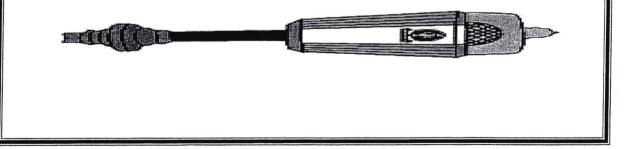


EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY

EAST AFRICAN LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY (EALA)

SUMMARY OF BUSINESS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES OF THE EALA.

Half Term Report of the First Assembly November 2001 – June 2004



BUSINESS OF THE EAST AFRICAN LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY: NOVEMBER 2001 – JUNE 2004

Foreword

On 30 November 2001, an epoch making ceremony took place at the Sheikh Abed Karume Stadium, which was witnessed throughout East Africa. That day, the First East African Legislative Assembly of the East African Community was inaugurated together with the East African Court of Justice.

After the break-up of the East African Community and its Institutions in 1977, East Africans were once again reunited with a singular purpose of building a formidable Community to meet challenges of the future. In the new Community, the Legislature would play a major role to ensure that the people's aspirations were taken into consideration in order to avoid the pitfalls of the previous Community, hence the Motto that the Community would be people driven, private sector led.

The main business of the Assembly during the First Session was to approve the Rules of Procedure, establish Committees, and basic laws to enable the Assembly play its legislative and oversight functions effectively.

The Assembly, through the initiative of Members, and with the assistance of the Secretariat and staff from the Partner States' Parliaments, was able to pass seven Bills, six of which were assented to by the Heads of State. The Assembly was also able to handle a significant volume of other Parliamentary Business.

The Assembly has been in operation for two and half years. This report is to provide a synopsis of its activities; details can be read from the Annual Reports and from the Official Report *(Hansard)*.

Justin Bundi <u>Clerk</u>

14 June, 2004

MEMBERS OF THE EAST AFRICAN LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY AS AT 28TH NOVEMBER 2002

- 1. Abdi Haither Abdirahim Haji
- 2. Adan Abdullahi (Lt. Gen.)
- 3. Bagalaaliwo Nanziri Sarah
- 4. Kipyator Nicholas Kiprono Biwott
- 5. Ddudu Richard Baker (Capt.)
- 6. Hamid Mahfoudha Ally
- 7. Jecha Said Bakari
- 8. Kaahwa Wilbert T.K.
- 9. Kaggwa Sozi Kiwanuka Med
- 10. Kamar Margaret Jepkoech (Prof.)
- 11. Kamba Kate Sylvia Magdalene
- 12. Kangwana Jared Benson
- 13. Kanyomozi Yonasani Bankobeza
- 14. Kawamara Mishambi Sheila
- 15. Kikwete Jakaya Mrisho
- 16. Kinana Abdulrahman Omar
- 17. Marando Mabere Nyaucho
- 18. Mugisha Muntu Oyera (Maj. Gen)
- 19. Mushega Nuwe Amanya
- 20. Mwakyembe Harrison George (Dr.)
- 21. Mwatela Calist Andrew
- 22. Nangale George Francis
- 23. Ochieng Mbeo Gilbert
- 24. Ogalo Wandera Daniel
- 25. Ovonji Odida Irene
- 26. Sepetu Isaac Abraham (Amb)
- 27. Shamala Maxwell
- 28. Shellukindo Beatrice Matumbo
- 29. Wanyoto Mutende Lydia
- 30. Wapakhabulo James Francis W.
- 31. Waruhiu Wairimu Rose
- 32. Zubedi Mohammed Abdalla

Member - Kenya Member - Kenya Member - Uganda Ex-officio Member - Uganda Member - Tanzania Member - Tanzania Ex-officio Member - Uganda Member - Kenya Member - Tanzania Member - Kenya Member - Uganda Member - Uganda Ex-officio Member - Tanzania Member - Tanzania Member - Uganda Ex-officio Member - Tanzania Member - Kenya Member - Tanzania Member - Kenya Member - Uganda Member - Uganda Member - Tanzania Member - Kenva Member - Tanzania Member - Uganda Ex-officio Member - Kenya

Member - Kenya

CHAPTER ONE

FIRST SESSION (NOVEMBER 2001 – NOVEMBER 2002)

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

1.0 Election of Speaker and taking of Oaths

- a. Pursuant to Rule 7 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly, the Acting Clerk of the Assembly conducted the election of Speaker. The Assembly unanimously elected Hon. Abdulrahman Omar Kinana, Member of the EALA from the United Republic of Tanzania, Speaker.
- Administration of Oath: The Acting Clerk, Mr. Murumba Werunga administered the Oath of Office and Oath of Allegiance to the Treaty for the Establishment of the East African Community (EAC) to the Speaker. The Speaker in turn swore in the other 26 members of the Assembly.

