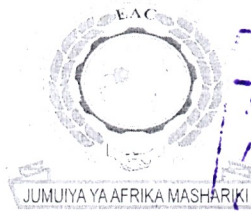


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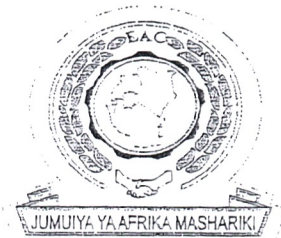
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1.0 INTRODUCTION

The 5th Meeting of the Hon. Speakers of the National Assemblies/Parliaments of the East African Community and the East African Legislative Assembly will take place in Kampala, Uganda on 6th and 7th May, 2010. The meeting will be a follow up of the 4th Meeting held in Arusha, Tanzania on 19th November, 2009. The meeting is convened in accordance with decisions of the EAC Speakers to hold such meetings biannually, and as a follow up on the implementation of the previous decisions.

The issues on the agenda for consideration are:-

- Status of implementation of the previous decisions;
- Review of the proposed Rules of Procedure for the Bureau of EAC Speakers;
- Proposal to establish annual Parliamentary Games; and
- Mechanisms for enhancing functional relationships between National Assemblies/Parliaments and EALA.

A consultative meeting of Clerks and Senior Officials of Parliaments/National Assemblies was convened from 3rd – 5th May, 2010 to prepare a report for submission to the Hon. Speakers on the above mentioned agenda.

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2.0 CONSTITUTION OF THE BUREAU OF THE MEETING OF THE CLERKS AND SENIOR PARLIAMENTARY OFFICIALS

The East African Legislative Assembly chaired the meeting while the Republic of Uganda was the Rapporteur. The list of participants is attached as *Annex I*.

3.0 STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PREVIOUS DECISIONS

The meeting recalled that from the second through to the fourth meetings of the EAC Speakers, the Hon. Speakers, having taken cognizance of the relevant provisions of the Treaty for the establishment of the EAC, made decisions relating to the following institutional matters:

- Establishment of the Bureau of EAC Speakers as an EAC organ;
- Establishment of the East African Parliamentary Institute;
- The need to transfer the activities of the Inter-Parliamentary Committee for East Africa to the East African Legislative Assembly;
- Functional relations between EALA and National Assemblies; and
- Harmonization of the Rules of Procedure of the National Assemblies/Parliaments on how to handle EALA business

3.1 Progress on the Establishment of EAPI, Bureau of Speakers and the transfer of activities of the Inter-Parliamentary Committee for East Africa to the East African Legislative Assembly

The 2nd Meeting of the Speakers held on September 12, 2008 in Kigali agreed to request the Summit of the EAC Heads of State to invoke the Provisions of Article 9(1)(h) of the Treaty and establish a formal Organ of



the Community known as the **Bureau of EAC Speakers** (Speakers' Forum) with the mandate to make formal decisions relating to issues of EALA and National Assemblies/Parliaments.

At the same meeting, it was also decided, and a Memorandum of Understanding signed by all the EAC Speakers of the National Assemblies/Parliaments and EALA to establish the East African Parliamentary Institute (EAPI) as an institution of the Community. EAPI is intended to serve as a resource centre for legislatures in East Africa and to provide a forum for training Members of Parliament, Parliamentary Officials and any other persons.

It was further agreed that a recommendation be made to the Council of Ministers to transfer the activities of the Inter-Parliamentary Committee for East Africa to EALA. This was in line with the recommendation of the last meeting of the Inter-Parliamentary Committee itself, held in April, 2008 in Dar-es-Salaam.

The above decisions and all the necessary justifications and attachments were formally tabled in the 17th Meeting of the Council of Ministers held on 20th February 2009, for their consideration and onward transmission to the next meeting of the Summit of EAC Heads of State.

The Council, however, decided to defer further consideration of the establishment of new Organs and Institutions of EAC pending the finalization of criteria and procedures to guide the Summit in the discharge of this function.





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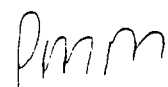
At its 18th Meeting held on 28th August, 2009, the Council decided that the "admission of Public Sector Organs and Institutions will be guided by the provisions of the Treaty". Given this decision, the matter of development of the criteria was put to rest.

Meanwhile, at its 19th Meeting held on 18th November, 2009, the Council directed the Secretariat, in consultation with EALA and the EAC Partner States to develop a comprehensive Concept Paper on the three items and submit the same to the Partner States for consideration. The Secretariat complied and submitted the Concept Paper to all Partner States as directed.

At its 20th Meeting held on 26th March, 2010, the Council noted that not all Partner States had made comments on the Concept Paper. It therefore directed the Secretariat to remind the Partner States to forward their comments by 30th April, 2010.

3.1.1 Progress on the Establishment of the Bureau of EAC Speakers

The meeting recalled that at their 3rd Meeting held on 27th April, 2009, in Bujumbura, the Hon. Speakers noted that in respect to the establishment of the Bureau of EAC Speakers, it was erroneous for the Council of Ministers to review their decision. The Council had been requested to transmit the request directly to the Summit since the proposal had no financial implications to the Community as the structures were already in existence, and hence no need to subject it to any criteria. It was therefore agreed that the report be presented directly to the Chairperson of the Summit by the Hon. Speaker of EALA and the President of the Rwanda Senate. This was accordingly done.



It was also noted that the Secretary General of the Community who is the Secretary to the Summit had given assurance to the Speaker of EALA that the matter would be put on the then next agenda of the Summit. This was not done.

In light of the above developments, the Clerks and Senior Parliamentary officials' request the Rt. Hon. Speakers to;

- (1) *Take note of the decisions of the Council.*
- (2) *Take note in particular of the decision of the Council to subject these issues to "consideration by and comments from Partner States" irrespective of the formal decisions, including an M.O.U by the Speakers on the same.*
- (3) *Decide on the way forward.*

3.1.2 Progress on the Establishment of the East African Parliamentary Institute (EAPI)

The meeting noted that notwithstanding the above mentioned decisions of Council, EALA has made some progress in relation to EAPI. The meeting was informed that following a No Objection clearance by the African Capacity Building Fund, the Consultant to develop modalities for the establishment of EAPI has been engaged. The contract was formally signed on 9th April, 2010 and the final report is expected by 18th June, 2010. The Consultant is among other things, required to make consultations with all Parliaments/National Assemblies of the EAC and the East African Legislative Assembly.



The Hon. Speakers are invited to take note of the progress on this matter.

