



**EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY
EAST AFRICAN LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

**RESOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY TO DECIDE THE ISSUE OF ROTATIONAL
SITTINGS IN PARTNER STATES OF THE EAC BY THE WHOLE HOUSE**

By Hon. Peter Mathuki and adopted by the Assembly on 29th August 2013

WHEREAS Article 55(1) of the Treaty for Establishment of the East African Community states that the meetings of the Assembly shall be held at such time and places as the Assembly may appoint;

RECOGNISING THAT Rule 11(7) of the Rules of Procedure of this Assembly stipulates that the Assembly may, on a Resolution adopted by a majority of its Members, decide to hold one or more sittings elsewhere within the Partner States, other than at its seat;

NOTING THAT the Commission approved the Calendar of activities for EALA for the Financial Year 2013/2014;

RECOGNISING THAT Members raised their concerns about the rotational sittings as have been a laudable practice of the Assembly and supported by all the Heads of State of the EAC and no individual or group has challenged the issue;

AWARE THAT the rotations capture the spirit and aspiration of the Summit Members going by their previous address to the Assembly and through their addresses they

have guided the Assembly that rotational sittings are good for the people of East Africa;

FURTHER AWARE THAT regular interaction with Heads of State and Speakers of the respective National Assemblies whenever we rotate gives us an opportunity to understand the aspirations and concerns of the citizens of East Africa;

MINDFUL THAT the Budget of the Assembly for the FY 2013/2014 is based on rotational sittings;

AWARE THAT the matter has attracted media attention/speculation in all the Partner States thus misguiding the public which has adversely affected the integrity of the Whole House;

THIS ASSEMBLY DO RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS; THAT:

1. The Assembly shall have rotational sittings in all Partner States;
2. The Assembly shall hold two sittings in Arusha at the EAC Headquarters namely;
 - (i) The Budget Session; and
 - (ii) The review of Audited Accounts of the EAC; and the remaining sittings shall be rotational in all five (5) Partner States in a calendar year;
3. The Commission shall determine the venue of the sittings on rotational basis.

CERTIFIED BY:



DATE: 29 August 2013

Alex Obatre
DEPUTY CLERK