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The East African Legislative Assembly met at 9.15 a.m., at Parliament Building in Kampala, Uganda .

PRAYER

(The Speaker, Mr Joseph Ntakirutimana, in the Chair.)

The Assembly was called to order.

ADMINISTRATION OF OATHS

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The Speaker: Hon. Members, good morning. I rise to notify you that a new Member from the United Republic of Tanzania is present and would like to take her seat in this House. She replaces the late Hon. Dr. Shogo Richard Mlozi, who was with us for a while. Her name is Dr. Gladness Ladislaus Salema who was elected by the National Assembly of the United Republic of Tanzania. Her name was forwarded to the East African Legislative Assembly in accordance with the law.

However, in accordance, with Rule 5, of our Rules of Procedure, of this Assembly. She cannot sit or participate in the proceedings of the House until she takes the Oath of affirmation of Allegiance to the Treaty as a Member of the Assembly. Rule 5 specifically states that “*When a Member first attends to take his or her seat, other than at the first sitting of a new House, he or she shall be brought to the table by two Members and presented by them to the Speaker, who shall then administer the Oath of Affirmation of Allegiance to him or her*”. I, therefore, request any two Members of the House, who know the new Member, to present her to the Speaker to enable her to take the Oath.

(Hon. Gladness Ladislaus Salema was ushered into the Chamber)

(Oaths were administered to Gladness Ladislaus Salema)

The Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Dr Gladness Salema has been a long outstanding lecturer, lecturing at the University of Tanzania as a senior lecturer in public health and policy management. She has helped the private and public sectors in Tanzania to grow. She has qualifications in food science and technology, MBA; Post graduate in global health and a PHD. Now I invite hon Gladness to give her remarks. You will have to thank your colleagues.

Dr Gladness Ladislaus Salema (Tanzania): Hon. Speaker, hon. Members of the EALA, this morning I give honour to my God as I appreciate this prestigious opportunity to serve the EAC and I would like to request for your support and cooperation as a new member, so that I can be able to fulfill my obligations and deliver to the required expectations. Thank you *(applause)*.

The Speaker: Hon. Members as I earlier stated, today is a day for the new members of this House to take their seats. I now rise once again to notify you that, Her Excellence, Samia Hassan Suluhu President of the United Republic of Tanzania, appointed hon. Denis Lazaro Londo as the deputy minister for Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation of the United Republic of Tanzania. His name was forwarded to the East African Legislative Assembly in accordance with the law. So that he can assume his seat as an ex-officio member.

However, in accordance, with Rule 5, of the Rules of Procedure, hon. Denis Lazaro Londo can only take his seat in the Assembly, after taking the oath of allegiance to the Treaty. Rule 5 specifically states that “*When a Member first attends to take his or her seat, other than at the first sitting of a new House, he or she shall be brought to the table by two Members and presented by them to the Speaker, who shall then administer the Oath of Affirmation of Allegiance to him or her*”. I, therefore, request any two Members of the House, who know the new Member, to present him to the Speaker to enable him to take the Oath.

(Hon. Denis Lazaro Londo was ushered into the Chamber)

(Oaths were administered to Denis Lazaro Londo)

The Speaker: Hon. Members, hon Denis Lazaro Londo is a Member of Parliament from Mikumi, Morogoro in Tanzania. He previously served as a lecturer at Didiyak University of Applied Sciences in Finland. He also served as a U.N fellow. He has a PhD in social policy from the University of Finland, a Post graduate in teacher education, a Master of Science in social work from Sweden, a Master of international relations from Denmark and now he serves as a Deputy Minister for foreign affairs in addition to being a member of parliament. Do you speak Finnish? Oh my God! Let us applaud him (*applause*). Now, I invite you to make your remarks.

The Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation, (Tanzania), (Ex-Officio), (Mr Denis Lazaro Londo): Rt Hon. Joseph Ntakirutimana, Speaker of the East African Legislative Assembly, Members of the Council of Ministers present, distinguished Members of the EALA and invited guests, good morning.

Mr Speaker, before I proceed allow me to begin by expressing profound gratitude to the Almighty for granting us the opportunity to convene here. It is a privilege to gather here for the meetings of the Assembly, which holds an immense significance for the future of our region. I also have the honour to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation to the government and people of the Republic of Uganda for the warm reception and hospitality that has been extended to me and my delegation since our arrival in this busy and beautiful city of Kampala.

Mr Speaker, additionally, I want to commend your leadership in running this prestigious House. On a very special note, I would also want to use this opportunity to honour the hon. Members of EALA for warmly welcoming me as a new ex-officio Member (*applause*). In a similar spirit, I wish to congratulate other colleagues who are present here, on their appointment, particularly, Dr. Gladness Salema on her election as a member of this prestigious Assembly and my sister, hon. Beatrice Askul Moe, on her appointment as East African Community Cabinet Secretary.

Mr. Speaker, given that this is my first appearance before this Assembly, it gives me a pleasure to pledge my dedication and unwavering commitment to the EAC integration agenda thereby to affirm my commitment as a Member of the Council of Ministers in executing its mandate smoothly to spearhead the EAC integration.

Mr Speaker as I continue, I extend my appreciation for embracing me into this regional family whereby together we shall endure and make significant improvements in our region. You can always count on my full support, my president's support and that of my country. As I look forward to working closely with you all to build a strong and prosperous region. Thank you. Asante Sana Rt. Hon. Speaker, hon. Members of the Council and honourable members of the Assembly (*applause*).