4.0 FUNCTIONAL RELATIONS BETWEEN NATIONAL ASSEMBLIES/PARLIAMENTS AND EALA AND AMONGST THEMSELVES

The meeting noted that progress has been registered in this area. Pursuant to the provisions of Articles 49 (2) (a) and 65 of the Treaty;

- Parliaments/National Assemblies have adopted the harmonized Rules of Procedure on how to handle EALA business;
- The Inter-Parliamentary Relations Seminar (Nanyuki Series) continues to be held each year;
- Inter-Committee activities between Committees of EALA and those of National Assemblies/Parliaments continue to take place under the auspices of the Inter-Parliamentary Liaison Committees (IPLCs). A total of four IPLCs have so far been formed; i.e. on Trade, Health, Agriculture and Accounts;
- There is regular exchange of information, reports and submissions between EALA and National Assemblies/Parliaments;
- EALA continues to successfully hold sittings in all Partner States in succession;
- The meetings of the EAC Speakers continue to be held as agreed.

In light of the above positive developments, the Clerks and Senior Parliamentary officials recommend to the Rt. Hon. Speaker to:

- 1. Take note of the progress made in this area;***

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2. *Urge the National Assemblies/Parliaments that have not yet adopted the harmonized Rules of Procedure to consider doing so;*
3. *Urge National Assemblies/Parliaments that have not established Parliamentary Commissions to consider doing so.*
4. *Take note of an initiative to establish a network of all categories of Parliamentary staff to meet annually to share professional experiences.*

5.0 ESTABLISHMENT OF ANNUAL EAC PARLIAMENTARY GAMES

The meeting recalled that as part of the celebrations to mark the EAC 10th Anniversary, EALA successfully organized an EAC football tournament in November, 2009 at which EALA and National Assemblies/Parliaments of Partner States except Burundi participated. It was further noted that the tournament proved to be an exciting activity and created a warm and friendly fraternity between legislators and wanainch.

The meeting further recalled that at their 4th Meeting held on 19th November, 2009 in Arusha, the Rt. Hon. Speakers mooted the idea of having annual Inter-Parliamentary games (especially football) on a rotational basis. It was decided that the indicative budget for hosting the tournament be developed, to form part of the basis for consideration of the matter at the next meeting.

As directed by the Speakers, the meeting noted that arising out of the experience of hosting the last tournament by EALA, a budget of **US\$ 36,485** was required to successfully host this tournament for a period of

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one week provided each National Assembly/Parliament and EALA meets the cost of travel and accommodation for the respective team (*budget attached as Annex II*).

The Clerks and senior parliamentary officials recommend to the Rt. Hon. Speakers to;

- *Take note of the budgetary implications for hosting an EAC Parliamentary football tournament annually;*
- *Broaden the concept of the games to include other games likely to enhance participation of women Members of Parliament and other categories of MPs and Parliamentary staff;*
- *Give further guidance on the matter.*

6.0 REVIEW OF THE PROPOSED RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE FORUM OF SPEAKERS

The meeting recalled that at its 3rd Meeting held on 27th April, 2009 and at its 4th Meeting held on 19th November, 2009, the Hon. Speakers considered the draft Rules of Procedure to govern their meetings and operations.

The meeting noted that the Secretariat incorporated amendments and pursuant to the decision of the 4th Meeting held on 19th November, 2009, the Speaker of EALA forwarded the document to all Partner States for review by the Clerks and the Legal Counsels.

The Speakers are requested to:

- (1) *Take note that all Parliament/National Assemblies received the document and subjected it to review;*

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(2) *Take note of the proposed amendments to the draft Rules
(Attached as Annex III);*

(3) *Approve, adopt and sign the Rules of the Bureau of Speakers.*

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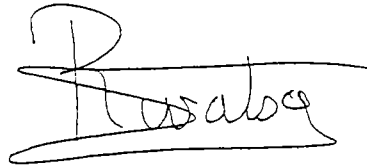
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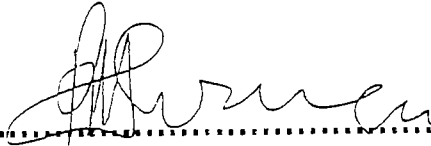
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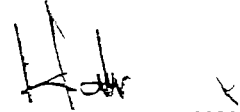
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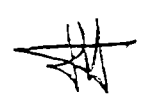
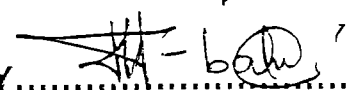
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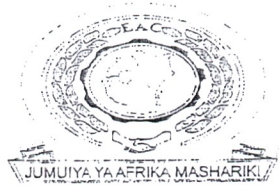
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3. Ms. Mirungu Phylis - Kenya National Assembly
4. Mr. Jeremiah Nyegenye - Kenya National Assembly
5. Mr. Noah K. Too - Kenya National Assembly
6. Mr. Paul G. Wabwire - Parliament of Uganda
7. Mr. Emmanuel Bakwega - Parliament of Uganda
8. Mr. Pius Biribonwoha - Parliament of Uganda
9. Mr. Alex Obatre - East African Legislative Assembly (EALA)

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EAC FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT BUDGET ESTIMATE FOR THE EAC 10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

S.NO	DESCRIPTION OF ITEM	QUANTITY	UNIT COST IN (US\$)	TOTAL
1.	Football uniforms, 2 sets for 20 (18 players & 2 officials) for 5 teams: - Track suits - Complete set of uniforms (Jerseys, shorts & stockings)	200 10sets	40 400	8,000 4,000
2.	Football boots (20 pairs per team)	100	50	5,000
3.	Shoen guards (20 pairs per team)	100	20	2,000
4.	Footballs	50	30	1,500
5.	Hire of football referees from Football Association of Tanzania (FAT)	10 games x 4 referees (40)	20	800
6.	Hire of Sheikh Amri Abeid Stadium	5 days	200	1,000
7.	Transport for players during tournament (one coaster bus per team)	5 x 7 days (35)	200	7,000
8.	Refreshments during tournament	10 games	100	1,000

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9.	Medals & Trophies			
	Trophies			
	- Big Trophy for the winner	1	250	250
	- Medium size trophy for runners-up	1	200	200
	- Small size trophy for 3 rd placed team	1	150	150
	- Trophy for participation	2	100	200
	Medals			
	- Gold medals	25	15	375
	- Silver medals	25	12	300
	- Bronze medals	25	10	250
- Printing medals and trophies			150	
10.	Hire of Stadium	6	385	2310
11.	Medical kit and medical services for seven days (Preferably AAR, can be co-sponsored with EAC from existing contract)	-	-	2,000
GRAND TOTAL US\$				36,485

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RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR THE BUREAU OF EAC SPEAKERS

Citation

These Rules may be cited as the Rules of Procedure for the Bureau of East African Community Speakers.

