



IGAD SECURITY SECTOR PROGRAM (ISSP)

Statement of Outcome of the Regional Consultative Forum on Establishing Regional Cooperation and Coordination Platform on Transnational Security Threats in the IGAD Region

We, the participants of the Regional Consultative Forum establishing regional cooperation and coordination platform on Transnational Security Threats (TSTs) in the IGAD region, organized by IGAD Security Sector Program (IGAD-SSP), held between 26 and 30 November 2018, in Entebbe, Uganda, after thoroughly discussed the need for coordinated regional approach to address the TSTs, informed from continental and international good practices and treaties, and briefed on selected national criminal information systems of Member States; have agreed on the outcome of the forum as outlined here below in this statement.

We, the Representatives of the following Member States: The Republic of Djibouti, The Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, The Republic of Kenya, The Republic of South Sudan, The Republic of Sudan, and The Republic of Uganda,

Together, adopt the following statement:

- 1. Recognizing** the Report of the IGAD Security Sector Program (IGAD-SSP) Task Force on Establishment of a Regional Centre for Cooperation and Coordination on Existing, Evolving and Emerging Transnational Security Threats, August 2014,

2. **Recognizing and Commending** the ongoing regional study being conducted by IGAD-SSP on National Criminal Information System on each MS,
3. **Cognizant** that **the** IGAD region is a source, transit, and a destination to various forms of transnational security threats; and thus,
4. **Acknowledging** IGAD's Peace and Security Strategy to prevent and counter transnational security threats,
5. **Further cognizant of** the various regional, continental, and international legal instruments adopted by Member States in preventing and countering Transnational Organized Crimes, Terrorism, and Violent Extremism,
6. **Reiterating the need** for further regional coordination and cooperation to prevent and counter evolving, emerging and existing transnational crimes,
7. **Acknowledging** and **appreciating** the experiences shared by the African Centre for the Study and Research of Terrorism (ACSRT), Committee of Intelligence and Security Services of Africa (CISSA) of the African Union, and Interpol/WAPIS (West Africa Police Information System),
8. **Recommend** IGAD-SSP to review and update the 2014 Task Force Report on the Establishment of a Regional Centre for Cooperation and Coordination on Existing, Evolving and Emerging Transnational Security Threats;
9. **Agree** on the need to establish a regional (IGAD) criminal information center;
10. **Approve** Draft Protocol that establishes regional coordination and cooperation center against TSTs;
11. **Direct** and encourage IGAD-SSP to further consolidate and finalize the draft roadmap on the establishment of IGAD Criminal Information Center;
12. **Urge** Member States, those that have not ratified thus far, to take the necessary measures to ratify the IGAD Conventions on Mutual Legal Assistance, and Extradition.

Done in Entebbe, Uganda, 30 November 2018.