**SYNOPSIS OF CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY THE EALA MEMBERS AT THE SPECIAL SITTING**

**Hon Peter Mathuki;** the killing must be condemned in the strongest terms possible. The course of the death was not natural but political. Hon Mossi is a person who stood for peace and loved peace. We need to do more when it comes to the security of Members and that of citizens. This is indeed very sad.

**Hon Dora Byamukama;** Let us rise in honour of the departed soul of Hon Hafsa Mossi. Thank you. Though she is not here physically, she lives on. Hon Hafsa Mossi was a woman of substance, with a unique spirit in her, a beauty to behold and graceful. She was a talented person and a diplomat *par excellence*. She was bold and principled. As the political crisis unfolded in Burundi, she remained succinct and balanced even as a Member of the Committee of Regional Affairs and Conflict Resolution. Her heart was indeed in Burundi. The question that keeps lingering in my mind is why? why Hafsa Mossi?

We need independent investigations so that we get a closure on the matter. She represents many people who have died. We need to do more in security matters. I thank God for enabling me to cross paths with Hon Mossi. The lessons she parted to me, which included that of being humble, dignified are not lost.

**Hon Saoli Ole Nkanae;** I stand here deeply saddened by the barbaric act that befell our beloved Hon Hafsa Mossi. The House (EALA) should demand that no stone is left unturned until the perpetrators are brought to book.

**Hon Mike Sebalu;** I thank the Office of the Speaker for the opportunity to enable us to pay tribute to our colleague. I extend a message of condolence from the Rt Hon Kirunda Kivenjija, Third Deputy Prime Minister of Uganda, who though not here, identifies with us today. We have lost a very resourceful East African. This kind of situation does not take away the resolve to have to be a united region. We must continue to stand together, the challenges notwithstanding. Today we celebrate Hon Hafsa Mossi for the good works, achievements in her lifetime as a Minister for EAC in Burundi and as Member of this House.

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She wore a trademark smile even in situations that were provocative. It is important for the Assembly to have engagements that will show more solidarity with the family in Burundi.

**Hon Mumbi Ngaru:** I was full of hunger and confusion when I received the news.I am glad that the Assembly found it fit to organize this Special Sitting so we may speak about our departed colleague. The late Hafsa Mossi was graceful and chose her words very carefully. Hon Mossi served the country with diligence. Burundi will realise and feel the loss arising from the caliber of person she was and the years it took to build her to where she was. She was a great Mother of three beautiful daughters and she adored her grandson. Such assassination is cowardly. We need to pray for the family and that the Almighty God heals them all.

**Hon Shyrose Bhanji:** I express my condolences to the Government of Burundi, to the people and the family of Hon Hafsa Mossi. I strongly condemn those behind the death of Hon Hafsa Mossi. She was kind and humane and a true patriot to her country. As we mourn the passage of Hon Hafsa Mossi, let us also take stock of the security situation in Burundi even though the root cause of the death is yet to be established. We implore Government to conduct thorough investigations as well. Indeed, Hon Hafsa Mossi was a role model to many.

**Hon Joseph Kiangoi:** Today is a very sad day given that one was us was plucked from the midst under very unclear circumstances. The message we get out of all this is that nobody’s life is indispensable. Let us not pretend that all is well in Burundi when it indeed it is not. Thorough investigations must be carried out to establish the motive of the killing.

**Hon Emmanuel Nengo:** As Members of the Chapter of Burundi, we are indeed grateful to the Speaker and the Assembly for the support. It was a very difficult moment for us. It is so hurting. I watched her when she was in BBC, I watched her when she was Minister for Information and Minister of EAC and then finally, got an opportunity to work with her. We will not forget her because of who she was. Let us not suspend activities in Burundi since the move will not contribute to strengthening integrationbut let us have the matter investigated.

Hon Hafsa Mossi, we shall not forget you. May God put you in the right place. Rest in Peace.

**Hon Nancy Abisai:** I stand with my colleagues as we mourn the soul of the departed but I choose to celebrate a woman who had a great career and who was very eloquent. Today, I celebrate the Chair of the Women’s caucus, the captain of the EALA Women’s Volleyball team and a caring mother. Let us think about the ordinary citizens in Burundi and in the Partner States. We have powerful nations in East Africa. Must we let Burundi burn and yet we continue to assume all is well?

As an Assembly, let us put the daughters, grandson and mother of Hon Hafsa Mossi first.

**Hon Christophe Bazivamo:** I condole with the family. Rt Hon Speaker and Members nothing can justify this brutality. This is a criminal act we cannot condone. There is really no gain when you kill. Burundi has lost a daughter, a mother, citizen and a dedicated politician and diplomat.

It is in order for the House to request the Government of Burundi to hold to account the perpetrators. The Summit needs to ensure peace is immediately restored in Burundi to ensure no more killings take place.