Rule 1

Definitions

All terms and phrases defined in the Treaty shall have the respective meaning set forth therein as if the same were transposed herein and reproduced verbatim; save for the following additional terms that shall have the meaning set forth herein.

In these Rules, unless the context otherwise requires, the expression:

"Bureau" means the Bureau of East African Community Speakers

"Member of the Bureau" means a Speaker of a National Assembly/Parliament of a Partner State and the Speaker of the East African Legislative Assembly (EALA);

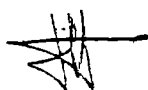
"Observer" means a person granted observer status under these Rules;


"Speaker" means a Speaker or President of a National Assembly/Parliament of a Partner State and the Speaker of the Assembly;

"Secretariat" means the secretariat of the Bureau established under Rule 7;

"Treaty" means the Treaty establishing the East African Community and any annexes and Protocols thereto.





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Rule 2

Composition

The Bureau shall consist of the Speakers of the National Assemblies/Parliaments of each Partner State of the Community, and the Speaker of the East African Legislative Assembly.

Rule 3

Meetings of the Bureau

- (1) The Bureau shall meet at least twice a year in ordinary meetings.
- (2) The Bureau may hold an Extraordinary Meeting at the request of a Member of the Bureau or the Chairperson.
- (3) Subject to this rule, the Bureau shall regulate its own procedure.

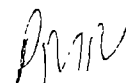
Rule 4

Attendance of Meetings

- (1) The Head of the secretariat, who will be a serving Clerk of Assembly/Parliament shall attend as an ex-officio member and advisor of the Bureau.
- (2) A member may be accompanied to a meeting of the Bureau by professional staff as advisors.
- (3) The Bureau may invite any person as an Observer to its meetings.
- (4) At the request of a member and with the leave of the Bureau, an observer may address a meeting of the Bureau.



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Rule 5

Election and Tenure of the Chairperson of the Bureau

- (1) The Bureau shall have a Chairperson elected from amongst its Members who shall preside over its meetings.
- (2) The Chairperson shall be elected on the principle of rotation and shall hold such office for a period of one year.
- (3) If the term of the Chairperson is due to expire at any time when a meeting is being held, the Chairperson shall continue in office until the conclusion of the meeting.

Rule 6

Venue and Costs of Meetings

- (1) The meetings of the Bureau shall be held in rotation among the Partner States in such place as shall be agreed upon by the Members of the Bureau and communicated by the Chairperson of the Bureau.
- (2) The expenses for meetings and secretarial facilities shall be borne by the host State.
- (3) Where the Speaker of the Assembly, is the Chairperson of the Bureau, the meetings shall be held at the headquarters of the Community; and the expenses for meetings and secretarial facilities shall be borne by the Community.
- (4) An Extraordinary Meeting shall be hosted by the Partner State of the member requesting the meeting; and the expenses for the Meeting and secretarial facilities shall be met by that Partner State.

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- (5) Where an Extraordinary Meeting has been called at the request of the Speaker of the Assembly, the meeting shall be held at the headquarters of the Community; and the expenses and secretarial facilities shall be met by the Community.

Rule 7

Secretariat of the Bureau

- (1) There shall be a secretariat to the Bureau which shall comprise of two persons from the office of the Clerk of a National Assembly/Parliament of each Partner State, and two officers of the Assembly.
- (2) The Bureau shall by consensus and on the principle of rotation, appoint the Clerk of a National Assembly/Parliament of any Partner State to head the secretariat for a period of one year.
- (3) If the term of office of the head of the secretariat is due to expire at any time when a meeting is being held, the head of the secretariat shall continue in office until the conclusion of the meeting and shall ensure a proper handover within thirty (30) days of the conclusion of the meeting.
- (4) The secretariat shall receive and prepare all documents for the deliberation of the Bureau and shall distribute them to its members.
- (5) The secretariat shall prepare a Report of the Meeting which shall be sent to the Members within thirty (30) days from the close of each meeting and shall submit the same for approval at the opening of the next meeting.
- (6) All records of the meetings of the Bureau shall be deposited with the Clerk to the East African Legislative Assembly who shall be the chief custodian.

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Rule 8

Provisional Agenda

- (1) The secretariat shall in consultation with the Chairperson of the Bureau draw up a provisional agenda.
- (2) The provisional agenda of a meeting of the Bureau shall be circulated to the Members, at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting in the case of an Ordinary Meeting; and fifteen (15) days, in the case of an Extraordinary Meeting.
- (3) The communication in Sub-Rule (2) above shall be effected in writing by the Chairperson of the Bureau.
- (4) Additional items may be placed on the provisional agenda for an Ordinary Meeting of the Bureau by a Member by giving written notice thereof to the Chairperson of the Bureau at least fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting in question. Members shall be notified of such additional items through a supplementary list, which shall be communicated to them at least seven (7) days prior to the commencement of the meeting.
- (5) Every item listed on the agenda shall have supporting documents prepared either by the proposing Member or the Secretariat.
- (6) The Chairperson of the Bureau may, at any time, add items to the provisional agenda of the meeting provided that Members shall forthwith be notified.

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Rule 9

Agenda of meetings

- (1) The Bureau shall adopt the agenda for each meeting at the beginning of the meeting.
- (2) The agenda of an Extraordinary Meeting shall comprise only the items proposed for discussion as contained in the request for convening the said Meeting.
- (3) Communication of notice of meeting, provisional agenda and other documents relating to an Extraordinary Meeting of the Bureau, shall follow the procedure provided under Rule 8.

Rule 10

Quorum

- (1) For the purpose of quorum, a meeting of the Bureau shall be properly constituted when members from at least four Partner States are present.
- (2) If a Member of the Bureau is unable to attend a meeting, that Member may nominate the Deputy Speaker to attend the meeting and the Deputy Speaker so nominated shall count for purposes of quorum.
- (3) If a Member of the Bureau ceases to be a Speaker, the Deputy Speaker of the concerned Partner States shall be a member of the Bureau until such time as a Speaker is elected.
- (4) A Deputy Speaker attending meetings under Sub-Rule 2 shall have all the powers, duties and responsibilities of the Member of the Bureau on whose behalf he or she is attending.

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Rule 11

Delegation of Powers

The Bureau may delegate the exercise of any of its functions, subject to any conditions, which it may think fit to impose, to the Chairperson, a Member, or the head of the secretariat.

Rule 12

Decision Making

The decisions of the Bureau shall be by consensus.