2.0 Motions

During the First Session of the Assembly, the following motions were adopted after vigorous but healthy debate.

- 2.1 That the House resolves to appoint Members to serve on the House Business Committee (moved by Hon. Wapakhabulo on behalf of Chairman of Council of Ministers).
- 2.2 Motion under Article 45 (1) of the Treaty for the Establishment of the East African Community to enable H.E President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, President of the Republic of Uganda and member of the Summit of the EAC address a Special Sitting of the Assembly.
- 2.3 Motion for a Resolution of the Assembly to urge the Summit, the Council of Ministers and all organs of the Community to spare no efforts in working with and mobilizing the East Africans towards the realization of the terms, objectives and goals of the process of co-operation enhanced in the in the Treaty (was moved by the Chairman, Council of Ministers).
- 2.4 Motion for the Appointment of House Standing Committees and its Members in accordance with Rule 78(3) (c)) (was moved by Hon. Kanyomozi, Member of House Business Committee)
- 2.5 Motion for a Resolution of the Assembly to seek affiliation and membership of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (was moved by Hon. Ogalo).

- 2.6 Motion that the esteemed Legislative Assembly resolve into a Committee of the Whole House to debate and approve the proposals of the Council of Ministers of the EAC for the Budget of the EAC for the fiscal year 2002/2003 (was moved by Chairperson Council of Ministers)
- 2.7 Motion for the House to adopt the First Report and Recommendations of the Standing Committee on Regional Affairs and Conflict Resolution on the study and review of the processes and stages of integration in East African Community. (Moved by Committee Chairperson, Hon Kamba)
- 2.8 Motion that the Supplementary Estimates (Re-allocations) for the fiscal year 2001/2002 be authorised (Chairperson, Council of Ministers, Hon. Wapakhabulo).
- 2.9 Motion for the House to adopt the First Report and Recommendations of the Standing Committee on Legal, Rules and Privileges on the study and review of the Dress Code and Rules of Procedure. (Was Moved by Committee Chairperson, Hon Kangwana)
- 2.10 Motion for the presentation and adoption of the First Report of the House Business Committee on the Appointment of Officers of the Assembly namely:
 - Clerk
 - Principal Clerk
 - Sergeant At Arms
- 2.11 Motion moved under the provisions of Article 45 (1) for H.E President Moi, President of the Republic of Kenya and Chairman for the Summit of East African Community to address a Special Sitting of the Assembly.

3.0 Resolutions

The Assembly debated and adopted the following Resolutions during the First Session:

- 3.1 That the Summit, the Council of Ministers and all Organs of the Community spare no efforts in working with and mobilising the East Africans towards the realisation of the terms, objectives and goals of the process of co-operation as enshrined in the Treaty.
- 3.2 That the House do resolve to constitute itself into a Branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association and seek affiliation and membership of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association.

4.0 Committees of the Assembly

4.1 Appointment of Committees

Committees of the Assembly are appointed under Rules 77 and 78 of the Rules of Procedure. During the Second Meeting of the First Session, the Assembly appointed its Standing Committees, whose term of office would be two years and six months. The Assembly nominated the House Business Committee, then the Business Committee nominated Members to the Committees.

4.2 Membership of Committees

I. The Accounts Committee

Hon Sarah Nanziri Bagalaaliwo - Chairperson Hon. George Francis Nangale Hon. Abdi Abdirahim Haither (Haji) Hon. Calist Andrew Mwatela Hon. Yonasani Bankobeza Kanyomozi Hon. Kate Sylvia Kamba Hon Jecha Said Bakari Hon. Sheila Kawamara Mishambi

ii. The Legal, Rules and Privileges Committee

Hon. Kangwana Jared Benson – Chairperson

- Hon. Harrison Mwakyembe (Dr)
- Hon, Med Kaggwa Sozi Kiwanuka
- Hon, Margaret Jepkoech Kamar (Prof)
- Hon. Irene Ovonji-Odida
- Hon, Maxwell Shamala
- Hon. Daniel Wandera Ogalo
- Hon. Mabere Nyaucho Marando
- Hon. Said Bakari Jecha

