



EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY

EAST AFRICAN LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

RESOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY TO CONGRATULATE AFRICAN AND ESPECIALLY THE EAST AFRICAN MEDAL WINNERS IN ATHLETICS IN THE OLYMPIC GAMES IN RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL, 2016

By Hon. Saoli Ole-Nkane and adopted by the Assembly on Wednesday 1st September, 2016

WHEREAS Article 5 the Treaty for the Establishment of the East African Community under Objective 1 enjoins the Community to develop policies and programmes aimed at widening co-operation among the Partner States in political, economic, social and cultural fields among others, for their mutual benefit;

AND WHEREAS Article 119(a) of the Treaty provides that Partner States shall promote close co-operation among themselves in culture and sports, with respect to the promotion and enhancement of diverse sports activities;

AWARE THAT during the Summer Olympic Games in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil in August 2016, through the excellent and exceptional performance of African athletes, the Republic of Kenya emerged overall 2nd in this sporting discipline (track) with 13 medals(6 gold, 6 silver and 1 bronze) while South Africa was 5th with 4 medals(2 gold and 2 silver), Ethiopia was 9th with 8 medals(1 gold, 2 silver and 5 bronze), Algeria 21st with 2 medals (2 silver) and Burundi was the 24th with 1 silver medal;

RECOGNISING that the heroic performances of the following gallant sons and daughters of Africa in the track athletics in the recently concluded Olympic Games brought honour and pride to the continent: Van Niekerk-400M(South Africa), Bonaface Mucheru-400MH/M(Kenya), Caster Semenya-800M/W(South Africa), Francine Niyonsaba -

800M/W(Burundi), David Rudisha - (800M/M), Faith Kipyegon - 1500M/W(Kenya), Dibaba - 1500M/w(Ethiopia), Conseslus Kipruto-3000M Steeplechase/M(Kenya), Taofiq Makhloufi - 1500M/M(Algeria), Vivian Cheruiyot - 5000M/W(Kenya), Jemima Sumgong - Marathon/W (Kenya), Eliud Kipchoge - Marathon/M(Kenya), Feyisa Lilesa - Marathon /M(Ethiopia).

APPRECIATING that the citizens of East Africa have continually participated in the Olympics Games and won various medals particularly in track athletics, and some with outstanding records that have remained unbroken to-date, notably Daniel Komen (3000M/Men – 7:30) , Simon Biwot (Marathon 2:2:54) and John Akii-Bua (400M Hurdles 47.72 seconds);

ACKNOWLEDGING that the Governments of Partner States have made and continue to make appreciable efforts in regards to promoting the diverse sporting disciplines, particularly athletics;

NOTING that such heroic and triumphant performances, particularly of athletes from the Republic of Kenya and the Republic of Burundi presents a unique opportunity and platform for Pan Africanism and cohesion in fostering the EAC integration spirit and agenda, and for the advancement and promotion of Physical Education and Sports in the Community for citizens' physical wellbeing, health and productivity;

COGNISANT OF THE FACT THAT Governments of the EAC Partner States need to take a strong stand on enhancing the identification and development of diverse sports talents, promotion of patriotism, citizens' wellbeing, health and productivity.

NOW THEREFORE THIS ASSEMBLY DO RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:-

1. To recognise and extends its warmest appreciation and congratulations to the following East African athletes for winning priceless Olympic medals in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil:

- a) David Rudisha - Gold (800M/Men)
- b) Faith Kipyegon - Gold (1500M/women)



- c) Conseslus Kipruto - Gold (3000M Steeplechase/Men)
- d) Vivian Cheruiyot - Gold (5000M/Women)
- e) Jemima Sumgong - Gold (Marathon/Women)
- f) Eliud Kipchoge - Gold(Marathon/Men)
- g) Boniface Mucheru - Silver(400M Hurdles/Men)
- h) Francine Niyonsaba - Silver (800M/Women)
- i) Isymin Kiyeng - Silver (3000MSteeplechase/Women)
- j) Hellen Obiri - Silver (5000M/Women)
- k) Vivian Cheruiyot - Silver (10,000M/Women)
- l) Julius Yego - Sliver (Javeline/Men)
- m) Paul King'etich - Silver (10,000M/Men)
- n) Margaret Wambui - Bronze (800M/Women)

1. To urge Governments of Partner States to increase the annual budget to the Sports Sub-Sector to facilitate the development of Physical Education and sports through schools' talent development programmes, enhanced sports competitions, development of appropriate sports infrastructure, and human and managerial capacity.

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