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EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY

EAST AFRICAN LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY
SEEKING TO ENFORCE THE DIRECTIVE
OF THE SUMMIT OF APRIL 11, 2002 TO
THE EFFECT THAT MATTERS PERTAINING
TO PARTICIPATION IN WTO & ACP/EU
ARRANGEMENTS, THE PARTNER STATES
SHOULD NEGOTIATE AS A BLOC**

**By: Hon. Yonasani B. Kanyomozi (MLA) and
adopted by the Assembly on Thursday, May 15,
2003.**

THAT THIS ASSEMBLY;

NOTING THAT Article 74 of the Treaty stipulates that "the Partner States shall develop and adopt an East African Trade Regime; and cooperate in trade liberalization and development in accordance therewith";

AND THAT the Partner States signed the EAC Memorandum of Understanding on Foreign Policy in 2000;

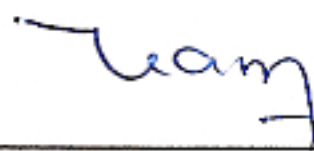
AWARE THAT the Summit at its First Extraordinary Summit of the East African Community Heads of State sitting at Kampala International Conference Center on April 11, 2002 "Directed that matters pertaining to participation in World Trade Organization and ACP/EU Arrangements (under the Cotonou Partnership Arrangement between ACP Group of States and the European Community) the Partner States should negotiate as a bloc";

FURTHER AWARE that so far no steps have been taken to put this directive in effect and each Partner State is preparing separate delegations to negotiate;

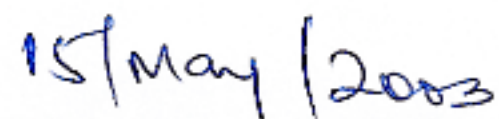
NOW THEREFORE DO RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS; THAT;

1. The Council of Ministers seeks accreditation of EAC as a Negotiating Bloc;
2. The Council of Ministers cause to be drawn the Terms of Reference which Terms it will avail to member States on naming the Negotiating Teams;
3. The Council of Ministers at its next meeting do name the East African Teams that will represent the East African Community at the above mentioned meetings and negotiations;
4. The EAC Secretariat acts as the coordinating center for the Negotiating Teams;
5. The Council of Ministers causes to be prepared a budget for the aforementioned purpose; and
6. The Chairman of the Council of Ministers reports to this House at its next meeting the efforts so far made to comply with the Summit's directive of April 11, 2002.

Certified by:



KENNETH MADETE
AG. CLERK



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