iii. The Transport, Trade and Investment Committee

- Hon. Yonasani Bankobeza Kanyomozi Chairperson
- Hon. Rose Wairimu Waruhiu
- Hon, Sarah Nanziri Bagalaaliwo
- Hon. Med Kaggwa Sozi Kiwanuka
- Hon. Isaac Abraham Sepetu
- Hon. George Francis Nangale
- Hon. Mabere Nyaucho Marando
- Hon. Mohamed Abdalla Zubedi
- Hon. Abdi Abdirahim Haither (Haji)

iv. The Tourism, Wildlife and Natural Resources Committee

Hon. Margaret Jepkoech Kamar (Prof) - Chairperson Hon. Richard Baker Ddudu

- Hon. Beatrice Shellukindo
- Hon. Harrison Mwakyembe (Dr)
- Hon. Daniel Wandera Ogalo

Hon. Calist Andrew Mwatela

- Hon. Mahfoudha Ally Hamid
- Hon. Gilbert Ochieng Mbeo
- Hon, Sheila Kawamara Mishambi

v. The Regional Affairs and Conflict Resolution Committee

- Hon. Kate Sylvia Kamba Chairperson
- Hon. Mugisha Muntu (Maj. Gen.)
- Hon. Said Bakari Jecha
- Hon. Abdullahi Adan (Lt. Gen.)
- Hon. Maxwell Shamala
- Hon, Gilbert Ochieng Mbeo
- Hon. Irene Ovonii-Odida
- Hon. Beatrice Shellukindo
- Hon. Lydia Wanyoto Mutende
- HOIL LYUIA WAITYOLO MULEITUE

vi. The General Purpose Committee

Hon. Mahfoudha Ally Hamid - Chairperson Hon. Abdullahi Adan (Lt. Gen.) Hon. Mugisha Muntu (Maj. Gen.) Hon. Isaac Abraham Sepetu Hon. Rose Wairimu Waruhiu Hon. Jared Benson Kangwana Hon. Lydia Wanyoto Mutende Hon. Kate Sylvia Kamba Hon. Richard Baker Ddudu (Capt)

V11. House Business Committee

- Hon. Abdulrahman Omar Kinana (Speaker) Chairperson Hon. Amb. Isaac Sepetu Hon. Prof Margaret J Kamar
- Hon. Dan Ogalo
- Hon. Yonasani B.Kanyomozi
- Hon. Beatrice Shellukindo
- Hon. Ochieng G. Mbeo

4.3 **Country Chairs**

- Hon. Yonasani B. Kanyomozi Hon. Jared B. Kangwana Hon. Amb. Isaac A. Sepetu
- Uganda
- Kenya
 - Tanzania

Assembly Whip

Hon. Calist A. Mwatela

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4.4. Committee Meetings

During the First Session, the Committees held the following number of meetings:

- The Accounts Committee Five Sittings
- The Legal, Rules and Privileges Committee Eight Sittings
- The Transport, Trade and Investment Committee Seven Sittings
- The Tourism, Wildlife and National Resources Seven Sittings
- The Regional Affairs and Conflict Resolution Committee Nine Sittings
- The General Purpose Committee Six Sittings

4.5. Committee Reports

The following Committee Reports were presented, debated and adopted during the First Session of the Assembly:

- 1. First Report of the Standing Committee on Regional Affairs and Conflict Resolution on the study and review of processes and stages of integration in the East African Community
- 2. The First Report of the Standing Committee on Legal, Rules and Privileges on the study and review of the Dress Code for the EALA, and the Assembly's Rules of Procedure
- 3. The First Report of the House Business Committee on the Appointment of Officers of the Assembly namely: the Clerk, the Principal Clerk and the Sergeant-At-Arms

5.0 Bills

During the First Session the Assembly did not handle any Bills.

6.0 Questions

There were no questions asked during this Session.

7.0 Outreach Programme

7.1 Background

During the orientation/induction workshop for Members of EALA and the Judges of the East African Court of Justice (EACJ) held at Lake Manyara Hotel in Kenya from 1 - 4 December 2001, the Members of the Assembly came up with a number of resolutions on getting started and the way forward.

The following were some of the key resolutions.

