

## **COMMUNIQUÉ OF THE** 11TH EXTRAORDINARY SUMMIT OF **EAC HEADS OF STATE**

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NGURDOTO MOUNTAIN LODGE, ARUSHA, TANZANIA 28<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2013

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## 11" EXTRAORDINARY SUMMIT OF HEADS OF STATE OF THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY

## JOINT COMMUNIQUÉ

1. THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY HEADS OF STATE, THEIR EXCELLENCIES PRESIDENT YOWERI KAGUTA MUSEVENI OF THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA, PRESIDENT PIERRE NKURUNZIZA OF THE REPUBLIC OF BURUNDI, PRESIDENT UHURU MUIGAI KENYATTA OF THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA. PRESIDENT JAKAYA MRISHO KIKWETE OF THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA AND RT. HON. DR. PIERRE DAMIEN HABUMUREMYI, PRIME MINISTER 11<sup>TH</sup> OF THE REPUBLIC OF RWANDA HELD THE EXTRAORDINARY SUMMIT OF THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY HEADS OF STATE AT THE NGURDOTO MOUNTAIN LODGE, IN ARUSHA, TANZANIA ON SUNDAY 28TH APRIL 2013. THE HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT MET IN A WARM AND CORDIAL ATMOSPHERE.

- 2. THE SUMMIT APPOINTED MR. CHARLES JACKSON KINYANJUI NJOROGE EBS DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY. MR. NJOROGE REPLACES DR. JULIUS TANGUS ROTICH WHOSE TERM OF SERVICE WITH THE COMMUNITY ENDS ON 28<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2013. THE HEADS OF STATE THANKED DR. ROTICH FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY AND WISHED HIM SUCCESS IN HIS FUTURE CAREER.
- JUSTICE 3. THE SUMMIT APPOINTED HON. MR. LIBOIRE NKURUNZIZA FROM THE REPUBLIC OF BURUNDI, JUDGE OF THE EAST AFRICAN COURT OF JUSTICE (APPELATE DIVISION) AND HON, MR. JUSTICE DR. FAUSTIN NTEZILYAYO FROM THE REPUBLIC OF RWANDA JUDGE OF THE EAST AFRICAN COURT OF JUSTICE (FIRST INSTANCE DIVISION) WITH EFFECT FROM 27<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2013. THE TWO JUDGES REPLACE HON. MR. JUSTICE LAURENT NZOSABA AND HON. MR. JUSTICE JOHNSTONE BUSINGYE, PRINCIPAL JUDGE WHOSE RESPECTIVE TENURES OF OFFICE COME TO AN END ON 26TH JUNE 2013. THE HEADS OF STATE THANKED HON. MR. JUSTICE LAURENT NZOSABA AND HON, MR. JUSTICE JOHNSTONE BUSINGYE FOR THEIR DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY AND WISHED THEM THEIR FUTURE CAREERS. THE SUCCESS IN DESIGNATED HON. MR. JUSTICE JEAN BOSCO BUTASI AS PRINCIPAL JUDGE OF THE EAST AFRICAN COURT OF JUSTICE.

- 4. THE SUMMIT CONSIDERED THE PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH THE BUREAU OF SPEAKERS AS AN ORGAN OF THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY AND THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE COUNCIL ON THE MATTER AND AGREED THAT IT WAS NOT APPROPRIATE TO TRANSFORM THE BUREAU OF SPEAKERS INTO AN ORGAN OF THE COMMUNITY.
- 5. THE SUMMIT ENCOURAGED THE BUREAU OF SPEAKERS TO ENHANCE THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE EAST AFRICAN LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY AND THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLIES/PARLIAMENTS AS PROVIDED FOR IN ARTICLE 65 OF THE TREATY FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY.
- 6. THE SUMMIT RECEIVED A PROGRESS REPORT OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS ON THE EXTENSION OF THE JURISDICTION OF THE EAST AFRICAN COURT OF JUSTICE TO COVER AMONG OTHERS CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY. THE SUMMIT DIRECTED THE COUNCIL TO EXPEDITE FINALIZATION OF THE MATTER AND REPORT PROGRESS AT THE 15<sup>TH</sup> ORDINARY MEETING OF THE SUMMIT SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 2013.
- 7. THE SUMMIT RECEIVED A PROGRESS REPORT ON THE NEGOTIATIONS OF THE DRAFT PROTOCOL ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE EAC MONETARY UNION.
- 8. THE SUMMIT NOTED THAT THE SECTORAL COUNCIL ON MONETARY UNION MET IN FEBRUARY 2013 AND GAVE

