



**EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY
EAST AFRICAN LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY RECOMMENDING TO THE COUNCIL
OF MINISTERS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INSTITUTION RESPONSIBLE
FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF AGRICULTURE WITHIN THE COMMUNITY**

*(Moved under Articles 49(2)(d), 59(1) and 105 of the Treaty and Rule 26 of the
Rules of Procedure of the Assembly)*

By Hon. Mathias Kasamba and adopted by the Assembly on 15th May, 2019

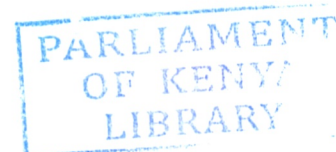
WHEREAS under Article 105 of the Treaty, the Partner States undertook to cooperate in agriculture in order to achieve food security and rational agricultural production within the Community;

AND WHEREAS the Council has adopted several Policies and Strategies on the development of agriculture, including: the EAC Agriculture and Rural Development Policy of 2006; the EAC Livestock Policy, 2016; the EAC Agriculture and Rural Development Strategy 2005-2030; the EAC Food and Nutrition Security Policy of 2016; the EAC Regional Food and Nutrition Security Strategy 2019 – 2024, among others;

AWARE that the economies and livelihoods of citizens in East Africa are predominantly dependent on agriculture with the sector contributing between 25%-40% of EAC Partner States Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and the agriculture sector being the leading employer for over 80 percent of the population with agro-food value chains, particularly processed fruits and vegetables and having the highest job creation potential;

RECOGNISING that the Community has embraced and domesticated the Comprehensive Africa Agricultural Development Programme (CAADP) under the African Union, this being the driver of Africa's policy framework for agricultural transformation, wealth creation, food security, nutrition security and economic growth;

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FURTHER RECOGNISING that the Community agenda and is committed to the June 2014, African Heads of State Malabo Declaration on agriculture Growth and Transformation in Africa whose goals include reducing levels of poverty, ending hunger on the Continent and tripling intra-African trade in agricultural goods, among others, by 2025.

CONCERNED that the common challenges facing agriculture in all the EAC Partner States including low productivity; high post-harvest losses; limited value addition through processing and poor natural resource management, are compounded by low expenditure on research and development; poor infrastructure; low use of improved technologies and irrigation; capacity weaknesses in agricultural institutions; and poor coordination of responses to emerging issues and emergencies;

FURTHER CONCERNED that whereas the EAC has established several institutions and is in the process of establishing the Monetary Institute and the Statistics Bureau, there is no institution that directly promotes or is responsible for agriculture and food security which contributes between 25%-40% of the GDP of the Community and employs more than 80% of the population;

AWARE that the EAC Food and Nutrition Security Policy specifically provides that it is imperative to have a functional regional institutional framework that will ensure that policies and decisions made at the regional level are supported and implemented at national levels;

RECOGNISING that a Community institution responsible for agriculture will coordinate the implementation of the policies adopted by the Council and promote sustainable agricultural production and productivity in the region including opening space for inter-state trade of agricultural commodities and ensuring improved functioning of cross-border trading and strengthening regional cooperation, by increasing public and private investment in sustainable agriculture, land management and rural development;

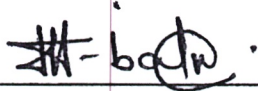
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY AS FOLLOWS: -

- 1) **THAT** in accordance with Article 49(2) (d) of the Treaty, the Assembly recommends to the Council of Ministers to urgently consider establishing a specific institution of the Community to promote and coordinate the development of agriculture within the Community, in accordance with Chapter Eighteen of the Treaty.

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- 2) The proposed Institution should be: "Agriculture, Food, Agro processing and Environmental Commission" to deal with Agriculture and Environmental related issues."

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