- i. That the EALA would start by familiarising with their Constituency;
- ii. That EALA would need, in facilitation of (1) above, to hold its Sittings in each Partner State;
- iii. That EALA would need to hold periodic workshops and seminars for capacity building to enable them gain grasp of the mandate and know the tools of the trade.

7.2 Tour of Partner States

In fulfilment of the Assembly's resolutions geared towards the Assembly getting to know its constituency, during the First Session the EALA conducted a number of familiarisation tours in the Partner States as follows:

ii. 25 April – 30 April 2002 Parts of Mainland Tanzania and Zanzibar	i.	21 January – 5 February 2002	Parts of Eastern Uganda
	ii.	25 April – 30 April 2002	

iii. May – June 2002 Parts of Kenya

7.3 Plenary Meetings in Partner States

During the First Session, the Assembly held some of its sittings in the Partner States as follows:

i.	21 – 25 January 2002	Parliament of Uganda
ii.	4 – 6 June 2002	Parliament of Kenya

7.4 Seminars / Workshops/ Study Visits / Strategic Retreat

- i. From 28 30 January 2002, the members of the Assembly attended a seminar on "Regional Integration" at Nile Resort Hotel in Jinja, Uganda.
- ii. From 21 24 April 2002, members attended a seminar on "Procedure, Committee and Privilege of Parliament" at the Fisherman's Resort Hotel in Zanzibar.
- iii. From 14 16 June 2002, the members of the Assembly attended a seminar on the "Oversight Role and Function of Parliament", which was held in Nairobi in the Parliament building.
- iv. From 17 20 June 2002, the Members of the Assembly attended a seminar on "Gender Mainstreaming for Female Parliamentarians."

v. From 19 – 21 June 2003, the Members attended a seminar on the implications of past treaties and agreements regarding River Nile and the Lake Victoria Basin on the economic future of the people of the East African region. The seminar was held in Kisumu, Kenya.

8.0 Distinguished Guests to the Assembly

During this period, a number of distinguished persons graced the Assembly with their presence. They included the following:

8.1 29 November 2001

This was the date of the inaugural Sitting of the Assembly and the occasion was graced by the presence of the following distinguished guests:

- i. H.E the Rt. Hon. Fredrick Sumaye, Prime Minister of the United Republic of Tanzania
- ii. Hon. Edward Ssekandi, Speaker, Parliament of Uganda.
- iii. Hon. Pius Msekwa, Speaker, Parliament of Tanzania
- iv. Hon. Bernard Chunga, Chief Justice of the Republic of Kenya
- v. Hon. Benjamin Okoki, Chief Justice of the Republic of Uganda
- vi. Judges and Registrar of the EACJ

8.2 21 January 2002,

During the meeting of the Assembly in Kampala, Uganda, the Assembly was addressed by H.E Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, the President of the Republic of Uganda and Member of the Summit of the East African Community.

8.3 29 November 2002

H.E Daniel Arap Moi, President of the Republic of Kenya and Chairman of the Summit of the East African Community addressed the Assembly in the Chamber of the Assembly in Arusha. This was a farewell visit as His Excellency was preparing to retire.

CHAPTER TWO

SECOND SESSION (NOVEMBER 2002 – NOVEMBER 2003)

During the Second Session, the Assembly handled quite a big number of businesses that included the following:

1.0 Motions

- 1.1 Informal Sitting of the Assembly presided over by the Principal Clerk for the purposes of electing an Acting Speaker under Article 56 of the Treaty. Hon. Mabere Marando was nominated and unanimously elected by the Assembly.
- 1.2 Motion that the report of the Standing Committee on Legal, Rules and Privileges on the proposed Amendment to the Rules of Procedure be adopted.
- 1.3 Motion for the consideration of a Private Member's Bill entitled "The Community Emblems Bill, 2003."
- 1.4 Motion for a Resolution on measures aimed at establishing practical working relations between the Secretariat, the Assembly and the Court.
- 1.5 Motion for a Resolution of the Assembly to appoint a Select Committee to investigate the circumstances under which the Clerk of the Assembly, Mr Murumba Werunga, resigned and to recommend to the House the procedure to be followed by Officers of the Assembly when resigning.
- 1.6 Motion for recommendation of the appointment of the EALA Hansard Editor.
- 1.7 Motion for the presentation of the Budget Proposals for the EAC for the Financial Year 2003/2004.
- 1.8 Motion for the introduction and consideration of a Private Member's Bill entitled the "Acts of the East African Legislative Assembly Bill, 2003."
- 1.9 Motion for the presentation of the report of the House Select Committee on the resignation of the Clerk of the Assembly, Mr. Murumba Werunga.
- 1.10 Motion for a Resolution of Parliament to establish a Committee with the mandate to bring to an end the violence in Northern Uganda.

