

**EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY
EAST AFRICAN LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY URGING THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
TO EXPEDITE THE INTRODUCTION OF THE CLIMATE CHANGE BILL IN THE
ASSEMBLY**

*(Moved under Articles 49(2), and 59(1) of the Treaty and Rule 26 of the Rules of
Procedure of the Assembly)*

By Hon. Dr. Woda Jeremiah and adopted by the Assembly on 15th May, 2019

WHEREAS the EAC Council of Ministers adopted the East African Community Climate Change Policy in 2011 with the aim of addressing the adverse effects of climate change and providing strategies for responding to its negative impact both at the national and regional levels;

AND WHEREAS climate change is globally recognised as the change of climate attributed directly or indirectly to human activity that alters the composition of global atmospheric state which is in addition to natural climate variability observed over comparable period;

RECOGNISING that the economies of the EAC Partner States are generally dependent on climate-sensitive natural resources, have high poverty levels, coupled with low adaptive capacities and the livelihoods of both urban and rural populations which are highly vulnerable to climate variability and change – this being the basis for the EAC Council to give rise to the aforementioned Policy;

AWARE that the EAC Council of Ministers has since the adoption of the Policy, been developing a Bill to guide Partner States and other stakeholders on the preparation and implementation of collective measures to mitigate the negative

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effects of climate change in the region as a long term solution for sustainable social and economic development;

CONCERNED however, that the Climate Change Bill has for a long time never been adopted by the Council nor has it ever been presented to the Assembly for debate and enactment;

FURTHER CONCERNED that any delay in presenting the Bill to the Assembly for debate and enactment is constraining and frustrating the efforts of the Community to deal with the adverse effects of climate change and adversely affecting the livelihoods of our people and the environment;

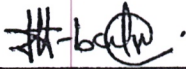
DEEPLY CONCERNED that the adverse effects of climate change aggravated by the increasing average global temperatures are a threat to the livelihoods of people in almost all sectors of the economies of the EAC Partner States leading to severe drought, floods and indeed extreme weather conditions associated with El Niño Southern Oscillation (ENSO) occurring with greater frequency and intensity, thus affecting food security in the Community and also threatening to undo decades of economic development while at the same time frustrating efforts geared towards poverty eradication programmes in all Partner States;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY AS FOLLOWS: -

1. **THAT** in accordance with Article 49(1) and (2) (d) of the Treaty, the Assembly urges the EAC Council of Ministers to expedite the development of the Climate Change Bill and introduce it in the Assembly for debate and enactment.
2. **THAT** if the EAC Council does not introduce the Bill in the Assembly before the end of this year, any Member may introduce the Bill as a Private Members Bill;
3. **THAT** the EAC Council moves to establish a regional institutional structure to coordinate climate change initiatives, strengthen climate change resilience and coordinate international and regional input to the global climate change agenda and treaties



CERTIFIED BY:



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DATE: 15 - MAY 2019