

COMMUNIQUÉ OF THE 12THEXTRA-ORDINARY SUMMIT OF THE EAC HEADS OF STATE

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ARUSHA INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE CENTER, ARUSHA, TANZANIA

30THAPRIL, 2014

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12™EXTRA-ORDINARY SUMMIT OF HEADS OF STATE OF THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY

COMMUNIQUÉ

1. THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY HEADS OF STATE, THEIR EXCELLENCIES PRESIDENT UHURU KENYATTA OF THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA, PRESIDENT JAKAYA MRISHO KIKWETE OF THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA, PRESIDENT YOWERI KAGUTA MUSEVENI OF THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA, FIRST VICE PRESIDENT PROSPER BAZOMBANZA OF THE REPUBLIC OF BURUNDI AND RT. HON. PRIME MINISTER DR. PIERRE DAMIEN HABUMUREMYI OF THE REPUBLIC OF RWANDA HELD THE 12TH EXTRA-ORDINARY SUMMIT OF THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY HEADS OF STATE AT THE ARUSHA INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE CENTER, IN ARUSHA, TANZANIA ON 30THAPRIL 2014. THE HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT MET IN A WARM AND CORDIAL ATMOSPHERE.

- 2. THE SUMMIT CONSIDERED A REPORT OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS ON THE COMPREHENSIVE LIST ON IMPLEMENTATION OF PREVIOUS DECISIONS AND DIRECTIVES OF THE SUMMIT AND COMMENDED THE PARTNER STATES AND THE EAC SECRETARIAT FOR THE GOOD JOB DONE IN IMPLEMENTING THEM. THE SUMMIT DIRECTED THE PARTNER STATES AND THE SECRETARIAT TO EXPEDITIOUSLY IMPLEMENT ALL OTHER OUTSTANDING DECISIONS AND DIRECTIVES.
- 3. THE SUMMIT CONSIDERED THE PROGRESS REPORT OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS ON SUSTAINABLE FINANCING MECHANISMS FOR THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY AND DIRECTED THAT ALL FEASIBLE OPTIONS AVAILABLE BE STUDIED AND A REPORT BE SUBMITTED AT THE 16TH ORDINARY SUMMIT IN NOVEMBER 2014.
- 4. THE SUMMIT RECEIVED A PROGRESS REPORT OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS ON THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW. THE SUMMIT NOTED THAT MORE WORK AND CONSULTATIONS ARE TO BE DONE BY THE PARTNER STATES AND THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS. THE SUMMIT DIRECTED THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS TO FINALIZE AND SUBMIT A REPORT AT THE 16TH ORDINARY SUMMIT IN NOVEMBER 2014.
- 5. THE SUMMIT RECEIVED A REPORT OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS ON THE NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE ADMISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH SUDAN INTO THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY AND NOTED THAT THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH SUDAN HAD REQUESTED FOR POSTPONEMENT OF THE PROCESS UNTIL SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2014 IN ORDER TO

ALLOW HER UNDERTAKE NATIONAL PREPARATIONS AND CONSULTATIONS.

- 6. THE SUMMIT CONSIDERED THE PROGRESS REPORT ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE POLITICAL FEDERATION. THE SUMMIT DIRECTED THE COUNCIL TO INITIATE THE PROCESS OF DRAFTING A CONSTITUTION FOR THE POLITICAL FEDERATION AND DEVELOP A ROADMAP ON WHAT THE CONSTITUTION MAKING PROCESS WOULD INVOLVE. THE SUMMIT FURTHER DIRECTED THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS TO MAKE A COMPREHENSIVE EVALUATION OF PERFORMANCE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROTOCOLS ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF EAC CUSTOMS UNION, COMMON MARKET AND MONETARY UNION AND OTHER LAWS OF THE COMMUNITY AND REPORT AT THE 16TH ORDINARY SUMMIT IN NOVEMBER 2014.
- 7. THE SUMMIT DECIDED TO HAVE TWO ORDINARY SUMMITS EVERY YEAR ON 20TH APRIL AND 30TH NOVEMBER RESPECTIVELY.
- 8. THE SUMMIT PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 24 (1) OF THE TREATY FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY APPOINTED HON. MR. JUSTICE EDWARD M. K. RUTAKANGWA FROM THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA JUDGE OF THE EAST AFRICAN COURT OF JUSTICE (APPELLATE DIVISION) AND HON. MR. JUSTICE AARON RINGERA FROM THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA JUDGE OF THE EAST AFRICAN COURT OF JUSTICE (APPELLATE DIVISION) WITH EFFECT FROM 27TH JUNE 2014 AND 3RD JUNE 2014 RESPECTIVELY. THE TWO JUDGES REPLACE HON. MR. JUSTICE HAROLD REGINALD NSEKELA, PRESIDENT OF THE COURT AND HON. MR. JUSTICE PHILIP KIPTOO TUNOI, VICE-PRESIDENT

OF THE COURT WHOSE RESPECTIVE TENURES OF OFFICE HAVE ENDED.
THE HEADS OF STATE THANKED HON. MR. JUSTICE NSEKELA AND HON.
MR. JUSTICE TUNOI FOR THEIR DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY
AND WISHED THEM SUCCESS IN THEIR FUTURE ENDEAVOURS.