- 1.11 Motion for presentation and consideration of the East African Community Appropriation Bill, 2003.
- 1.12 Motion for presentation and consideration of a Private Member's Bill entitled the "Laws of the Community (Interpretation) Bill, 2003.
- 1.13 Motion for the introduction of a Private Member's Bill entitled "The East African Community Trade Negotiations Bill, 2003".
- 1.14 Motion for presentation and adoption of the report of the Standing Committee on Communication, Trade and Investments on the public hearing workshops on the Draft Protocol on Customs Union and the SOMT Protocol.

2.0 Resolutions

The Assembly debated and adopted the following resolutions during the Second Session:

- 2.1 A Resolution of the Assembly to establish practical working relations between the Secretariat, the Court and the Assembly;
- 2.2. A Resolution of the Assembly to appoint a Select Committee to investigate the circumstances under which the Clerk of the Assembly resigned;
- 2.3. A Resolution of the Assembly to enforce the directive of the Summit of April 11, 2002 to the effect that in matters pertaining to participation in World Trade Organization and ACP/EU Arrangements under the Cotonou Partnership Arrangements, EAC Partner States should negotiate as a bloc;
- 2.4. A Resolution of the Assembly to establish a Peace Committee with the mandate to bring to an end the violence in Northern Uganda; and
- 2.5. A Resolution of the Assembly to hold a sitting in the Republic of Kenya.

3.0 Committee Meetings

During the Second Session, the committees held a number of meetings as follows:

- 3.1 The Accounts Committee held six meetings
- 3.2 The Legal, Rules and Privileges Committee held seven meetings
- 3.3 The Transport, Trade and Investment Committee held four meetings
- 3.4 The Tourism, Wildlife and National Resources held five meetings

- 3.5 The Regional Affairs and Conflict Resolution Committee held five meetings
- 3.6 The General Purpose Committee held five meetings

4.0 Committee Reports

The following Committee reports were presented in the Assembly and they were adopted:

- 4.1 The Report of the Select Committee on the resignation of the Clerk of the Assembly Mr Murumba Werunga; and
- 4.2 The Report of the Standing Committee on Communications, Trade and Investment on the Public Hearing Workshops on the Draft Protocol on Customs Union and the SQMT Protocol.

5.0 Bills Passed in the Assembly

During the Second Session of the Assembly, the Assembly passed a total of six Bills and all the Bills were assented to during the Session. They are the following:

- 5.1 Community Emblems Bill, 2003;
- 5.2 The EALA (Powers and Privileges) Bill, 2003;
- 5.3 The Acts of the East African Community Bill, 2003;
- 5.4 The East African Community Appropriation Bill, 2002;
- 5.5 The Laws of the Community (interpretation) Bill, 2003; and
- 5.6 The East African Community Appropriation Bill, 2003.

6.0 Questions for Oral Answers

Members of the Assembly asked the following questions to which the Chairman, Council of Ministers gave oral answers:

- 6.1 Hon. Ogalo asked what steps, if any, had been taken to address the undertaking made by the Council of Ministers to attend to the work of the Assembly more regularly.
- 6.2 Hon. Isaac A. Sepetu asked what concrete steps had the EAC and Partner States put in place to enable the majority of the East Africans participate effectively in the implementation and eventual enjoyments of the fruits of the objectives of the creation of EAC.
- 6.3 Hon. Ddudu asked why neither an Annual Report of the activities of EAC nor an Audit Report of the Audit Commission had been submitted to the Assembly pursuant to Article 49(2)(c) of the Treaty.
- 6.4 Hon. Med Kaggwa asked why a date for the conclusion of the Protocol on the Free Movement of Persons, Labour Services, Rights of

Establishment and Residence had not been appointed and when the protocol would be concluded.

