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COMMUNIQUE OF THE 22nd EXTRA-ORDINARY SESSION OF THE IGAD ASSEMBLY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT ON THE SITUATION IN SOMALIA

ADDIS ABABA, 24th of May 2013

The IGAD Heads of State and Government held its 22nd extraordinary summit in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia on 24th of May 2013, under the Chairmanship of **H.E Mr. Hailemariam Desalegn**, the Prime Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and current Chairperson of the IGAD Assembly to discuss the political situation in the Federal Republic of Somalia.

The Assembly was attended by **H. E. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni**, President of the Republic of Uganda; **H.E. Ismail Omar Guelleh**, President of the Republic of Djibouti; **H.E. Hassan Sheikh Mohamud**, President of the Federal Republic of Somalia; **H. E. Uhuru Kenyatta**, President of the Republic of Kenya.

The Summit was also attended by **H.E. Mr. Erastus Mwencha**, Deputy Chairperson of the African Union Commission, **H.E Ambassador Hussein**

Elamin Elfadil, Ambassador of Sudan and permanent representative to IGAD, **H.E. Nicholas Westcott**, Director General for Africa, European Union, and **H.E.Amb. Renzo Mario Rosso** the Ambassador of Italy to Ethiopia and Permanent Representative to the AU and IGAD in his capacity as the Co-Chair of the IGAD Partners Forum (IPF).

The Assembly was preceded by the 48th Extra-ordinary Session of IGAD Council of Ministers held on 24th of May 2013, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

As a follow up to its decision on 3rd May 2013 of its 21st extra-ordinary session, the Summit received a briefing from the chairperson of the IGAD Council of Ministers **H.E Dr. Tedros Adhanom**, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, and also a report from **H.E Amb.(Eng.)Mahboub M. Maalim**, Executive Secretary of IGAD on the high level fact finding and confidence building mission delegated by the Summit to Mogadishu and Kismayo in the Federal Republic of Somalia.

The Summit deliberated on the report and the overall political and security situation in Somalia,

In this regard,

The Summit:

After listening to the briefing by **H.E Dr. Tedros Adhanom**, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, on the Council consultation in its 48th Extraordinary session and **Further considering** the report from **H.E Amb.(Eng.)Mahboub M. Maalim**,

Executive Secretary of IGAD on the fact finding and confidence building mission to Mogadishu and Kismayo ,

Having taken Note of the findings of the mission and the recommendations made and further **considering** the various views observed by the Somali Federal Government as well as major stakeholders in Mogadishu and Kismayo;

Recalling the previous decisions of the IGAD Assembly of Heads of State and Government and the Council of Ministers on Somalia;

Considering the major political and security priorities of the Federal Government of Somalia, and the efforts for peace and stability within the framework of the provisional constitution;

The Summit;

1. **Commends** the successful fact finding and confidence building mission led by H.E Amb.(Eng.)Mahboub M. Maalim;
2. **Endorses and adopts** the report of the fact finding and confidence building mission to Mogadishu and Kismayo;
3. **Notes with Satisfaction** the agreement of all stakeholders to respect the provisional constitution, to accept the government leadership, to conduct the process in an all inclusive manner, the need for IGAD's supportive role and conduct the process in a way that helps the fight against Al-Shabaab;
4. **Urges** that the Federal Government of Somalia should timely convene and lead reconciliation conference with the support of IGAD while

- consulting key stakeholders in the Juba Regions with a view to chart out a roadmap on the establishment of interim administration and formation of a permanent regional administration in accordance with the Provisional Constitution with IGAD playing a supporting role;
5. **Noted with concern** the situation in Kismayo and appeals for calm and restraint by all parties as such actions may threaten peace and stability mainly the fight against Al-shabab;
 6. **Calls upon** all parties in Mogadishu and Kismayo to uphold the tenets of the five principles enumerated in the communiqué of the 21st Extra-Ordinary Summit ;
 7. **Re-iterates** its previous call for the Federal Government of Somalia to as soon as possible integrate the various militia forces into a unified national command of Somali National Army;
 8. **Stresses** the need for enhanced engagement by the international community and the AU in improving the operational capacity and coordination of AMISOM and Somali National Forces in view of supporting the on-going operations for peace and greater stability;
 9. **Reaffirmed** the strong commitment of IGAD countries to assist the peace building and the reconstruction process in Somalia;
 10. **Recognises** the important role to be played by the Somali refugees in the reconstruction of Somalia , and **calls on** international community to support the initiative by the governments of Somalia and Kenya and UNHCR to convene an international conference on repatriation of Somali refugees to be held later this year;

11. **Directs** the Chairperson of the Council of Ministers and IGAD Secretariat to make the necessary arrangements to ensure continuous consultation and dialogue in Somalia;
12. **Expresses** appreciation to international partners and Organizations that are currently providing financial, material and technical assistance to the Federal Government of Somalia and appeals for increase in the level of support;
13. **Underscored** the efforts made by the Ethiopian Prime Minister H.E Mr. Hailemariam Desalegn, in his capacity as IGAD Chair, in facilitating member countries efforts for the regional peace and security;
14. **Directs** the IGAD Secretariat to transmit these decisions to the African Union Commission and the United Nations Security Council;
15. **Congratulates** the AU on the occasion of the celebration of the 50th anniversary and its accomplishments;
16. **Expresses** its appreciation to the Government and the people of Ethiopia for hosting this Extra-ordinary Summit and for shouldering the heavy responsibility of hosting the 50th Anniversary of the AU;
17. **Decides** to remain seized of this matter.

Issued this 24th of May 2013 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia