



EALA/003/2007

## **MOTION**

### **RESOLUTION TO URGE THE PARTNER STATES TO RATIFY THE AMENDMENTS TO THE TREATY TO ENABLE THE REPUBLICS OF RWANDA AND BURUNDI TO ELECT MEMBERS OF THE EAST AFRICAN LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

**By Hon. Abdullah Mwinyi, Chairperson, Standing Committee on Legal, Rules and Privileges and adopted by the Assembly on Wednesday, December 05, 2007**

#### **Preamble:**

**WHEREAS** Article 3 of the Treaty affords Countries other than the United Republic of Tanzania, the Republic of Kenya and the Republic of Uganda the opportunity of becoming members of the East African Community;

**AND WHEREAS** at the 8<sup>th</sup> Summit of the East African Community Heads of State held on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2006, in Arusha, Tanzania the Summit decided to admit the Republic of Rwanda and the Republic of Burundi as full members of the East African Community effective from 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2007;

**AND WHEREAS** the membership of the Republic of Rwanda and Republic of Burundi into the East African Community entails the conclusion of a Treaty;

**WHEREAS** on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of June 2007 in Kampala in Uganda, the Republic of Rwanda and the Republic of Burundi established by common agreement the condition of accession and concluded the Treaties of accession;

**WHEREAS** the Republic of Rwanda and the Republic of Burundi have finalised the accession process by each depositing the instruments of ratification of the Accession Treaties with the Secretary General;

**AND WHEREAS** the Council of Ministers noting the need to amend some provisions of the Treaty establishing the East African Community with a view to facilitating the effective participation of the two new Partner States



in East African Community Organs and Institutions approved the amendments of the Treaty;

**AND WHEREAS** according to Article 150 and 152 of the Treaty these amendments come into force when ratified by all other Partner States;

**NOW, THIS ASSEMBLY:**

**NOTING** that up to now all the five Partner States have neither ratified the amendments nor deposited the instruments of ratification with the Secretary General,

**RECOGNISING** the need for the Partner States to unite in their desire to pursue the attainment of the objectives of the Treaty for the Establishment of the East African Community

**APPRECIATING** the spirit of the Treaty to strengthen the Economic, Social, Cultural, Political, Technological and other ties for the accelerated, balance and sustainable development of the Partner states through the establishment of an East African Customs Union and a Common Market as transitional stages to and integral parts thereof, subsequently a Monetary Union and Ultimately a Political Federation;

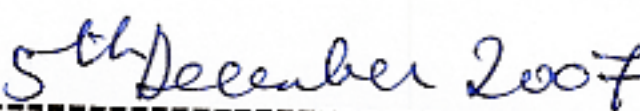
**APPRECIATING FURTHER** the urgency for the ratification of the amendments to the Treaty to enable the Republic of Rwanda and the Republic of Burundi elect their Members of the East African Legislative Assembly as soon as possible;

**DO NOW RESOLVE** to urge all the Partner States to speed up the process of ratification of the amendments and deposit their respective instruments of ratification with the Secretary General.

**Certified by:**

  
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Justin Bundi  
**CLERK**

**Date:**   
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