- 6.5 Hon. Sheila Kawamara asked what modalities the Council of Ministers had established to realize the objectives of Article 129(2) on cooperation among business organizations and professional bodies, and in what ways the Assembly could assist to establish such modalities.
- 6.6 Hon. Ogalo asked about the terms of the Agreement that guarantees flow of an ascertained volume of water through the source of the Nile at Jinja at any given time, and whether the Agreement binds Kenya and Tanzania, and what steps the Council of Ministers had taken to review or rescind the Agreement to enable the realization of the important aspect of the Treaty with regard to irrigation.
- 6.7 Hon. Kanyomozi asked what was the progress of the implementation of the EAC Developments Strategies 1997-2000 and 2001 2005.
- 6.8 Hon. Shellukindo asked to what extent the MPs from Partner States and the Parliaments had been involved in debates and plans for the establishment of a political federation; whether any studies had been done by the EAC Secretariat on the Principles and Practices of Political Federation and what models of Political Federation were currently in use in Africa and the world in general.
- 6.9 Maj. Gen. Muntu asked for the date determined by the Council for Partner States to begin implementing common foreign policies.
- 6.10 Hon. Ovonji Odida asked whether the Council of Ministers was considering extending the jurisdiction of the East African Court of Justice in pursuance of Article 27 of the Treaty and if so, the suitable subsequent date.
- 6.11 Hon. Shellukindo asked whether EAC had taken any steps to implement the Late Victoria Fisheries Management Plan, and whether copies of the Joint Research Report and any other relevant research done since 1997 could be made available.
- 6.12 Hon. Lydia Wanyoto asked about the number of Audit Reports so far submitted by the Audit Commission to the Council since the Treaty became operational.
- 6.13 Hon. Ogalo asked about the Agreement arrived at in negotiations between Partner States of EAC on the details for the establishment of a Customs Union.
- 6.14 Hon. Prof Kamar asked about the availability of a list and copies of all the Treaties on the use of the waters of the Lake Victoria.

- 6.15 Hon. Ogalo asked whether the Council of Ministers had developed any policies during the year 2001/2002 which could be introduced as Bills.
- 6.16 Hon. Maj. Gen. Muntu asked whether the three East African Governments had considered allowing all national telecom operators to expand their operations to the regional level when the national operators' guarantees expire.
- 6.17 Hon. Maj. Gen. Muntu asked whether the three East African Governments had considered establishing the air routes within the three countries as internal and consider international air travel as only that which originates from any of the three international airports (Jomo Kenyatta, Dar-es-Salaam and Entebbe) to any other destinations outside the EAC region.
- 6.18 Hon, Maj. Gen. Muntu asked whether the three East African countries, which are currently considering privatisation of rail transport business, had considered taking a common strategy in their privatisation polities.
- 6.19 Hon. Nangale asked how much money out of the Finnish support to EAC, has been used in the capacity building of EALA and EACJ.
- 6.20 Hon. Sepetu asked what measures the Partner States had put in place to honour and popularise the EAC day in accordance with the Treaty.

7.0 Outreach Programme

7.1 Tour of Partner States

During the Second Session, the Assembly went on two tours as follows:

- i. 23 30 March 2003 Parts of Western and Northern Uganda
- ii. 15 28 June 2003 Parts of Central and Western Kenya

7.2 Plenary Meetings in Partner States

During the Second Session, the Assembly had only one Plenary meeting outside Arusha:

27 June 2003 Parliament of Kenya

7.3 Seminars/ Workshops/Study Tours/Strategic Retreats

In pursuance of the Assembly Resolution on capacity building, the Assembly engaged in the following activities during the Second Session:

- i. From 28 April 3 May 2003, the Assembly was represented at the 14th Plenary Session of SADC Parliamentary Forum in Lusaka, Zambia.
- ii. From 1 9 June 2003, six Members of the Assembly undertook a study tour to Strasbourg, Copenhagen and Oslo to study the European Union (EU), the Nordic Council, the Danish Parliament and the Norwegian Parliament.
- iii. From 1 9 June 2003, the Assembly was represented at the 34th Commonwealth Parliamentary (CPA) – Africa Region Conference held in Nairobi.
- iv. In September 2003, six Members of the Assembly undertook a study tour of the Parliament of South Africa in Cape Town and also the SADC Parliamentary Forum in Gabarone.
- v. While in Gabarone, the members attended a seminar on "Political Will for Health and Development: What can Parliaments do".
- vi. From 4 6 October 2003, Members of the Assembly also attended a three-day strategic retreat in Tarangire together with the Executive Staff of the EAC Secretariat on matters concerning the operations of the two organs of the EAC.
- vii. From 15 17 October 2003, Members also held a three-day workshop on the "Basic Principles in Accounting and Auditing " in Arusha.
- viii. From 20 –21 October, in conjunction with the International Labour Organisation, the Members of the Assembly attended a three-day Legislative Forum on "Decent Work and Social Dialogue".

