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**EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY
EAST AFRICAN LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

RESOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY TO SUPPORT THE ONGOING EAST AFRICAN CRUDE OIL PIPELINE PROJECT (EACOP)

By Hon. James Kakooza and adopted by the Assembly on Thursday 3rd November 2022

(Moved under Articles 49 (2) (d), 93 (d), 101(2) (a), 114 (2) (c) (v) of the Treaty and Rule 26 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly)

WHEREAS under Article 93 (d) of the Treaty, all Partner States undertook to closely cooperate amongst themselves in the field of maritime transport and ports with respect to coastal Partner States granting easy access to port facilities to land-locked Partner (among others);

WHEREAS under Article 101 (2) (a) of the Treaty, Partner States agreed to cooperate in the efficient exploration and exploitation of fossil fuels, amongst other various energy resources available within the region;

WHEREAS under Article 114 (2)(c), (v) of the Treaty, Partner States committed to adopt common policies to ensure joint fossil exploration and exploitation along the coast and rift valley as part of their concerted measures to foster co-operation in the joint and efficient management and the sustainable utilisation of natural resources within the Community for their mutual benefits;

NOTING the progress made by the Republic of Uganda and the United Republic of Tanzania in the implementation of the East African Crude Oil Pipeline Project (EACOP), a capital investment of some \$ 4bn representing the largest ever inward investments into the two countries and which runs 1,443km from Kabaale, Hoima district in Uganda to the Chongoleani Peninsula near Tanga Port in Tanzania and is a buried thermally insulated 24" pipeline along with six pumping stations (two in Uganda and four in Tanzania) ending at Tanga where the crude oil will be loaded onto tankers to be sold onwards to world markets.

CONVICED that the project is a natural resource revenue base which will up boost the economy of Uganda and Tanzania, will provide new infrastructure development, logistics, employment and greatly contribute to uplifting the livelihoods of the communities along the route and to prosperity of the citizens of the Partner States and the EAC Region as a whole and reduce the dependency on external funding, thus enhancing our economic independency;

INFORMED that the European Parliament adopted, on 14th September 2022, a Joint Motion for a Resolution alleging violations of human rights in Uganda and Tanzania, major environments and climate threats linked to the execution of the EACOP project, "*serious adverse impacts for communities within the oil extraction and pipeline areas*"; and calling upon the governments of Uganda, Tanzania, the EACOP project promoters and stakeholders "to put an end to the extractive activities in protected and sensitive ecosystems, including the shores of Lake Albert and "*to explore alternatives in line with international climate and biodiversity commitments*"(amongst others);

OBSERVING that the resolution was adopted on the basis of unsubstantiated claims and accusations and without prior engagement with the legitimate representatives of the people of East Africa;

FURTHER OBSERVING that while carbon pollution is a serious cause of climate change and its adverse effects on the environment, "*this pollution comes from just a few countries*", some of which are members of the European Union or its partner countries in respect of energy supply, including fossil fuels, as it was established by the last report of the World Meteorological Organization; and according to Climate Watch 2020 Report, the Republics of Uganda and Tanzania contribute only to 0.1 and 0.2 metric tons GHG emissions per Capita, far behind every single member of the European Union.

NOTHING that none of East Africans and East African Civil Society Organisations referred to by the Joint Resolution of the European Parliament has ever petitioned the East African Legislative Assembly on the alleged human rights violations and the claimed adverse impact of the EACOP project on local communities and the environment;

RECALLING that all EAC Partner States (Uganda and Tanzania included) voluntarily subscribed to global, continental and regional human rights instruments and laid down in the Treaty for the Establishment of the East African Community

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the promotion and protection of human and people rights as one of the Fundamental Principles of the Community (Article 6);

INFORMED that the Host Government Agreements signed on 11th April 2021 and 20th May 2021 between EACOP and the Governments of Uganda and Tanzania respectively set out measures which are compliant with the best international standards in respect of environment and climate protection, human rights, land, health, social and security standards, compensation and restoration of the affected areas in accordance with the Equator Principles and IFC Performance Standards as well as the relevant national laws of Tanzania and Uganda, the EACOP project having opted for a buried pipeline which will allow people and animals to cross freely along its length once topsoil and vegetation have been re-instated;

AWARE that as of September 2022, 13161 Project Affected Persons (PAPs), out of whom 9,513 in Tanzania and 3,638 in Uganda have been already identified and the compensation process was still ongoing with the majority of physically displaced PAPs having elected for replacement housing, the construction of which is underway, as well as compensation at full replacement value with 7,234 individual compensation agreements already signed (4,612 in Tanzania and 2,622 in Uganda); and the commitment of the EACOP not to access land until compensation has been paid and to provide food support and livelihood restoration programs to eligible PAPs;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY AS FOLLOWS: -

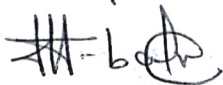
THAT in accordance with Article 49 (2) (d) of the Treaty, the Assembly: -

- 1) Expresses its strongest support to the implementation of the EACOP project for mutual benefits of the Partner States and prosperity of the entire EAC region.
- 2) Encourages any aggrieved persons or communities by the EACOP project to always channel their complaints to their legitimate representatives in national Assemblies or petition the EALA.
- 3) Reiterates its readiness to engage with all project stakeholders to ensure that the EACOP is implemented in compliance with applicable international best standards as already laid down in the signed Host Government Agreements

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- 4) Encourages the Republic of Uganda and the United Republic of Tanzania to mobilize additional EAC-wide investment, so as to ensure timely implementation of the EACOP Project.

CERTIFIED BY:



Alex Obatre
CLERK OF THE ASSEMBLY

3RD NOVEMBER 2022.

DATE