

HE Pierre Nkurunziza to address the Assembly on 19 May 2009

EAC Headquarters, Arusha, Wednesday 13 May 2009: The East African Legislative Assembly (EALA) is scheduled to hold its 6th Meeting of the Second Assembly in the Chambers of the Burundi National Assembly in Bujumbura, Burundi from 18 to 29 May 2009.

According to the programme issued by the EALA Ag. Clerk, Mr. Kenneth Madete; the President of the Republic of Burundi, H.E Pierre Nkurunziza will address the Assembly on Tuesday 19 May 2009 on a wide range of issues pertaining to the EAC regional integration.

The Assembly, to be presided over by the Speaker, Hon Abdirahin Haithar Abdi, will among others receive and debate the Budget Estimates for the East African Community for the Financial Year 2009/2010. The budget estimates will be presented by the Chairperson of the Council of Ministers of the East African Community and Minister for EAC Affairs of the Republic of Rwanda, Hon. Monique Makaruliza on Thursday, 21 May 2009.

The 6th meeting of the Second Assembly will debate on the EAC Tourism and Wildlife Management Bill, 2008 (2nd and 3rd Reading) and the Appropriation Bill 2009. It will also receive Progress Reports from the various Committees, including the report of the Select Committee on the continuous delays of remittances to EAC by Partner States.

The East African Legislative Assembly is the legislative organ of the East African Community. Its membership consists of a total of 52, of whom 45 are elected members (9 from each Partner State) and seven ex-officio members (the Ministers responsible for EAC Affairs from the Partner States, the Secretary General of the Community and the Counsel to the Community).

The East African Legislative Assembly has legislative functions as well as oversight of all East African Community matters. The enactment of legislation of the Community is effected by means of Bills passed by the Assembly and assented to by the Heads of State, and every Bill that has been duly passed and assented to becomes an Act of the Community and takes precedent over similar legislations in the Partner States.

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ATTENTION, THE MEDIA/JOURNALISTS IN BUJUMBURA: The Hon. Speaker of EALA, Hon Abdirahin Haithar Abdi will be arriving at the Bujumbura International Airport aboard Kenya

Airways from Nairobi at 8:40am on Sunday 17 May 2009 and will address the Press at the VIP Lounge. Kindly register with Miss Beatrice Ndayizeye on Telephone +25779728595.