CHAPTER THREE

THIRD SESSION: NOVEMBER 2003 - JUNE 2004

The following is the business handled in the first half of the Third Session of the EALA:

1.0 Motions

- 1.1 Motion for a recommendation for appointment by the Council of Ministers, officers of the Assembly namely Clerk to the Assembly and Research Officer.
- 1.2 Motion for presentation of the Report of the Standing Committee on General Purpose on the Annual Report of the East African Community for the period July 2000 June 2001.
- 1.3 Motion for the presentation of the EAC Budget for the Financial Year 2004/2005.
- 1.4 Motion for the Appointment of Standing Committees.
- 1.5. Motion for the adoption of the Report of the Committee on Accounts on the Audited Financial Statements of the EAC for the Financial Years ended 30 June 2001 and 2002 respectively.

2.0 Committee Meeting

During the Third Session, the committees held the following number of meetings:

- 2.1 The Accounts Committee held eight meetings
- 2.2 The Legal, Rules and Privileges Committee held three meetings
- 2.3 The Transport, Trade and Investment Committee held three meetings
- 2.4 The Tourism, Wildlife and National Resources Committee held two meetings
- 2.5 The Regional Affairs and Conflict Resolution Committee held three meetings
- 2.6 The General Purpose Committee held four meetings

3.0 Committee Reports

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The following Committee reports were presented in the Assembly, debated and adopted:

- 3.1 The Report of the Committee on General Purpose on the EAC Annual Report;
- 3.2 The Report of the General Purpose Committee on the EAC Budget proposals for the Financial Year 2004/2005; and
- 3.3 The Report of the Committee on Accounts on the Audited Financial Statements of the EAC for the Years ended 30 June 2001 and 2002 respectively.

4.0 Appointment of Standing Committees

On 1 June 2004, The Assembly appointed new Members to serve on the Standing Committees for the next two and a half years as follows: (The Committees will elect their respective Chairpersons at the next meeting of the Assembly).

4.1 The Accounts Committee

- (i) Hon. Said Bakari Jecha
- (ii) Hon. Andrew Calist Mwatela
- (iii) Hon. Abdirahin Haji Haither Abdi
- (iv) Hon. Beatrice Matumbo Shellukindo
- (v) Hon. Sarah Nanziri Bagalaaliwo
- (vi) Hon. Yonasani Bankobeza Kanyomozi
- (vii) Hon. Mugisha Muntu Oyera (Maj. Gen.)
- (viii) Hon. Mohamed Abdalla Zubedi
- (ix) Hon. George Francis Nangale

4.2 The Legal, Rules and Privileges Committee

- (i) Hon. Med Kaggwa Sozi Kiwanuka
- (ii) Hon. Jared Benson Kangwana
- (iii) Hon. Margaret Jepkoech Kamar (Prof.)
- (iv) Hon. Sheila Kawamara Mishambi
- (v) Hon. Harrison George Mwakyembe (Dr)
- (vi) Hon. Maxwell Shamala
- (vii) Hon. Daniel Wandera Ogalo
- (viii) Hon. Mabere Nyaucho Marando
- (ix) Hon. Mahfoudha Alley Hamid

4.3 The Communication, Trade and Investment Committee

- (i) Hon. Hon. George Francis Nangale
- (ii) Hon. Sarah Nanziri Bagalaaliwo
- (iii) Hon. Yonasani Bankobeza Kanyomozi

- (iv) Hon. Mabere Nyaucho Marando
- (v) Hon. Mohamed Abdalla Zubedi
- (vi) Hon. Abdirahin Haji Haither Abdi
- (vii) Hon. Isaac Abraham Sepetu (Amb.)
- (viii) Hon. Rose Wairimu Waruhiu
- (ix) Hon. Irene Ovonji Odida

4.4 The Agriculture, Tourism and Natural Resources Committee

- (i) Hon. Lydia Wanyoto Mutende
- (ii) Hon. Beatrice Matumbo Shellukindo
- (iii) Hon. Harrison Mwakyembe (Dr)
- (iv) Hon. Richard Baker Ddudu (Capt)
- (v) Hon. Calist Andrew Mwatela
- (vi) Hon. Mahfoudha Alley Hamid
- (vii) Hon. Gilbert Ochieng Mbeo
- (viii) Hon. Sheila Kawamara Mishambi
- (ix) Hon. Margaret Jepkoech Kamar (Prof)