- GUIDANCE TO THE HIGH LEVEL TASK FORCE NEGOTIATING THE DRAFT PROTOCOL ON THE OUTSTANDING MATTERS.
- 9. THE SUMMIT DIRECTED THAT THE ROADMAP TO THE CONCLUSION OF THE PROTOCOL ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY MONETARY UNION WILL INCLUDE HOLDING THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS: THE THIRD MEETING OF THE SECTORAL COUNCIL ON EAST AFRICAN MONETARY UNION TO FINALIZE THE TECHNICAL NEGOTIATIONS; THE EXTRA-ORDINARY COUNCIL OF MINISTERS TO CLEAR THE DRAFT PROTOCOL ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY MONETARY UNION AND REFER IT TO THE SECTORAL COUNCIL ON LEGAL AND JUDICIAL AFFAIRS FOR LEGAL INPUT; AND THE SECTORAL COUNCIL ON LEGAL AND JUDICIAL AFFAIRS TO CLEAR THE DRAFT PROTOCOL.
- 10. THE SUMMIT REITERATED ITS EARLIER DIRECTIVE TO THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS TO EXPEDITE NEGOTIATIONS AND CONCLUSION OF THE PROTOCOL ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE EAC MONETARY UNION WITH A VIEW TO SIGNING THE PROTOCOL AT THE 15<sup>TH</sup> SUMMIT OF THE EAC HEADS OF STATE SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 2013.
- 11. THEIR EXCELLENCIES, OBSERVING THE NEED FOR PARTNER STATES TO USE THE RECENTLY DISCOVERED OIL AND GAS RESOURCES FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PEOPLE OF EAST AFRICA DIRECTED-

- A. THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO CONVENE A MEETING OF MINISTERS RESPONSIBLE FOR ENERGY AND FINANCE, THE ATTORNEYS GENERAL, HEADS OF REVENUE AUTHORITIES AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF NATIONAL OIL AND GAS COMPANIES TO SHARE EXPERIENCES AND AGREE ON BEST PRACTICES: AND
- B. DIRECTED THE SECRETARIAT TO WORK WITH PARTNER STATES AND OTHER RELEVANT PARTNERS IN DEVELOPING CAPACITY AT THE NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY LEVEL IN THE MANAGEMENT OF HYDROCARBONS.
- 12. THE SUMMIT NOTED AND COMMENDED THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA FOR THE SUCCESSFUL GENERAL ELECTIONS AND CONGRATULATED HIS EXCELLENCY UHURU MUIGAI KENYATTA UPON HIS ELECTION AS THE 4<sup>TH</sup> PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA AND HIS EXCELLENCY WILLIAM RUTO THE DEPUTY PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA. THE SUMMIT WELCOMED HIS EXCELLENCY UHURU KENYATTA TO THE SUMMIT OF THE HEADS OF STATES OF THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY AND WISHED HIM SUCCESS IN STEERING THE AFFAIRS OF HIS COUNTRY TO GREATER HEIGHTS IN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS. THE SUMMIT ALSO SALUTED THE PEOPLE OF KENYA FOR THE SUCCESSFUL AND PEACEFUL ELECTIONS.

- 13. THE SUMMIT WELCOMED THE PLANNED CELEBRATIONS FOR THE JUBILEE ANNIVERSARY OF THE OAU/AU ON 25<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2013 IN ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA, AND THE YEAR LONG ACTIVITIES ACROSS THE CONTINENT TO REFLECT THE PAST, ASSESS THE PRESENT AND PLAN FOR THE FUTURE. THE SUMMIT CALLED FOR GREATER INVOLVEMENT OF THE YOUTH, WOMEN, PEOPLE LIVING WITH DISABILITIES, THE DIASPORA, THE PRIVATE SECTOR AND OTHER GROUPS IN THE CELEBRATIONS WITH A VIEW TO PROMOTE THE SPIRIT OF AFRICAN RENAISSANCE AND PAN-AFRICANISM AMONG THE VARIOUS STAKEHOLDERS.
- 14. THE SUMMIT NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THE PARTICIPATION OF THE EAC AT THE 5<sup>TH</sup> BRICS MEETING WHOSE THEME WAS "BRICS AND AFRICA-PARTNERSHIP FOR DEVELOPMENT, INTEGRATION AND INDUSTRIALISATION" AND WHICH WAS HELD ON 27<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2013 IN DURBAN, REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA.
- 15. THE SUMMIT NOTED THAT THE EMERGENCE OF BRICS WAS A WELCOME PHENOMENON FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF GLOBAL PEACE, SECURITY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PROSPERITY FOR THE PEOPLE IN THE AFRICAN CONTINENT AND THE REGION NEEDS TO STRENGTHEN RELATIONS WITH THE BRICS COUNTRIES WITH A VIEW TO DEVELOPING REGIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE, INDUSTRIALISATION, SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER.

16. THEIR EXCELLENCIES, PRESIDENT YOWERI KAGUTA MUSEVENI OF THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA, PRESIDENT PIERRE NKURUNZIZA OF THE REPUBLIC OF BURUNDI AND PRESIDENT UHURU MUIGAI KENYATTA OF THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA AND RT. HON. DR. PIERRE DAMIEN HABUMUREMYI, PRIME MINISTER OF THE REPUBLIC OF RWANDA CONGRATULATED THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA ON THE 49<sup>TH</sup> UNION DAY AND 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 THE BEAUTIFUL CITY OF ARUSHA, TANZANIA.

DONE AT ARUSHA, THIS 28TH DAY OF APRIL 2013.

HÉ YOWERI
KAGUTA
MUSEVENI
PRESIDENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF

UGANDA

HE PIERRE
NKURUNZIZA
PRESIDENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF
BURUNDI

HE UHURU MULGAI KENYATTA PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA HE DR. JAKAYA
MRISHO
KIKWETE
PRESIDENT OF
THE
UNITED
REPUBLIC OF
TANZANIA

RT. HON. DR.
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