



## EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY EAST AFRICAN LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

RESOLUTION OF THE ASSEMMBLY TO INVOKE ARTICLE 59(3)(B) OF THE TREATY TO REVITALISE(REINVOGRATE/REVIVE) THE EAC CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION AND MITIGATION PROGRAMME

By Hon. Abubakar Zein and adopted by the Assembly on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August, 2016

**WHEREAS** Article 59(3)(b) of the Treaty for the Establishment of the East African Community which provides that, "the Assembly may by a majority of votes cast request the Council to submit any appropriate proposals on matters on which it considers that action is required on the part of the Community for the purpose of implementing this Treaty";

**AWARE** that at the 24<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Council of Ministers held from the 20<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> November 2011 in Bujumbura, the Council approved the establishment of the Climate Change Programme Management to proceed after the signing of the Financing Agreement (EAC/24/Decision70);

**FURTHER AWARE** that an Agreement was signed on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2012 between COMESA, EAC and SADC to establish the Programme on Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation in Eastern and Southern Africa;

**APPRECIATING THAT** based on the aforementioned Agreement and the funding mechanism thereof the Community operationalized the EAC Climate Change Programme Management Unit;

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**CONCERNED THAT** the COMESA-EAC-SADC Tripartite Climate Change Programme came to an end resulting into an abrupt closure of the EAC Climate Change Management Unit which wound up its programme activities due to the perilous financial situation (lack of funds).

**RECOGNISING THAT** increased and sustainable investments in climate resilient and carbon efficient agriculture will help in achieving land, water and food security, reduced deforestation and a stabilised climate for posterity;

## NOW THEREFORE THIS ASSEMBLY DO RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS THAT:

- 1. The Council, within four months, tables before the Assembly a comprehensive report on the background to the establishment of the EAC Climate Change Programme, circumstances that led to the shutting down of the Climate Change Unit, and the possible negative impact the Community may suffer as a result.
- 2. The Council makes tangible proposals on how to secure the work undertaken and/or yet to be done under the EAC Climate Change Programme including the possibility of creating a budget line for the same in the EAC budget.
- The Council makes tangible proposals on the operationalization of the EAC Climate Change Fund.

**CERTIFIED BY:** 

KENNETH MADETE

**CLERK** 

DATE: 26 TH AUG 2016

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