



EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY

EAST AFRICAN LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY URGING THE EAST AFRICAN
COMMUNITY TO ERADICATE THE TRAGIC PHENOMENA OF 'STREET
CHILDREN'**

**By Hon. Leonce Ndarubagiye and adopted by the Assembly on 22nd
April 2010**

WHEREAS Article 120 of the Treaty for the Establishment of the East African Community provides that *the Partner States undertake inter alia to closely cooperate amongst themselves in the field of social welfare with respect to adopt common approach towards the disadvantaged and marginalised groups, including children, through rehabilitation and foster homes, healthcare, education and training;*

CONSIDERING that the Constitution of each Partner State caters for the protection of the family and especially the children;

FURTHER CONSIDERING that the EAC Partner States are signatories to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child vide General Assembly Resolution 44/25 of 20/4/1989;

RECOGNISING the mission and duty of every Partner State towards its citizens including street children;

RECOGNISING FURTHER that street children live in an inhumane and shameful manner which is not akin to human communities;

CONSIDERING that the promotion of the welfare of the citizens of the East African Community, including street children, is one of our cardinal duties;

NOW THEREFORE, THIS ASSEMBLY do resolve to urge:

1. The EAC Council of Ministers to direct the Secretariat to undertake a comprehensive study for the eradication of the tragic situation of the street children in the EAC region;
2. The EAC Council of Ministers to submit the results of the study to the Assembly.
3. The Council of Ministers to expeditiously operationalize Article 120 of the Treaty, particularly pertaining to the development and adoption of a common approach towards addressing the plight of street children through the rehabilitation and provision of foster homes, health care, education and training amongst others.

CERTIFIED BY:



Kenneth Madete
CLERK

DATE:

4TH MAY 2010

