



**EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY
EAST AFRICAN LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

**RESOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY URGING THE SUMMIT TO INSTITUTE
MECHANISMS TO STOP THE PERPETUATION OF GENOCIDE IDEOLOGY AND
DENIAL IN THE REGION AND TO TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION**

By Hon. AbuBakar Ogle and adopted by the Assembly on 22nd August 2013

WHEREAS the Convention on the prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide was adopted by the UN General Assembly on 9th December 1948 and came into effect on 12 January 1951 (resolution 260 (III) Article 2);

WHEREAS under Article 124 of the Treaty for the Establishment of the East African Community Partner States agree to enhance cooperation in the handling of joint measures for maintaining and promoting peace and security;

AWARE THAT under the Article named above the Partner States have inter Alia, undertaken to cooperate in reviewing the region's security particularly on the threat of terrorism and to formulate security measures to combat terrorism;

CONCERNED THAT some of the groups sowing terror in the region are driven by sectarian and genocidal ideologies and denial;

FURTHER CONCERNED that despite regional efforts to neutralise such groups, as well as the adoption of by the United Nations Organisation of the Principle of the responsibility to protect populations in danger from such groups, they continue to pose a threat to the peace and security of the people of East Africa;

RECALLING the Resolutions of the Assembly on a similar matter in Kampala in the year 2009 and in Kigali in the year 2013;

NOTING THAT it is widely held and agreed that genocide denial is part and parcel of the modus operandi of those who commit genocide (Genocide Denial is an attempt to deny or minimise the scale and severity of an incidence of Genocide);

DETERMINED to ensure that this heinous crime against humanity shall not recur in the region;

CONSIDERING THAT under Article 11 of the Treaty for the Establishment of the East African Community the Summit reviews the state of peace, security and good governance within the Community and the progress towards the establishment of a Political Federation of the Partner States;

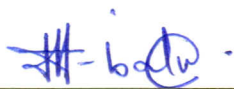
AWARE THAT Partner States have signed protocols that include the fight against genocide under the auspices of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region;

NOW THEREFORE, THIS ASSEMBLY RESOLVES:

1. To request the Summit of Heads of State to give general directions and impetus to measures designed to fight genocide, its ideology, and genocide denial in East Africa;
2. To request the Summit to direct that the Council of Ministers proposes an action plan to deal with genocide and genocide denial as well as an Action plan for the Community in furtherance of the Community's obligations under the UN's *responsibility to protect agenda*.

3. To condemn in the strongest possible terms, terrorist groups with a genocidal agenda, their supporters and financiers wherever they may be;
4. To call upon such groups to abandon their agenda and reintegrate into normal society in furtherance of the ideals of East African Integration, Pan Africanism and the African Renaissance;
5. To urge EAC partner States to develop policies and legal instruments to fight and to punish Genocide ideology and Denial;
6. To establish under Rule 80 of the Rules of Procedure of the House a Select Committee to study and make recommendations to the House on the likely security impact to the Community of the genocide ideology including genocide denial.

CERTIFIED BY:



DATE: 22 August 2013

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