

AWARE that membership of the Republic of Rwanda 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 PAUL KAGAME, PRESIDENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF RWANDA**

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;

"This Treaty" means the Treaty of Accession of the Republic of Rwanda into the East African Community.

Article 2

Accession

1. The Republic of Rwanda hereby becomes a member of the East African Community and a party to the Treaty, all Protocols to the Treaty, Tripartite Agreements and Memoranda of Understanding by which the Treaty is supplemented,
2. The conditions of admission, levels of co-operation, accession to the *acquis communautaire* of the East African Community entailed by such admission are set out in the Annex to this Treaty. The provisions of this Annex shall form an integral part of this Treaty.
3. The provisions concerning the rights and obligations of the Republic of Rwanda and the powers and jurisdiction of the Institutions of the East African Community as set out in the Treaty shall apply in respect of this Treaty.
4. The Republic of Rwanda shall within twelve months from the date of signing this Treaty secure the enactment and the effective implementation of such legislation as is necessary to give effect to this Treaty and in particular:
 - (a) to confer upon the Community the legal capacity and personality required for the performance of its functions; and
 - (b) to confer upon the legislation, regulations and directives of the Community and its institutions the force of law within her territory.