Rule 13

Conduct of Business

- (1) The Chairperson shall guide discussions, and announce decisions.
- (2) Subject to Rule 16, the Chairperson shall rule on questions of procedure in accordance with these Rules.
- (3) The Bureau may determine that any particular item on the agenda shall be closed to Observers.
- (4) The Head of the secretariat shall be present at meetings of the Bureau and may take part in the proceedings in an advisory capacity.
- (5) During the consideration of a matter at a meeting, a Member may raise a point of order and the Chairperson shall rule immediately on the point of order raised.
- (6) When a matter has been adequately considered, a Member of the Bureau may move that consideration of the matter be closed whereupon the meeting shall immediately take a decision on the motion.

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- (7) Questions on procedure may be moved verbally and without previous notice.
 - (8) The Head of the secretariat shall compile all decisions taken by the Bureau.
 - (9) During the consideration of any matter at a meeting, a Member may at any moment propose that the meeting be suspended or postponed whereupon the Bureau shall immediately take a decision on the proposal.

Rule 14

Adoption and Amendment of the Rules

- (1) The Bureau shall adopt and amend its Rules by consensus.
- (2) Proposals to amend the Rules of the Bureau must be formulated in writing and sent to the secretariat of the Bureau at least ninety (90) days before the commencement of the meeting of the Bureau at which the proposals are to be considered. The secretariat shall immediately communicate such proposals to the Members.
- (3) Where there is more than one proposal for amendment of a Rule, the Chairperson shall determine the order in which the proposals shall be considered.
- (4) A proposal for amendment of a Rule may be withdrawn by the Member who proposed it.

Rule 15

Entry into Force

These Rules and any amendments thereto shall enter into force on the date on which they are adopted by the Bureau unless the Bureau otherwise determines.

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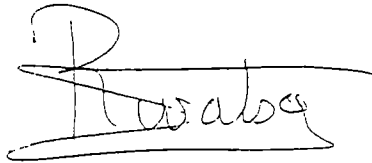
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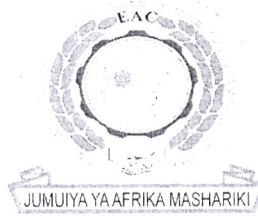
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Where there is doubt regarding the procedure to be followed or where no procedure is prescribed by or under these Rules, the procedure to be followed shall be determined by the Chairperson.

These Rules adopted by Agreement of all Members of the Bureau on the -----day of -----2010.

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2.0 CONSTITUTION OF THE BUREAU OF THE MEETING

Hon. Edward K. Ssekandi, Speaker of the Parliament of Uganda was unanimously elected the new Chair of the Bureau. The meeting was attended by Hon. Abdirahin H. Abdi, Speaker of EALA; Hon. Anne Makinda, Deputy speaker of the Tanzania National Assembly; Hon. Prosper Higiro, the Vice President of the Rwanda Senate; Hon. Ekwere Ethuro, Member of the

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The meeting recalled that from the second through to the fourth meetings of the EAC Speakers, the Hon. Speakers, having taken cognizance of the relevant provisions of the Treaty for the establishment of the EAC, made decisions relating to the following institutional matters:

- Establishment of the Bureau of EAC Speakers as an EAC organ;
- Establishment of the East African Parliamentary Institute as an EAC Institution;
- The need to transfer the activities of the Inter-Parliamentary Committee for East Africa to the East African Legislative Assembly;
- Functional relations between EALA and National Assemblies/Parliaments; and
- Harmonization of the Rules of Procedure of the National Assemblies/Parliaments on how to handle EALA business

3.1 Progress on the Establishment of EAPI, Bureau of Speakers and the transfer of activities of the Inter-Parliamentary Committee for East Africa to the East African Legislative Assembly

The 2nd Meeting of the Speakers held on September 12, 2008 in Kigali agreed to request the Summit of the EAC Heads of State to invoke the Provisions of Article 9(1)(h) of the Treaty and establish a formal Organ of the Community known as the **Bureau of EAC Speakers** with the mandate

to make formal decisions relating to issues of EALA and National Assemblies/Parliaments.

At the same meeting, it was also decided, and a Memorandum of Understanding signed by all the EAC Speakers of the National Assemblies/Parliaments and EALA to establish the East African Parliamentary Institute (EAPI) as an institution of the Community. EAPI is intended to serve as a resource centre for legislatures in East Africa and to provide a forum for training Members of Parliament, Parliamentary Officials and any other persons.

It was further agreed that a recommendation be made to the Council of Ministers to transfer the activities of the Inter-Parliamentary Committee for East Africa to EALA. This was in line with the recommendation of the last meeting of the Inter-Parliamentary Committee itself, held in April, 2008 in Dar-es-Salaam.

The above decisions and all the necessary justifications and attachments were formally tabled in the 17th Meeting of the Council of Ministers held on 20th February 2009, for their consideration and onward transmission to the next meeting of the Summit of EAC Heads of State.

The Council, however, decided to defer further consideration of the establishment of new Organs and Institutions of EAC pending the finalization of criteria and procedures to guide the Summit in the discharge of this function.

At its 18th Meeting held on 4th September, 2009, the Council decided that the *"admission of Public Sector Organs and Institutions will be guided by the provisions of the Treaty"*. Given this decision, the matter of development of the criteria was put to rest.

Meanwhile, at its 19th Meeting held on 18th November, 2009, the Council directed the Secretariat, in consultation with EALA and the EAC Partner States to develop a comprehensive Concept Paper on the three items and submit the same to the Partner States for consideration. The Secretariat complied and submitted the Concept Paper to all Partner States as directed.

At its 20th Meeting held on 26th March, 2010, the Council noted that not all Partner States had made comments on the Concept Paper. It therefore directed the Secretariat to remind the Partner States to forward their comments by 30th April, 2010.

3.1.1 Progress on the Establishment of the Bureau of EAC Speakers

The meeting recalled that at their 3rd Meeting held on 27th April, 2009, in Bujumbura, the Hon. Speakers noted that in respect to the establishment of the Bureau of EAC Speakers, it was erroneous for the Council of Ministers to review their decision. The Council had been requested to transmit the request directly to the Summit since the proposal had no financial implications to the Community as the structures were already in existence, and hence no need to subject it to any criteria. It was therefore agreed that the report be presented directly to the Chairperson of the Summit by the Hon. Speaker of EALA and the President of the Rwanda Senate. This was accordingly done.

It was also noted that the Secretary General of the Community who is the Secretary to the Summit had given assurance to the Speaker of EALA that the matter would be put on the then next agenda of the Summit. This was not done.

