



THE 10TH MEETING OF THE EAC BUREAU OF SPEAKERS COMMUNIQUÉ

1. THE 10TH MEETING OF THE BUREAU OF THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY (EAC) SPEAKERS WAS HELD AT HYATT REGENCY KILIMANJARO HOTEL IN DAR ES SALAAM, TANZANIA, ON 24TH APRIL 2015 AND MET IN A WARM AND CORDIAL ENVIRONMENT.
2. FOLLOWING UP ON THE 9TH MEETING OF THE EAC BUREAU OF SPEAKERS, THE BUREAU RECOMMENDED CONTINUED ENGAGEMENT OF THE EAC COUNCIL OF MINISTERS AND MEMBERS OF THE EAC HEADS OF STATE SUMMIT ON THE NEED TO ESTABLISH THE BUREAU AS AN ORGAN OF THE COMMUNITY.
3. THE BUREAU NOTED WITH THANKS THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE REPUBLIC OF RWANDA TO HOST THE ANNUAL EAC INTER-PARLIAMENTARY TOURNAMENT FROM DECEMBER 1ST – 11TH, 2015.
4. THE BUREAU NOTED THAT THE SECRETARIAT SUBMITTED A MODEL RESOLUTION ON NON-TARIFF BARRIERS (NTBs) TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE BUREAU WHICH WAS ADOPTED AND BEING OPERATIONALIZED BY THE REPUBLICS OF KENYA, UGANDA, RWANDA AND THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA.
5. THE BUREAU NOTED WITH APPRECIATION THAT THE EAST AFRICAN LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY (EALA) PASSED THE EAC ELIMINATION OF NON-TARIFF BARRIERS BILL, 2015 DURING ITS 5TH MEETING OF THE 3RD SESSION IN MARCH 2015 NOW UNDERGOING THE PROCESS OF ASSENT.

6. THE BUREAU WAS ALARMED BY THE INCREASING SECURITY THREATS IN THE REGION PARTICULARLY THE THREATS POSED BY THE AL-QAEDA LINKED SOMALI MILITANT GROUP AL-SHABAAB, THE ALLIED DEMOCRATIC FORCES (ADF) AND THE DEMOCRATIC FORCES FOR THE LIBERATION OF RWANDA (FDLR).
7. THE BUREAU RESOLVED TO URGE THE EAC PARTNER STATES TO COLLECTIVELY COME UP WITH MEASURES AND MECHANISMS TO ADDRESS SECURITY CHALLENGES IN THE REGION AND EXPRESSED ITS DEEPEST SYMPATHIES TO THE FAMILIES OF THOSE WHO LOST THEIR LIVES IN THE RECENT ATTACK IN GARISSA.
8. THE BUREAU IMPLORES THE EAC COUNCIL OF MINISTERS AND CALLS UPON THE RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS OF THE EAC PARTNER STATES TO SHARE KNOWLEDGE AND INFORMATION ON MOBILIZATION, RECRUITMENT AND OPERATIONALIZATION OF THE TERROR NETWORKS IN THE REGION, WHILE WORKING CLOSELY WITH OTHER GLOBAL PARTNERS.
9. REGRETTABLY, THE BUREAU NOTED A DIFFERENT MENACE OF XENOPHOBIA IN THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA AND URGES FOR A QUICK SOLUTION TO THIS CHALLENGE THAT POSES A MAJOR THREAT TO THE INTEGRATION EFFORTS IN AFRICA.
10. THE BUREAU URGES THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE EAC PARTNER STATES TO URGENTLY EXPLORE ALL THE NECESSARY MEASURES IN THEIR MEANS TO FIND A SUITABLE SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM.
11. THE RT. HON. SPEAKERS OF THE EAC PARTNER STATES THANKED THEIR HOST, THE RT. HON. SPEAKER OF THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA PARLIAMENT FOR THE WARM AND CORDIAL HOSPITALITY EXTENDED TO THEM AND THEIR RESPECTIVE DELEGATIONS DURING THEIR STAY IN THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA.

**DONE AT HYATT REGENCY KILIMANJARO HOTEL
DAR ES SALAAM – TANZANIA
24TH APRIL 2015.**