, President of the United Republic of Tanzania; H.E. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, President of the Republic of Uganda; H.E. Mwai Kibaki, President of the Republic of Kenya; H.E. Pierre Nkurunziza, President of the Republic of Burundi) for the positive steps and bold decisions taken to widen and deepen the EAC integration process; particularly on their decision to thrush out controversial issues in the Common Market Protocol.

4. To further pay tribute to H.E. Paul Kagame, President of the Republic of Rwanda and H.E. Pierre Nkurunziza, President of the Republic of Burundi for their wise and visionary decision in leading their respective countries to join the family of EAC. This membership has further reinforced the integration spirit within an expanded Community;
5. To appreciate and underscore all efforts by the East African Legislative Assembly (EALA) and the National Parliaments for their support to the integration process particularly through enacting legislation, playing their oversight role, fostering liaison and enhancing their representational role;
6. To congratulate all Ministers and officials of Partner States, the Secretaries General of EAC (past and present), the former Speaker and Members of EALA, Judges of the EACJ, Organs and Institutions of the Community and officials of the Commission/Community for their dedication and hard work without whom the current benefits to the Community may not have been realized.
7. To congratulate all stakeholders including the Civil Society, private and development partners for their contribution towards EAC's integration agenda either directly or indirectly;

8. To thank all the people of East Africa for their dedication, belief and commitment to the cause of a United East Africa as demonstrated by the Wako Commission report and other subsequent reports thereupon.

9. To call upon all the people of East Africa to do all it takes in strength and deeds to ensure a stronger East African Community that will realize the aspirations and hopes of all East African citizens for their welfare and wellbeing of the present and future generations.

Done at Arusha on the 19th day of November 2009.