- 9. THE SUMMIT PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 24 (1) OF THE TREATY FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY APPOINTED HON. MR. JUSTICE FAKIHI A. JUNDU FROM THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA JUDGE OF THE EAST AFRICAN COURT OF JUSTICE (FIRST INSTANCE DIVISION) WITH EFFECT FROM 27TH JUNE 2014. HON. MR. JUSTICE FAKIHI A. JUNDU REPLACES HON. MR. JUSTICE JOHN JOSEPH MKWAWA WHOSE TENURE OF OFFICE ENDS ON 27TH JUNE 2014. THE HEADS OF STATE THANKED HON. MR. JUSTICE MKWAWA FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY AND WISHED HIM SUCCESS IN HIS FUTURE CAREER.
- 10. THE SUMMIT DESIGNATED HON, MR. JUSTICE DR. EMMANUEL UGIRASHEBUJA, NEW PRESIDENT OF THE EAST AFRICAN COURT OF JUSTICE AND HON. MR. JUSTICE LIBOIRE NKURUNZIZA NEW VICE PRESIDENT OF THE COURT.
- 11. THE SUMMIT RENEWED THE CONTRACT OF DR. ENOS S. BUKUKU, DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL FOR A FINAL TERM OF THREE YEARS WITH EFFECT FROM 19TH APRIL 2014.
- 12. THEIR EXCELLENCIES THE EAC HEADS OF STATE UNVEILED A PLAQUE IN MEMORY OF THE VICTIMS OF THE 1994 GENOCIDE AGAINST THE TUTS! IN RWANDA AND ALL THOSE WHO DIED OPPOSING THE GENOCIDE AND EXPRESSED THEIR COMMITMENT TO ENSURING THAT SUCH GENOCIDE

AND OTHER CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY DO NOT RE-OCCUR IN THE EAST AFRICAN REGION.

- 13. THEIR EXCELLENCIES THE EAC HEADS OF STATE CONDEMNED THE RECENT TERRORIST ATTACKS IN NAIROBI AND MOMBASA IN THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA. THEY REITERATED THEIR UNWAVERING DETERMINATION TO COLLECTIVELY WORK TOGETHER TO COMBAT TERRORISM IN EASTERN AFRICA AND THE GREAT LAKES REGION. THEY CALLED UPON THE SECURITY AGENCIES TO INTENSIFY THEIR COOPERATION AIMED AT COMBATTING TERRORISM, INSURGENCY, THE AL-SHABAAB THREATS AND ALL KINDS OF CRIME IN THE EASTERN AFRICA AND THE GREAT LAKES REGION.
- 14. THE SUMMIT CALLED UPON THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS TO IMPLEMENT THE COUNTER TERRORISM STRATEGY AS A MATTER OF URGENCY AND DIRECTED ALL SECURITY AGENCIES AND THE POPULATION AT LARGE TO INTENSIFY EFFORTS AIMED AT COMBATING TERRORISM, INSURGENCY AND TRANSNATIONAL CRIME WITH THE VIEW TO SAFEGUARD FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS AND FREEDOM OF THE PEOPLE OF EAST AFRICA.
- 15. THEIR EXCELLENCIES PRESIDENT UHURU KENYATTA OF THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA, PRESIDENT YOWERI KAGUTA MUSEVENI OF THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA, FIRST VICE PRESIDENT PROSPER BAZOMBANZA OF THE REPUBLIC OF BURUNDI AND RT. HON. PRIME MINISTER DR. PIERRE DAMIEN HABUMUREMYI OF THE REPUBLIC OF RWANDA, CONGRATULATED THEIR HOST, HIS EXCELLENCY, PRESIDENT JAKAYA MRISHO KIKWETE OF THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF

TANZANIA AND THE PEOPLE OF TANZANIA UPON THE COUNTRY'S 50TH CELEBRATION OF THE UNION BETWEEN TANGANYIKA AND ZANZIBAR, NOTING THAT THIS UNION IS AN ELOQUENT EXAMPLE AND INSPIRATION FOR AFRICAN INTEGRATION AND UNITY.

16. THEIR EXCELLENCIES PRESIDENT UHURU KENYATTA OF THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA, PRESIDENT YOWERI KAGUTA MUSEVENI OF THE UGANDA, FIRST VICE PRESIDENT REPUBLIC OF PROSPER BAZOMBANZA OF THE REPUBLIC OF BURUNDI AND RT. HON. PRIME MINISTER DR. PIERRE DAMIEN HABUMUREMYI OF THE REPUBLIC OF RWANDA THANKED THEIR HOST, HIS EXCELLENCY, PRESIDENT JAKAYA MRISHO KIKWETE OF THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA, FOR THE WARM AND CORDIAL HOSPITALITY EXTENDED TO THEM AND THEIR RESPECTIVE DELEGATIONS DURING THEIR STAY IN ARUSHA, TANZANIA.

DONE AT ARUSHA, THIS 30TH DAY OF APRIL 2014

H.E UHURU KENYATTA

PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA

H.E JAKAYA MRISHO KIKWETE PRESIDENT OF THE

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UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA

H.E YOWERI KAGUTA MUSEVENI PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA H.E PROSPER BAZOMBANZA

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BURUNDI RT. HON. DR. PIERRE DAMIEN HABUMUREMYI. PRIME MINISTER OF THE REPUBLIC OF RWANDA