THE PAN-AFRICAN PYRAMID

One Struggle, Many Fronts

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"Hello Comrade Ruto, We Cannot Build East Africa by Erecting Borders In The Minds Of Our People"

RE: STATEMENT BY FOUNDING SPEAKER AND CHAIRMAN THE PAN-AFRICAN PYRAMID ON THE TREATMENT OF EAC CITIZENS IN KENYA

We're deeply concerned by reports of Ugandans and other East Africans being targeted or pushed out of economic activities in Kenya, particularly those engaged in small businesses and informal employment.

H.E President William Samoei Ruto and the Government of Kenya aught to remember that the **East African Community (EAC) was created to bring our peoples together, as opposed to reserving some economic opportunities for some classes of people and individual countries.** Regional integration is built on the free movement of people, goods, services, labour and capital--**of all classes.**

Today, a Kenyan can enter Uganda using a national identity card, and vice versa. This is a product of our shared commitment to East African integration. We therefore cannot remove barriers for capital while erecting barriers against ordinary East Africans seeking work, trading opportunities and livelihoods.

East Africans should not be treated as foreigners in East Africa simply because they have crossed an artificial colonial boundary.

Of course, every country has the right to enforce its laws. But enforcement must be lawful, fair and individualized. It should never become a campaign against people simply because they come from another East African country.

We have already witnessed the devastating consequences of xenophobia in South Africa, where Africans were attacked because they were perceived as foreigners competing for jobs and economic opportunities, while protecting the teal foreigners who continue to occupy 80% of their cradle land! East Africa must never follow that path. Our leaders speak constantly about the East African Community, the African Continental Free Trade Area and ultimately a united Africa. But Pan-Africanism cannot remain a slogan delivered at summits.

The real test of Pan-Africanism is how we treat the ordinary African who crosses a border in search of work, trade, opportunity and dignity.

It is also important to recognize that large East African investors operate across regional borders. President Ruto himself is widely reported to have business interests beyond Kenya, including agricultural and other investments in the region, especially Uganda and DRC, where he has multiple fuel stations, large scale Has Ovacado and maize farms among others.

If large African capital can move across borders in search of opportunities, why should the ordinary worker, trader, farmer, mechanic, technician or small entrepreneur be treated as an intruder?

Integration cannot be designed for the wealthy while restricting the ordinary African.

Uganda and Kenya have stood together as brothers during difficult moments. Ugandan forces have supported regional security efforts, just as Kenya has contributed to the stability of the region. Brotherhood cannot only matter when one country needs the other.

I therefore appeal to President Ruto to reconsider any measures or rhetoric that unfairly target Ugandans and other East Africans engaged in legitimate economic activity.

Kenya is not merely Uganda's neighbour. Kenya is part of our shared East African home, and Uganda is part of Kenya's. At one time, a Kenyan vice president was a biological brother to a Ugandan Member of Parliament and Minister of ICT (the Aggrey Siryoyi Awori family).

We cannot preach one Africa while practicing many Africas.

We cannot build the East African Federation while teaching our people to fear one another.

East Africa must remain a community in practice, not merely in name.

One People. One Region. One Destiny. Pan-Africanism Is The Future.

Africa, Don't Agonize_Organize!

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