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**EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY
EAST AFRICAN LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

RESOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY URGING EAC SUMMIT TO AMMEND THE TREATY TO MAKE KISWAHILI A FORMAL LANGUAGE OF THE COMMUNITY

By Hon. Abubakar Zein and adopted by the Assembly on Thursday 25th August, 2016

RECALLING THAT the East African Community (EAC) Treaty establishes the aspiration of making Kiswahili the Lingua Franca of the Community;

AWARE THAT Kiswahili is the most widely spoken African Language in the East African Region;

COGNISANT THAT the Community has established the Kiswahili Commission as an institution of the Community with the noble objective of promoting this East African Language;

ACKNOWLEDGING THAT language is one of the most important aspect of human life including by being a vessel of human philosophy, values, attitudes, identity and meaning of life;

APPRECIATING THAT the African Union has made Kiswahili one of its official working languages;

CONSIDERING THAT Kiswahili is the fastest spreading African language across the globe;

CONVINCED THAT making Kiswahili one of the official languages of the Community will widen and deepen the integration process;

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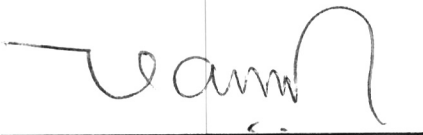
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FURTHER CONVINCED THAT such action will increase the participation of the people of East Africa in the affairs of the Community as well as promote African Culture.

DESIROUS OF PROMOTING THESE NOBLE ASPIRATIONS, THIS HOUSE THEREFORE DO RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS;

1. To urge the Summit of EAC to amend the Treaty for the establishment of the Community to provide that Kiswahili is one of the official Languages of the Community.
2. To urge the Council of Ministers to support this noble quest by the Assembly.
3. To further urge the Council of Ministers to allocate adequate resources to EAC Kiswahili Commission to effectively carry out its mandate.
4. To urge the Partner States to give legal status to Kiswahili as an official language.
5. To further urge the Partner States to promote and allow the use of Kiswahili in official domains.

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