

AWARE that membership of the Republic of Burundi into the East African Community entails the conclusion of a Treaty of Accession;

HAVE DECIDED to establish by common agreement the conditions of accession and to this end, have designated as their Plenipotentiaries:

HIS EXCELLENCY YOWERI KAGUTA MUSEVENI,
CHAIRPERSON, EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY SUMMIT OF
HEADS OF STATE

HIS EXCELLENCY PIERRE NKURUNZIZA, PRESIDENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF BURUNDI

WHO having exercised their full powers in good and due form;

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1 **Interpretation**

In this Treaty, except where the context otherwise requires,

“Accession” means an act by which one Country becomes party to engagements already in force among other Countries;

“Acquis Communautaire” means a body of East African Community legislation, policies, protocols, agreements, projects, programmes, agreed positions and actions;

“Community” has the same meaning assigned to it under Article 1 of the Treaty Establishing the East African Community;

“Partner States” has the same meaning assigned to it under Article 1 of the Treaty Establishing the East African Community;

“Plenipotentiary” means a person fully authorized to represent his or her Government or inter-Governmental authority;

“The Treaty” means the Treaty Establishing the East African Community;