4.5 The Regional Affairs and Conflict Resolution Committee

- (i) Hon. Adan Abdullahi (Lt. Gen.)
- (ii) Hon. Said Bakari Jecha
- (iii) Hon. Kate Sylvia Magdalene Kamba
- (iv) Hon. Maxwell Shamala
- (v) Hon. Gilbert Ochieng Mbeo
- (vi) Hon. Irene Ovonji Odida
- (vii) Hon. Mugisha Muntu Oyera (Maj. Gen.)
- (viii) Hon Beatrice Matumbo Shellukindo
- (ix) Hon. Richard Baker Ddudu

4.6 The General Purpose Committee

- (i) Hon. Rose Wairimu Waruhiu
- (ii) Hon. Lydia Wanyoto Mutende
- (iii) Hon. Adan Abdullahi (Lt. Gen.)
- (iv) Hon. Isaac Abraham Sepetu
- (v) Hon. Med Kaggwa Sozi Kiwanuka
- (vi) Hon. Jared Benson Kangwana
- (vii) Hon. Mahfoudha Alley Hamid
- (viii) Hon. Kate Sylvia Magdalene Kamba
- (ix) Hon. Daniel Wandera Ogalo

4.7 The House Business Committee

- (i) Hon. Abdulrahman O. Kinana
- (ii) Hon. Tom Butime (Chairperson Council of Ministers)
- (iii) Hon. Rose Wairimu Waruhiu
- (iv) Hon. Kate Sylvia Magdalene Kamba
- (v) Hon. Jared Benson Kangwana
- (vi) Hon. Harrison Mwakyembe (Dr)
- (vii) Hon. Mugisha Muntu Oyera (Maj. Gen.)

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5.0 Bills introduced.

- 5.1 The East African Trade Negotiations Bill, 2003 (First Reading); and
- 5.2 The East African Community Appropriation Bill, 2004 (Passed).

6.0 Questions for Oral Answers

6.1 Hon. Ogalo asked why the Summit had not set up the East African Peace Committee for northern Uganda as per a prior Resolution of the Assembly. (*The question did not receive an Oral Answer because the Chairman, Council of Ministers was not in the House).*

7.0 Outreach Programme

7.1 Tours of Partner States

- i. From 31 January 12 February 2004, the Assembly toured parts of mainland Tanzania.
- ii. From 16 30 June 2004, the Assembly will toured parts of coastal and eastern Kenya.

7.2 Plenary Meetings in Partner States

The Assembly did not hold any meetings in the Partner States during this period.

7.3 Seminars / Workshops/ Study Visits / Strategic Retreat

- i. On 9th February 2004 the Assembly held a one-day seminar on "Parliamentary Procedure – the Tanzanian experience" in Dodoma Tanzania
- ii. On 27 May 2004, the Assembly held a one-day seminar on NEPAD in Arusha, Tanzania.
- iii. From June 26-29 2004, the Assembly held a joint seminar with selected Members of Parliament of the three National Assemblies on the Status, Role and Mandate of the EALA in Nanyuki, Kenya.

8.0 Distinguished Guests to the Assembly

- 8.1 During the period under review, the following dignitaries visited the Assembly:
- i. The Rt. Hon. Jean Minani, Speaker of the Parliament of Burundi
- ii. The Hon. W. Nahimana, MP, Parliament of Burundi
- iii. The Hon. Anaclet Kirara, MP, Parliament of Burundi
- iv. The Hon. Donique Rwasa, MP, Parliament of Burundi
- v. The Hon. Laurent Ndayavugwa, MP, Parliament of Burundi
- vi. The Hon. Deo Bayaga, MP, Parliament of Burundi
- vii. The Hon. Amb. Hassan Rukara, MP, Parliament of Burundi
- viii. Mr. Bob Wishitein, Moi University, Eldoret, Kenya
- ix. Mr. Reinhold Einloft, Frederick Ebert Foundation, Dar es Salaam
- x. Mr. Peter Luff, Action for Global Climate Community, London
- xi. Ms Akwi-Ogojo, the Director of Actionaid, Africa Region.
- xii. Dr. Mustapha Hassouna, ICTR, Arusha
- xiii. Mr. Peter Ondeng ,NEPAD Secretariat, Nairobi
- xiv. Hon. Tom Butime, Minister for Foreign Affairs Uganda

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