The Speaker: This is a day of taking oath. I notify you that His Excellence Dr. William Samoei Ruto President of the Republic of Kenya re-organised his government by appointing hon. Beatrice Askul Moe as the Cabinet Secretary responsible for the EAC Affairs and Regional Development. Her name was forwarded to the East African Legislative Assembly in accordance with the law. So that she can assume her seat, as an ex-officio member.

However, in accordance, with Rule 5, of the Rules of Procedure, of this Assembly, she cannot sit or participate in the proceedings of the House until she takes the Oath of affirmation of Allegiance to the Treaty as a Member of the Assembly. Rule 5 specifically states that “*When a Member first attends to take his or her seat, other than at the first sitting of a new House, he or she shall be brought to the table by two Members and presented by them to the Speaker, who shall then administer the Oath of Affirmation of Allegiance to him or her*”. I, therefore, request any two Members of the House, who know the new Member, to present her to the Speaker to enable her to take the Oath.

(Hon. Beatrice Askul Moe was ushered into the Chamber)

(Oaths were administered to Beatrice Askul Moe)

The Speaker: Hon Beatrice Askul Moe is the first woman from Turkana to join the cabinet (*applause*). She is a social scientist by profession and consultant. She served on the country’s executive committee in-charge of water services, irrigation and agriculture and had various leadership positions in her party ODM. As a senior member, she has skills in development and community management, she is currently pursuing a master’s degree in governance and ethics to supplement the degree in social work. Very qualified. Hon Members, now I invite the hon. minister to give us some remarks.

The Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of East African Community (EAC), and Regional Development (Kenya), (Ex-Officio) (Ms Beatrice Askul Moe): Rt. Hon Speaker, hon. Members I feel honored as I take the oath today as an ex-offio member of the East African Legislative Assembly. I am grateful to my president, His Excellency Dr. William Ruto for according me the opportunity to join us with you, hon. Members to contribute in making a difference in our region.

Mr Speaker, I appreciate the commendable role played by this Assembly in regional integration. Indeed, the Assembly plays a key role of legislation, representation and oversight. The region requires of us all hon. Members to team up of a realization of the ideals and objectives of the Community.

I am briefed Members that this is a vibrant parliament and that in the last 20 years of its existence, this Assembly has been able to pass over 100 pieces of legislation, guiding integration in all the pillars. I indeed look forward to engaging with all of you in the legislative agenda.

Finally, Rt. Hon Speaker let me once again assure you of my commitment and that of the Republic of Kenya in taking the integration agenda forward. God bless you (*applause*).

The Speaker: Before I adjourn, we have guests in the Gallery -

Mr Paul Mwasa Musamali (Uganda): Procedure. Thank you very much Rt. hon Speaker for giving me this opportunity to raise this procedural matter. But before I raise the matter, since I am speaking on this microphone for the first time, in Uganda, let me welcome you Rt. Hon Speaker and the all Members to the Republic of Uganda and to this Chamber.

Rt. Hon Speaker, it may be a small procedural matter but given the nature of our work and what the Members who have just taken oath are going to do, I feel it is very important to raise it. This is annex 7, of our Rules of Procedure which is page 77, it is about Oath of Allegiance. The Members who have just taken Oath have said, I will not read the whole of it, but they have said they will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the EAC, and will preserve, protect and defend the Treaty for the Establishment of the Community.

Rt. Hon Speaker as a custom, I do not know if its omission from the side of the technical team, the clerks or where the omission has come from but I expected that you will hand the instruments of power that is the Treaty and the Rules of Procedure, to the newly sworn in Members because I am going to put these Members of the front bench to task, as you are aware since they have pledged to deliver to the Community but what are they going to base on? That is the procedural matter I am raising. Thank you.

The Speaker: Hon Musamali we have made arrangements for them to get these instruments today. Let us continue.

My communication today is just to remind hon. Members that we have to train for the games in Mombasa. It has been two days but we have only been represented by a few Members. I have to congratulate them. Hon. Machano. Hon. Kanini Kega, Hon. James Millya Hon Makame, Hon. George Odongo and Hon. Siranda of course, he is the captain. But Hon. Nadra surprised everyone, she was there. Thank you. So please, let us join them tomorrow. We have to win, when we go to Mombasa.

As a matter of time, let me recognize our guests in the Gallery. I will start with the delegation from the Republic of Kenya. Please recognize them. Ambassador Joash Mwangi, who is the High Commissioner in Uganda; Ms Jane Njuguna, EAC Liaison Officer; Mr. Peter Lome, Mr. Jackson Nakuza; Mr Theophillus Among; Mr Cleopas Nwakakilu; Mrs Mariah Muheire; Mr Phillip Onyango and Mr Zembi Odera. We also have a delegation from the United Republic of Tanzania led by Hon. Ambassador Mingi Kasiga, Director Government Communication; Mr. Paul Makanga; Mr Joshua Ndamugoba; Mr Ahmed Pamba; Mr. Innocent John Kangozi. Thank you.

Hon. Members, the Rt. Hon Speaker of Parliament of Uganda invited us to attend the meeting today, when passing a Bill from the gallery and they will start at 10.00am. With this, I adjourn the House to Tuesday, 29th October 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

(The House rose at 9:49 a.m. and adjourned until Tuesday, 29th October 2024 at 9:00 a.m.)