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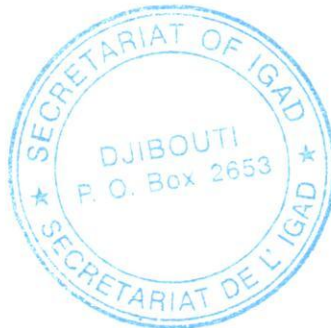
The Secretariat of the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and has the honor to request the latter to transmit the following message:

**MESSAGE TO THE FAMILY, GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF NIGERIA ON
THE DEATH OF DR CHINUA ACHEBE**

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The Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) expresses its condolences to the people of Nigeria and to the family and friends of Dr Chinua Achebe. We are deeply saddened by his death. Chinua Achebe was a great champion for peace and justice on the African Continent; a legendary wordsmith who inspired generations through his writings. Africa has lost a great cultural icon whose contribution to literature and the arts is unmatched. May his soul rest in eternal peace.


Amb(Eng) Mahboub Maalim
IGAD Executive Secretary



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The Secretariat of IGAD takes this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, the assurances of its highest consideration.

Saturday, March 23, 2013

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of the Federal Republic of Nigeria