



**EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY  
EAST AFRICAN LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

**MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY TO EXTEND ITS  
CONDOLENCES AND SYMPATHIES TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED  
REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA AND THE VICTIMS OF THE 10<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2016  
EARTHQUAKE IN THE KAGERA REGION AND BEYOND**

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**WHEREAS** under Article 112(1) (d) of the Treaty for the Establishment of the East African Community the EAC Partner States undertook to, among others, co-operate in the management of the environment and agreed to take necessary disaster preparedness, management, protection and mitigation measures especially for the control of natural and man-made disasters, which include oil spills, bio-hazards, floods, earthquakes, marine accidents, drought and bush fires;

**AND WHEREAS** Article 49 (d) of the Treaty for the Establishment of the East African Community vests into the Assembly the authority to discuss all matters pertaining to the Community and make recommendations to the Council of Ministers as it may deem necessary for the implementation of the Treaty;

**AWARE THAT** on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2016 at around 3:00pm, a 5.7 magnitude earthquake struck Nsunga, Kagera Region on the North-western parts of Lake Victoria, and the tremors rippled as far as western Kenya and parts of Uganda;

**FURTHER AWARE** that the earthquake shock had a maximum intensity of VII (*Very strong*) leading to loss of 17 lives, injury of 440 persons and displacement of thousands of people, as well as massive destruction of properties and livelihoods;

**CONGNISANT** of the fact that the immediate intervention by the Government of Tanzania was made through the Prime Minister's Office. Notably, the Prime Minister's Office in collaboration with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and EAC Cooperation organized a charity walk to raise funds for the affected people. The walk which was headed by the former President H.E Ali Hassan Mwinyi also attracted many more sympathies from local and international community;

**FURTHER APPRECIATING** the gesture of solidarity and sympathy demonstrated by various EAC Partner States, the general public, private organisations, the business community and members of the diplomatic community in the form of financial, moral, and material support to address the devastating effect of the earthquake;

**NOTING** that the devastating effects of this earthquake presents a big financial challenge to the Government, the victims and families thereof;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THIS ASSEMBLY THAT:**

1. We jointly extend our heartfelt condolences and sympathies to H.E. Dr. John Joseph Pombe Magufuli, President of United Republic of Tanzania, his Government and the people of Tanzania and the families and victims of the 10<sup>th</sup> September, 2016, earthquake.
2. The Assembly urges well-wishers both local, regional and international to continue giving support towards the rehabilitation of the affected infrastructure and victims.
3. A good will mission comprising Members of EALA and the Secretariat be sent to the Kagera belt to appraise themselves on the status of the impact of the earth quake and report to the House.

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