In light of the above developments, the Rt. Hon. Speakers;

- (1) ***Took note of the decisions of the Council.***
- (2) ***Took note in particular of the decision of the Council to subject these issues to "consideration by and comments from Partner States" irrespective of the formal decisions, including an M.O.U by the Speakers on the same.***
- (3) ***Decided that the Speaker of each National Assembly/Parliament do summon their respective Ministers of EAC Affairs to brief them on the Council decisions;***
- (4) ***Decided that the Chairperson of the Bureau, Speaker of EALA and the Speaker of the Tanzania national Assembly do meet the Chair of Council and Summit to discuss the way forward on these matters;***

3.1.2 Progress on the Establishment of the East African Parliamentary Institute (EAPI)

The meeting noted that notwithstanding the above mentioned decisions of Council, EALA has made some progress in relation to EAPI. The meeting was informed that following a No Objection clearance by the African

Capacity Building Fund, the Consultant to develop modalities for the establishment of EAPI has been engaged. The contract was formally signed on 9th April, 2010 and the final report is expected by 18th June, 2010. The Consultant is among other things, required to make consultations with all Parliaments/National Assemblies of the EAC and the East African Legislative Assembly.

The Hon. Speakers took note of:

- 1. The progress on this matter;***
- 2. The reiteration by the Republic of Kenya of its willingness to host the Institute;***

4.0 FUNCTIONAL RELATIONS BETWEEN NATIONAL ASSEMBLIES/PARLIAMENTS AND EALA AND AMONGST THEMSELVES

The meeting noted that progress has been registered in this area. Pursuant to the provisions of Articles 49 (2) (a) and 65 of the Treaty;

- Some Parliaments/National Assemblies have adopted the harmonized Rules of Procedure on how to handle EALA business;
- The Inter-Parliamentary Relations Seminar (Nanyuki Series) continues to be held each year;
- Inter-Committee activities between Committees of EALA and those of National Assemblies/Parliaments continue to take place under the auspices of the Inter-Parliamentary Liaison Committees (IPLCs). A total of four IPLCs have so far been formed; i.e. on Trade, Health, Agriculture and Accounts;

- There is regular exchange of information, reports and submissions between EALA and National Assemblies/Parliaments;
- EALA continues to successfully hold sittings in all Partner States in succession;
- The meetings of the EAC Speakers continue to be held as agreed.

In light of the above positive developments, the Rt. Hon. Speaker:

- 1. Took note of the progress made in this area;***
- 2. Urged the National Assemblies/Parliaments that have not yet adopted the harmonized Rules of Procedure to consider doing so;***
- 3. Urged National Assemblies/Parliaments that have not established Parliamentary Commissions to consider doing so.***
- 4. Took note of an initiative to establish a network of all categories of Parliamentary staff to meet annually to share professional experiences.***

5.0 ESTABLISHMENT OF ANNUAL EAC PARLIAMENTARY GAMES

The meeting recalled that as part of the celebrations to mark the EAC 10th Anniversary, EALA successfully organized an EAC football tournament in November, 2009 at which EALA and National Assemblies/Parliaments of Partner States except Burundi participated. It was further noted that the tournament proved to be an exciting activity and created a warm and friendly fraternity between legislators and wanainch.

The meeting further recalled that at their 4th Meeting held on 19th November, 2009 in Arusha, the Rt. Hon. Speakers mooted the idea of having annual Inter-Parliamentary games (especially football) on a rotational basis. It was decided that the indicative budget for hosting the tournament be developed, to form part of the basis for consideration of the matter at the next meeting.

The meeting noted that arising out of the experience of hosting the last tournament by EALA, a budget of **US\$ 36,485** was required to successfully host this tournament for a period of one week provided each National Assembly/Parliament and EALA meets the cost of travel and accommodation for the respective team (***budget attached as Annex II***).

The Rt. Hon. Speakers;

- ***Took note of the budgetary implications for hosting an EAC Parliamentary football tournament annually;***
- ***Agreed that each National Assembly/Parliament should have a budget line for the tournament;***
- ***Broadened the concept of the games to include other games likely to enhance participation of women Members of Parliament and other categories of MPs and Parliamentary staff;***
- ***Decided that during the tournaments, the opportunity should be used to hold other activities in the social, intellectual and political fields.***
- ***Noted the offer by EALA to host the next tournament in April/May, 2011;***

- ***Noted the offer by the Kenya National Assembly to host the tournament in the financial year 2011/2012.***

6.0 REVIEW OF THE PROPOSED RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE BUREAU OF SPEAKERS

The meeting recalled that at its 3rd Meeting held on 27th April, 2009 and at its 4th Meeting held on 19th November, 2009, the Hon. Speakers considered the draft Rules of Procedure to govern their meetings and operations.

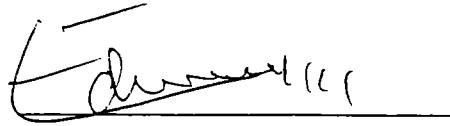
The meeting noted that the Secretariat incorporated amendments and pursuant to the decision of the 4th Meeting held on 19th November, 2009, the Speaker of EALA forwarded the document to all Partner States for review by the Clerks and the Legal Counsels.

The Rt. Hon. Speakers:

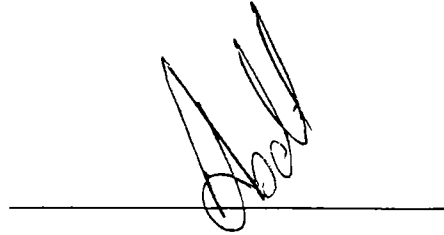
- (1) Took note that all Parliaments/National Assemblies received the document and subjected it to review;***
- (2) Took note of the proposed amendments to the draft Rules (Attached as Annex III);***
- (3) Approved, adopted and signed the Rules of the Bureau of Speakers.***

SIGNED:

Rt. Hon. Edward K. Ssekandi
Speaker
Parliament of Uganda



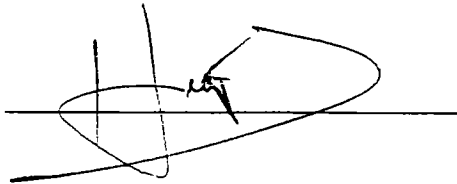
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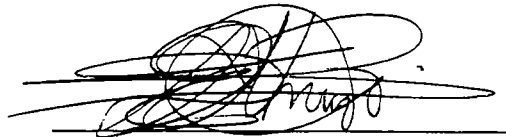
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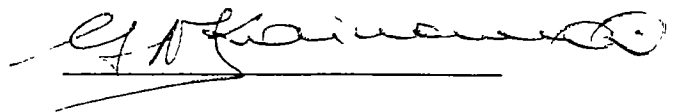
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EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY

EAC FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT BUDGET ESTIMATE FOR THE EAC 10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

S.NO	DESCRIPTION OF ITEM	QUANTITY	UNIT COST IN (US\$)	TOTAL
1.	Football uniforms, 2 sets for 20 (18 players & 2 officials) for 5 teams: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Track suits - Complete set of uniforms (Jerseys, shorts & stockings) 	200	40	8,000
		10sets	400	4,000
2.	Football boots (20 pairs per team)	100	50	5,000
3.	Shoen guards (20 pairs per team)	100	20	2,000
4.	Footballs	50	30	1,500
5.	Hire of football referees from Football Association of Tanzania (FAT)	10 games x 4 referees (40)	20	800
6.	Hire of Sheikh Amri Abeid Stadium	5 days	200	1,000
7.	Transport for players during tournament (one coaster bus per team)	5 x 7 days (35)	200	7,000
8.	Refreshments during tournament	10 games	100	1,000

9.	<u>Medals & Trophies</u>			
	Trophies			
	- Big Trophy for the winner	1	250	250
	- Medium size trophy for runners-up	1	200	200
	- Small size trophy for 3 rd placed team	1	150	150
	- Trophy for participation	2	100	200
	Medals			
	- Gold medals	25	15	375
	- Silver medals	25	12	300
	- Bronze medals	25	10	250
	- Printing medals and trophies			150
10.	Hire of Stadium	6	385	2310
11.	Medical kit and medical services for seven days (Preferably AAR, can be co-sponsored with EAC from existing contract)	-	-	2,000
GRAND TOTAL US\$				36,485

RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR THE BUREAU OF EAC SPEAKERS

Citation

These Rules may be cited as the Rules of Procedure for the Bureau of East African Community Speakers.

Rule 1

Definitions

All terms and phrases defined in the Treaty shall have the respective meaning set forth therein as if the same were transposed herein and reproduced verbatim; save for the following additional terms that shall have the meaning set forth herein.

In these Rules, unless the context otherwise requires, the expression:

"Bureau" means the Bureau of East African Community Speakers

"Member of the Bureau" means a Speaker of a National Assembly/Parliament of a Partner State and the Speaker of the East African Legislative Assembly (EALA);

"Observer" means a person granted observer status under these Rules;

"Presiding Officer" means a person who presides over the proceedings of a National Assembly/Parliament of a Partner State or the Assembly;

"Speaker" means a Speaker or President of a National Assembly/Parliament of a Partner State and the Speaker of the Assembly;

"Secretariat" means the secretariat of the Bureau established under Rule 7;

"Treaty" means the Treaty establishing the East African Community and any annexes and Protocols thereto.

Rule 2

Composition

The Bureau shall consist of the Speakers of the National Assemblies/Parliaments of each Partner State of the Community, and the Speaker of the East African Legislative Assembly.

Rule 3

Meetings of the Bureau

- (1) The Bureau shall meet at least twice a year in ordinary meetings.
- (2) The Bureau may hold an Extraordinary Meeting at the request of a Member of the Bureau or the Chairperson.
- (3) Subject to this rule, the Bureau shall regulate its own procedure.

Rule 4

Attendance of Meetings

- (1) The Head of the secretariat shall attend as an ex-officio member and advisor of the Bureau.
- (2) A member may be accompanied to a meeting of the Bureau by professional staff as advisors.
- (3) The Bureau may invite any person as an Observer to its meetings.

- (4) At the request of a member and with the leave of the Bureau, an observer may address a meeting of the Bureau.

Rule 5

Election and Tenure of the Chairperson of the Bureau

- (1) The Bureau shall have a Chairperson elected from amongst its Members who shall preside over its meetings.
- (2) The Chairperson shall be elected on the principle of rotation and shall hold such office for a period of one year.
- (3) If the term of the Chairperson is due to expire at any time when a meeting is being held, the Chairperson shall continue in office until the conclusion of the meeting.

Rule 6

Venue and Costs of Meetings

- (1) The meetings of the Bureau shall be held in rotation among the Partner States in such place as shall be agreed upon by the Members of the Bureau and communicated by the Chairperson of the Bureau.
- (2) The expenses for meetings and secretarial facilities shall be borne by the host State.
- (3) Where the Speaker of the Assembly, is the Chairperson of the Bureau, the meetings shall be held at the headquarters of the Community; and the expenses for meetings and secretarial facilities shall be borne by the Assembly.
- (4) An Extraordinary Meeting shall be hosted by the Partner State of the member requesting the meeting; and the expenses for the Meeting and secretarial facilities shall be met by that Partner State.

- (5) Where an Extraordinary Meeting has been called at the request of the Speaker of the Assembly, the meeting shall be held at the headquarters of the Community; and the expenses and secretarial facilities shall be met by the Assembly.

Rule 7

Secretariat of the Bureau

- (1) There shall be a secretariat to the Bureau which shall be headed by the Clerk of the Assembly and shall comprise two Senior Officers from the office of the Clerk of a National Assembly/Parliament of each Partner State, and two officers of the Assembly.
- (2) The secretariat shall receive and prepare all documents for the deliberation of the Bureau and shall distribute them to its members.
- (3) The secretariat shall prepare a Report of the Meeting which shall be sent to the Members within thirty (30) days from the close of each meeting and shall submit the same for approval at the opening of the next meeting.
- (4) All records of the meetings of the Bureau shall be deposited with the Clerk to the East African Legislative Assembly who shall be the chief custodian.

Rule 8

Provisional Agenda

- (1) The secretariat shall in consultation with the Chairperson of the Bureau draw up a provisional agenda.
- (2) The provisional agenda of a meeting of the Bureau shall be circulated to the Members, at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting in the case of an Ordinary Meeting; and fifteen (15) days, in the case of an Extraordinary Meeting.

- (3) The communication in Sub-Rule (2) above shall be effected in writing by the Chairperson of the Bureau.
- (4) Additional items may be placed on the provisional agenda for an Ordinary Meeting of the Bureau by a Member by giving written notice thereof to the Chairperson of the Bureau at least fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting in question. Members shall be notified of such additional items through a supplementary list, which shall be communicated to them at least seven (7) days prior to the commencement of the meeting.
- (5) Every item listed on the agenda shall have supporting documents prepared either by the proposing Member or the Secretariat.
- (6) The Chairperson of the Bureau may, at any time, add items to the provisional agenda of the meeting provided that Members shall forthwith be notified.

Rule 9

Agenda of meetings

- (1) For the purpose of quorum, a meeting of the Bureau shall be properly constituted when either;
 - (a) Members from at least three Partner States and the Assembly are present; or
 - (b) Members from at least four Partner States are present.
- (2) The agenda of an Extraordinary Meeting shall comprise only the items proposed for discussion as contained in the request for convening the said Meeting.
- (3) Communication of notice of meeting, provisional agenda and other documents relating to an Extraordinary Meeting of the Bureau, shall follow the procedure provided under Rule 8.