**Hon Chris Opoka:** This is the first time that the Member of this House is assassinated in a violent yet cowardly way. This is a chilling and shocking experience. Hon Hafsa Mossi humbled herself to serve the Assembly and the region. This incident has challenged us as an Assembly and a Community. The Summit of EAC Heads of State and the Council of Ministers must do everything possible to make the Community work and bring peace to Burundi to emulate the Late Hon Hafsa Mossi.

The mediation process in Burundi is ongoing. I hope the death of our colleague, will speak to that process. To come to the bottom of the process, let us have an independent investigation carried out by credible experts.

**Hon AbuBakr Ogle:** I have known the late Hafsa Mossi since 1993 when she was a producer in BBC in London.She interviewed me a couple of times. We belonged to the same profession (Journalism) – she was in electronic and I was in print.

Burundi has had its fair share of problems. What happened to the spirit of we East Africans, saying Burundi (or any other Partner States) problems are our problems?

This House needs to be clear about what happened. The House needs to call a public hearing to know what exactly transpired. The Assembly must stand and speak for itself.

**Hon Bernard Mulengani:** My tears run for the late Hafsa Mossi. This is an attack to the Assembly and the Community. Let us re-echo the reality but remind ourselves of some of the things going on in Burundi. First, that, Hon Hafsa Mossi died in cold blood by the gun and two, there are many other persons in the country who have died by the gun. I urge Government of Burundi to include total inclusion of all parties in the mediation talks to ensure peace prevails in Burundi. May the soul of Hon Hafsa Mossi rest in perfect peace.

**Hon Patricia Hajabakiga:** Some of us have had sleepless nights since the death of Hon Hafsa Mossi last week. I did not believe that brutality of such nature can take place in this time and age. My colleagues have mentioned many of the attributes but let me add that she had rare qualities of having relationship of a different nature with many of us.

**Hon Abubakar Zein:** One fine day, the Lord of Lords shall bring to account all those responsible for slaying our Sister’s life unjustly. This has to be said by this House and we should not be afraid to say so. My colleagues are angry, hurt and asking for investigations. But this is not the first time that we hear about this. The Regional Affairs and Conflict Resolution (RACR) has already enlisted this as a recommendation when the Public Hearing on the deteriorating human rights situation in Burundi was held. Have we done enough? May God give patience and fortitude to the family.

**Hon Mukasa Mbidde:** Let us remember the mandate of the House. In our work, truth is very important. Hon Hafsa Mossi has led a life full of truth, work and passion for her country. I am sure in her death, Hon Hafsa Mossi, has inspired a few people to follow up on the case. Let us not cover our eyes anymore but we must reiterate that the Government of Burundi must offer security to the citizens of the Country.

**Hon Abdullah Mwinyi:** Life here is transitory but our Sister has embarked on the journey of eternal life. I condole with the family following the enormous loss suffered.Through the petition we received and determined, the House resolved there were serious human rights violations in Burundi, insecurity, and humanitarian issues. I call upon the parties in Burundi to commence on talks without any conditions.

**Hon Valerie Nyirahabineza**

She was kind and passionate. Rest in peace My Sister, Hon Hafsa Mossi.

**Hon Martin Ngoga:** Hon Hafsa’s death was a product of crime. She had really good rapport with everyone and met her death in an arrogant and brutal matter. Authorities in Burundi have a responsibility to bring the perpetrators of the crime to book.

**Hon Sarah Bonaya:** The House has lost a loving colleague. The Partner State needs to look into the matter seriously. It is sad that Hon Hafsa had to be the sacrifice for peace.

**Hon Maryam Ussi**: I am saddened and angered by the passage of Hon Hafsa Mossi whose death is barbaric and unacceptable. I condole with the family as we continue to pray with the family for comfort.

**Hon Pierre Celestin Rwigema:** Hon Hafsa Mossi was so committed to bringing peace to Burundi. It is very sad to see such a senior politician die in such a cruel manner. This House should indeed encourage dialogue for Burundi.

**Hon Makongoro Nyerere:** I condole with the family of Hon Hafsa Mossi while lamenting about the presence of guns out there which definitely brings in to focus the safety of members as we continue with matters of rotation.

**Hon Dr Odette Nyiramilimo**: Hon Hafsa Mossi was courageous and she loved her country. I call on the Council of Ministers to undertake speedy investigations.

**Hon Nusura Tiperu:** I condole with the family on this sad occasion. This is deemed to be an attack on EALA and should not be taken lightly. The assassination of Hon Mossi took place at a time when the women of the world had gathered in Kigali for the AU Summit. We have indeed lost a woman of great substance.

**Hon Dr Nderakindo Kessy**: Hon Hafsa Mossi is definitely at a better place than those who eliminated her