



**EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY
EAST AFRICAN LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

PREAMBLE

The East African Legislative Assembly and Members of the Committees responsible for Regional Cooperation and Trade Issues in the three National Assemblies at a Seminar held in Mount Kenya Safari Club, Nanyuki, Kenya between 26th and 27th June, 2004 discussed the Role and Mandate of the East African Legislative Assembly in the context of the Treaty for the Establishment of the East African Community.

NOTING the determination of the people of East Africa to advance the pace of integration;

AWARE THAT in the current context of globalization EAC should move as a bloc;

FURTHER AWARE that the integration process will be expedited through harmonization of laws and policies in the Partner States;

NOTING THAT some aspects of the Treaty have to be revisited;

RECOGNISING THAT the current budget for implementation of EAC activities is inadequate; and

APPRECIATING the current difficulties experienced by the EALA due to continued absence of Ministers during Assembly sessions;

Resolved as follows:

1. NEGOTIATING AS A BLOC

That the EALA should expedite the process of enactment of a law that will provide for the EAC Partner States to negotiate as a bloc in the spirit of the directive of the Summit decision of April 11th, 2002.

2. HARMONISATION OF LAWS AND POLICIES

That the Council of Ministers expedites the harmonization of laws and policies to facilitate movement of persons, Labour, services, right of establishment and residence.

3. EAC MINISTERS

That all National Assemblies be urged to implore upon their respective governments to immediately appoint Cabinet Ministers solely responsible for the East African Community.

4. REVISION OF THE TREATY

That the EALA expeditiously forwards recommendations to National Assemblies proposing the necessary amendments to the Treaty.

5. RATIFICATION OF PROTOCOLS

That the National Assemblies follow-up with relevant Ministers to ensure ratification of protocols is done without further delay.

6. RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ORGANS OF THE COMMUNITY

That the linkages between EAC organs and EALA and National Assemblies be strengthened through enactment of the necessary legislation that will provide for clear reporting mechanisms and establish regular fora for dialogue.

7. EAST AFRICAN COURT OF JUSTICE

That the Council of Ministers introduces the necessary legislation to operationalise the East African Court of Justice and also concludes the protocol as per the treaty to expand its jurisdiction.

8. DRAFT CONSTITUTION FOR FEDERATION

That the EALA do draft a constitution for the federation of East Africa within a period of twelve months.

9. CONFLICT IN NORTHERN UGANDA

That the Summit at its next sitting follows up on the commitment on the resolution to resolve the long standing conflict in Northern Uganda.

10. BUDGET OF EAC

That the Council of ministers should look for ways and means of improving the budgetary allocations to the East African Community to enable it fulfill its mandate.

11. FOLLOW-UP

That all Heads of Delegations do follow-up on the implementation of these resolutions with their respective National Assemblies.

Adopted at Nanyuki this Day of June, 2004

Signed:

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