Rule 10

Quorum

- (1) For the purpose of quorum, a meeting of the Bureau shall be properly constituted when members from at least four Partner States are present.
- (2) If a Member of the Bureau is unable to attend a meeting, that Member may nominate the Deputy Speaker or another Presiding Officer from the Speaker's Panel as the case may be, to attend the meeting and the Deputy Speaker so nominated shall count for purposes of quorum.
- (3) If a Member of the Bureau ceases to be a Speaker, the Deputy Speaker of the concerned Partner States shall be a member of the Bureau until such time as a Speaker is elected.
- (4) A Deputy Speaker attending meetings under Sub-Rule 2 shall have all the powers, duties and responsibilities of the Member of the Bureau on whose behalf he or she is attending.

Rule 11

Delegation of Powers

The Bureau may delegate the exercise of any of its functions, subject to any conditions, which it may think fit to impose, to the Chairperson, a Member, or the head of the secretariat.

Rule 12

Decision Making

The decisions of the Bureau shall be by consensus.

Rule 13

Conduct of Business

- (1) The Chairperson shall guide discussions, and announce decisions.
- (2) Subject to Rule 16, the Chairperson shall rule on questions of procedure in accordance with these Rules.
- (3) The Bureau may determine that any particular item on the agenda shall be closed to Observers.
- (4) The Head of the secretariat shall be present at meetings of the Bureau and may take part in the proceedings in an advisory capacity.
- (5) During the consideration of a matter at a meeting, a Member may raise a point of order and the Chairperson shall rule immediately on the point of order raised.
- (6) When a matter has been adequately considered, a Member of the Bureau may move that consideration of the matter be closed whereupon the meeting shall immediately take a decision on the motion.
- (7) Questions on procedure may be moved verbally and without previous notice.
- (8) The Head of the secretariat shall compile all decisions taken by the Bureau.
- (9) During the consideration of any matter at a meeting, a Member may at any moment propose that the meeting be suspended or postponed whereupon the Bureau shall immediately take a decision on the proposal.

Rule 14

Adoption and Amendment of the Rules

- (1) The Bureau shall adopt and amend its Rules by consensus.
- (2) Proposals to amend the Rules of the Bureau must be formulated in writing and sent to the secretariat of the Bureau at least ninety (90) days before the commencement of the meeting of the Bureau at which the proposals are to be considered. The secretariat shall immediately communicate such proposals to the Members.
- (3) Where there is more than one proposal for amendment of a Rule, the Chairperson shall determine the order in which the proposals shall be considered.
- (4) A proposal for amendment of a Rule may be withdrawn by the Member who proposed it.

Rule 15

Entry into Force

These Rules and any amendments thereto shall enter into force on the date on which they are adopted by the Bureau unless the Bureau otherwise determines.

Rule 16


Miscellaneous

Where there is doubt regarding the procedure to be followed or where no procedure is prescribed by or under these Rules, the procedure to be followed shall be determined by the Chairperson.


These Rules adopted by Agreement of all Members of the Bureau on the 6th day of May, 2010.

SIGNED:

Rt. Hon. Edward K. Ssekandi
Speaker
Parliament of Uganda



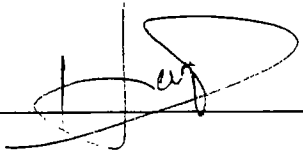
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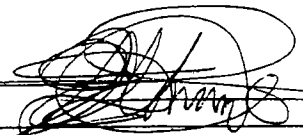
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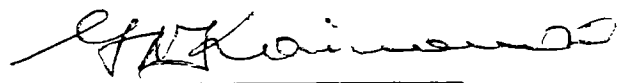
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MINUTES OF THE 4TH MEETING OF EAC SPEAKERS' FORUM HELD ON MONDAY 18 NOVEMBER, 2009 at 10.30 AM AT KIBO PALACE, ARUSHA

Present

1. Rt. Hon. Pie Ntavyohanyuma - **Chairperson** and Speaker of Burundi National Assembly
2. Rt. Hon. Edward K. Ssekandi - Speaker, Parliament of Uganda
3. Rt. Hon. Kenneth Marende - Speaker, Kenya National Assembly
4. Rt. Hon. Abdirahin Abdi - Speaker, EALA
5. Rt. Hon. Anne Makinda - Deputy Speaker, Tanzania National Assembly
6. Hon. Gideon Kayinamura - Chairperson of the Foreign Affairs Committee on behalf of the Speaker of Rwanda Parliament

Absent with Apology

1. Rt. Hon. Samuel Sitta - Speaker, Tanzania National Assembly
2. Rt. Hon. Vicent Biruta - President, Rwanda Senate
3. Rt. Hon. Gervais Rufyikiri - President, Burundi Senate
3. Rt. Hon. Rose Mukantabana - Speaker, Chamber of Deputies, Rwanda

In Attendance

1. Mr. Emmanuel Bakwega - Director Clerks, Parliament of Uganda
2. Mr. Robinson Kawesa - Principal Private Secretary to Speaker, Uganda
3. Ms Eunice Lumallas - PA, Speaker, Kenya
4. Mr. Alex Obatre - Taking Minutes

Agenda

The following Agenda was adopted.

1. Prayer
2. Opening Remarks
3. Confirmation of Minutes of the 4th Meeting
4. Matters Arising
5. EAC 10th Anniversary Celebrations
6. Any Other Business

MIN. 23/SP/2009: OPENING OF MEETING

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 2.40 p.m. Proceedings were opened with a Prayer said by Hon. Anne Makinda, Deputy Speaker of the Tanzania National Assembly.

In his communication from the chair, Hon. Pie Ntavyohanyuma extended his gratitude to Hon. Abdi for hosting the 4th Meeting of the EAC Speakers as was agreed in Bujumbura in April, 2009. He underscored the need to consolidate the gains made in the previous meetings with a focus to making the forum a major decision making body of the EAC. He looked forward to hosting the next Nanyuki Seminar in Bujumbura in January, 2010.

He requested Members to make statements.

MIN. 24/SP/2009: STATEMENTS BY THE HON. SPEAKERS

1. Statement on behalf of the Speaker of the Rwanda Parliament.

Hon. Gideon Kayinaura representing the Speaker of the Rwanda Parliament expressed his gratitude to the EAC Speakers for accepting him to represent his Speaker. He thanked the Speaker of EALA for all the courtesies accorded to him since his arrival on 11th November, 2009. He informed the meeting that he was the leader of delegation for the Rwanda football team which had participated in the football tournament for EALA and National Parliaments of the EAC Partner States.

He informed the Members that the Speaker was unable to attend the meeting due to official engagements assigned to her in Rwanda. The meeting was informed that the Speaker had wished them successful deliberations.

