



**COMMUNIQUE´ OF THE 34TH EXTRAORDINARY SUMMIT OF IGAD
HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT
9th FEBRUARY 2020
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia**

The 34th Extraordinary Summit of the IGAD Heads of State and Government was held on 8th February 2020 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, under the chairmanship of **H.E. Dr. Abdalla Hamdok**, Prime Minister of the Republic of the Sudan. The meeting was attended by **H.E. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni**, President of the Republic of Uganda; **H.E. Salva Kiir Mayardit**, President of the Republic of South Sudan; **H.E. Mohamed Abdullahi Mohamed**, President of the Federal Republic of Somalia; **H.E. Mahmoud Ali Youssouf**, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Djibouti; **H.E. Amb. Raychelle Omamo**, Cabinet Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kenya; and **H.E. Hirut Zememe**, State Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia.

Also in attendance were **H.E. Dr. Workneh Gebeyehu Negewo**, Executive Secretary of IGAD; **H.E. Smail Chergui**, Peace and Security Commissioner of the AUC; **H.E. Amb. Dr. Ismail Wais**, IGAD Special Envoy for South Sudan; **H.E. Amb. Mohamed Ali Guyo**, IGAD Special Envoy for the Red Sea, Gulf of Aden and Somalia; **H.E. Stephen Kalonzo Musyoka**, Kenya Special Envoy to South Sudan; **H.E. Jamal El Sheikh**, Sudan Special Envoy to South Sudan; **H.E. Amb. Lt. Gen. Augustino Njoroge**, Interim Chair of RJMEC; and **H.E. Maj. Gen. Teshome Gemechu**, Chair of CTSAMVM.

The Extraordinary Summit was preceded by the 70th Extraordinary Session of the IGAD Council of Ministers held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, in the morning of 8th February 2020.

After in-depth deliberations on the Report of the 70th Extraordinary Session of the Council of Ministers to the Summit and the report of the IGAD Special Envoy for South Sudan, the Summit:

On South Sudan:

1. **Took note** of the progress made in the implementation of pre-transitional tasks within the extended one hundred days, and the financial, logistical and coordination related challenges that the implementation of the Revitalized Agreement on the Resolution of the Conflict in the Republic of South Sudan (R-ARCSS) is facing especially in relation to transitional security arrangements;
2. **Appreciated** the relentless mediation efforts exerted by the regional Special Envoys from IGAD and South Africa in an attempt to resolve the issue of the number of states and their boundaries; and **noted** that the mediation effort of the Special Envoys has hit a deadlock;
3. **Further noted that** only thirteen days are left before the end of the one hundred-day extension of the deadline for the formation of the Revitalized Transitional Government of National Unity (R-TGoNU) on 22nd February 2020;
4. **Aware of** the fact that the formation of R-TGoNU has been postponed twice in May and November 2019 and that further extension is neither desirable nor feasible at this stage of the peace process;
5. **Recognizing** that the issue of the number of states and their boundaries is an internal South Sudanese matter and hence solution should come only from the South Sudanese people;
6. **Underscoring** the need to form an all-inclusive R-TGoNU on firm foundations;

7. **Directed** that a tripartite consultation be held between H.E Prime Minister Abdalla Hamdok, H.E President Yoweri Museveni and H.E President Salva Kiir Mayardit that includes Dr. Riek Machar, Chairman and Commander-in-Chief of SPLM/A-IO and the IGAD Executive Secretary H.E Dr. Workneh Gebeyehu on the 9th February 2020;
8. **Held** the tripartite consultations as directed by the Summit on the 9th February 2020 that reviewed the recommendations made in the report of the 70th IGAD Council of Ministers;
9. **Agreed** to the request of the President of South Sudan, H.E. Salva Kiir Mayardit to conduct further consultations with his constituents and report back to the IGAD Chair on the 15th of February 2020;
10. **Emphasized** the need to speak in one voice and avoid parallel processes that would further complicate the situation;

On Locust Invasion

11. **Alarmed by** the speed and scale with which the locust invasion is affecting IGAD Member States, and the adverse impact it has on food security in the region;
12. **Mindful of** the fact that the locust invasion transcends the IGAD region, and hence the need to work and coordinate with neighboring regions particularly gulf states and countries in the Arabian Peninsula as well as the international community;
13. **Agreed** to act collectively through IGAD and join forces with neighbors and relevant agencies including the Desert Locust Control Organization towards the total eradication of this pest and address the broader aspects of climate change in the region;
14. **Decided** to be proactive in sharing information and best practices through the IGAD Secretariat to coordinate and build the necessary capacity in combating the locust menace to predict, monitor and control the spread of new swarms;

15. **Called upon** international and development partners to support the ongoing efforts of IGAD Member States since countries of the region do not have the requisite financial, technical and logistical capacity to effectively fight the locust invasion; and
16. **Decided** to remain actively seized of these matters.

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