He pledged on behalf of the Rwanda Parliament, full cooperation in the activities of the Forum.

2. Statement by the Deputy Speaker of the United Republic of Tanzania.

Rt. Hon. Anne Makinda extended her gratitude to the Speaker of EALA for the invitation and welcomed all the Members to the United Republic of Tanzania. She informed the meeting that the Speaker of the National Assembly was unable to attend the 4th Meeting of the Forum since he was attending an IPU meeting in New York.

- She reiterated her Parliament's support to the activities of the Forum and underscored the need for EALA and the EAC National Parliaments to advance the welfare of the region and its peoples. She pointed out that EALA was progressively moving towards this end and had already seen it in action.

3. Statement by the Speaker of the Kenya National Assembly

Rt. Hon. Kenneth Marende expressed his gratitude for all the courtesies accorded to him since his arrival. He noted that the timing of the Meeting by holding it at the periphery of the EAC Summit Meeting and the celebrations marking the EAC 10th Anniversary was of great historical importance. He urged all the EAC Parliaments to take note of the gains made and to be committed to the objectives of the EAC.

He pointed out that the EAC Speakers will undoubtedly make a positive contribution to the realization of the EAC dream as exemplified by the greater bonding they have in the EAC Speakers Forum.

He noted that the EAC dream was a divine design and that the only option available is to co-exist. It was therefore necessary to forge a stronger working relationship to live that dream.

4. Statement by the Speaker of the Parliament of Uganda

Rt. Hon. Edward K. Ssekandi extended warm greetings of the people of Uganda to the EAC Speakers and wished the EAC fruitful celebrations to mark 10 years of her existence.

He thanked the Chairperson for hosting the April, 2009 meeting in Bujumbura. He also accorded thanks to the Speaker of EALA for hosting the November, 2009 meeting. He noted that the representation of all the Partner States in the two meetings was a clear testimony of the need for integration and cementing relations amongst all EAC Partner States.

He informed the meeting that he had sent out a team of MPs to participate in a number of EAC activities earmarked to celebrate 10 years of EAC's existence including the football tournament and the Summit Meeting.

He assured the Members that the Parliament of Uganda fully supports the initiatives of the EAC in general and EALA in particular.

5. Statement by the Speaker of the East African Legislative Assembly

Rt. Hon. Abdirahin H. Abdi expressed his gratitude to all the Speakers for honoring the invitation to participate in the 4th Meeting of the EAC Speakers in Arusha, Tanzania. He pointed out that EALA was much honored by their presence during the Special Sitting to mark the EAC 10th Anniversary. He noted that the address of the Assembly by the EAC Speakers was a historical moment in the entire EAC fraternity and would add the much needed clout to the anniversary celebrations. He also underscored the words of wisdom and encouragement they extended to the EALA members and the EAC.

He thanked the respective Speakers and Parliaments for effectively participating in the football tournament and assured them that having the tournament was probably one of the most exciting things about the anniversary celebrations.

He urged the Members to continue in the spirit of brotherhood and to make that spirit grow further.

MIN. 25/SP/2009: CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the 3rd Meeting of the EAC Speakers' Forum were confirmed by the meeting and signed by the Chairperson as a true record of the proceedings.

MIN. 26/SP/2009: MATTERS ARISING

1. In respect of agenda item number 3 – *rotation of chairmanship* – it was resolved that this matter be included in the rules and exhaustively addressed rather than leaving it in the minutes.

2. On Min. 18, the Speaker of EALA and the President of the Senate transmitted to the Chairperson of the Summit, H.E Paul Kagame, a concept note on the proposed establishment of the EAC Speakers Forum as an Organ of the EAC. The two Speakers had also met the President in person to discuss the matter further. Hon. Abdi further reported that the Secretary General had informed him through a letter that the matter will be placed on the agenda of both the Council and the Summit for endorsement. He informed the meeting that the Summit meeting will take place on 20th November, 2009.

3. On Min. 19, Hon. Abdi reported that the ACBF had initially stifled the recruitment process of a Consultant for the EAPI by raising concerns about the recruitment process. EALA subsequently explained to the ACBF what the EAC process entails which was in accordance with the terms of the general EAC-ACBF agreement. The ACBF has accordingly rescinded its earlier position and paved the way for the process to continue. He further informed the Members that the

proposal for the establishment of the EAPI as an EAC Institution was before the November, 2009 Council.

4. On the proposals for amendment of the Treaty, he informed the meeting that the process was still on-going and the matter was before the Partner States for consideration.

5. On the harmonization of the Rules of Procedure for Meetings of the Forum, Hon. Abdi reported that he had sent out letters to respective Speakers on the 18th of June 2009 requesting them to subject the Rules to a review process by the relevant officers/technocrats in the respective Parliaments. It was agreed that He resends the letters and the relevant attachments. These will be considered in the next meeting.

6. On funding for EALAs oversight activities, Hon. Abdi reported that the Council for the first time, agreed to finance one activity per committee. Additional funds are also accessed through the Partnership Fund for one additional activity per Committee

7. EALA was retained as the coordinating Secretariat for the Forum.

MIN. 27/SP/2009: EAC 10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Hon. Abdi briefed the meeting on the organization of the EAC 10th Anniversary celebrations. He pointed out that the event would be marked by a number of activities. The following were singled out as the major activities.

- The football tournament for Members of Parliament.
- The Special Sitting of the Assembly.
- The Address of the Assembly by EAC Speakers.
- A symposium to mark the event.
- Country Walks in respective EAC Partner States.
- Laying of the Foundation Stone for the EAC Building.
- Public Rally at the Arusha Stadium addressed by all Heads of States of the EAC Partner States.
- The EAC Investment Forum
- The Council and Special Summit Meeting

He extended invitations to all Hon. Speakers to participate in some of the events especially the Summit Meeting of 20th November, 2009. Invitation cards to be circulated to all Speakers. Special badges will also be availed to them.

MIN. 28/SP/2009: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. The next meeting of the EAC Speakers will take place in Kampala, Uganda at the end of April or first week of May, 2010.
2. Decisions of the Council and the Summit which have a bearing on the Decisions of the Forum will be reported at the next meeting.
3. Arising from the successes of the annual military games, it was proposed that the Speakers consider having annual inter-parliamentary games, specifically in the field of football. A budget for this will need to be considered as well. Matters for institutionalizing this will be addressed at the next meeting.
4. A dinner hosted by the Speaker of EALA and all EAC Speakers in honour of the respective football teams to take place at 7.30 p.m. on 19th November, 2009.

MIN. 29/SP/2009: ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the Chairperson adjourned the meeting sine die at 4.30 p.m.

Confirmed by:

CHAIRPERSON

DATE