



**COMMUNIQUE OF THE 18TH EXTRA-ORDINARY SESSION OF THE
IGAD ASSEMBLY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT ON THE
ACTIVITIES IN SUDAN, SOMALIA AND ERITREA**

ADDIS ABABA, 4 JULY 2011

The IGAD Assembly of Heads of State and Government held its 18th Extra-Ordinary Summit in Addis Ababa, on 4th July 2011, under the Chairmanship of **H.E. Meles Zenawi**, Prime Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, and Chairperson of IGAD.

The Assembly was attended by **H.E. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni**, The President of the Republic of Uganda; **H.E. Omar Hassan Ahmed Al Bashir**, President of the Republic of Sudan; **H.E. Mwai Kibaki**, President of the Republic of Kenya and Chairperson of the IGAD Sub Committee on Sudan; **H.E. Sheikh Sharif Sheikh Ahmed**, President of the Transitional Federal Government (TFG) of Somalia, **H.E. Mohamoud Ali Youssouf**, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Djibouti and **Eng. Mahboub M. Maalim**, Executive Secretary of IGAD, **H.E. Thabo Mbeki**, **H.E. Abubakar Absalam** and **H.E. Pierre Buyoya** of African Union High Level Implementation Panel (AUHIP).

The Assembly considered the progress on the Implementation on the CPA, current Developments in Somalia, current activities of the State of Eritrea.

The Assembly was addressed by **H.E. President Mwai Kibaki**, Chair of the IGAD Sub-Committee on Sudan, **Ambassador Haile Menkerios**, the UNSRG to Sudan, **Sir Derreck Plumbly**, Chair of the CPA Assessment and Evaluation Commission, **Ambassador Augustine Mahiga**, UNSRG Special Representative on Somalia.

The Assembly was then briefed on the implementation of the CPA by **H.E. Omar Hassan Ahmed El Bashir**, President of the Republic of the Sudan, **H.E. Salva Kiir Mayardit**, the First Vice President of the Sudan and **H.E. Thabo Mbeki**, Chairperson of the AU High Level Implementation Panel.

The Assembly was also addressed by **H.E. Erastus Mwencha**, the Deputy Chairperson of the African Union Commission and received an update on Somalia from **H.E. Sheikh Sharif Sheikh Ahmed**, President of the TFG of Somalia, and

Hon. Kipruto Arap Kirwa, IGAD Facilitator for Somalia Peace and National Reconciliation.

The Summit was briefed on the deliberations of the Council of Ministers during their session held in Malabo on 28 June 2011, and endorsed both the report and the Communique of the meeting.

On the Progress on the Implementation of the CPA

The Assembly,

1. **Conveys** its appreciation and **Welcomes** the recent signing of the agreement on political and security principles that would pave the way for a final settlement in the South Kordofan and Blue Nile States; **Further** congratulates both parties for signing the agreement on the General framework on 28 June 2011, and **Calls** upon them to hold up to these agreements and to further elaborate on them without delay;
2. **Congratulates** President Omar Hassan Al Bashir and First Vice President Salva Kiir Mayardit for their exemplary leadership, courage and commitment to peace; as well as the people of the Sudan in deciding their collective destiny; and **calls** on the successor states to continue cooperative relations and ensure two viable states;
3. **Strongly commends** President Omar Hassan Al Bashir and First Vice President Salva Kiir Mayardit for agreeing to continue the negotiations framework agreement after July 9th 2011 for the resolution for all outstanding issues in the spirit of the CPA;
4. **Welcomes** the agreement between both parties for a deployment of forces to guarantee stability in the Abyei and other border areas. Further **commends** Ethiopia for offering troops and **endorses** their deployment; Also, **welcomes** the UNSC Resolution 1990 that authorized the deployment; and **urges** the UNSC to provide all the necessary logistics to enable expeditious deployment;
5. **Expresses appreciation** for the work of the African Union High Level Implementation Panel (AUHIP) of President Thabo Mbeki, President

Abdulsalami Abubakar and President Pierre Buyoya, for their unstinting efforts in the pursuit of a negotiated resolution of all outstanding issues;

6. **Concerned** by the unresolved issues of the final status of Abyei area, the five disputed areas along the border, the requirement for transitional financial arrangements and provisions for the continuing production and transshipment of oil, **Calls upon** the AU High Level Implementation Panel to continue its engagement with both parties in order to resolve all these issues;
7. **Mandates** the chairperson of IGAD to support continued negotiations and the implementation mechanism arising from any agreements reached;
8. **Commends** the Evaluation and Assessment Commission (AEC) to the CPA for its continuous support and for its commitments to continue this support in the post July 9, 2011 era within the framework of IGAD;
9. **Recalls** its 30 January 2011 Communique and **calls upon** the international community to keep its commitment to support the people of the Sudan by granting debt relief, the removal of Sudan from the list of states sponsors of terrorism, lifting of sanction and deferral on the ICC indictment in accordance with article 16 of the Rome Statute.

On the Current Developments in Somalia,

The Assembly,

1. **Welcomes** the signing of the Kampala Accord and urges all parties to work towards its full implementation as part of the wider programme of reconciliation and outreach; **calls upon** the parties to the Accord to include as an integral component a strategy for effective implementation of the various agreements entered between the TFG and other entities that are supportive and desirous of genuine peace and national reconciliation;
2. **Commends** His Excellency President Yoweri Museveni and the people and the government of Uganda as well as the UNSRSG for facilitating the realization of the Kampala Accord;

3. **Calls upon** the TFG to finalise all transitional tasks within the timeframe provided for in the Kampala Accord and calls upon all parties to work in a cooperative manner towards this end;
4. **Welcomes** the nomination and confirmation by Parliament of a new Prime Minister for the TFG of Somalia, and **calls** for the expeditious establishment of the Cabinet as stipulated in the Kampala Accord;
5. **Expresses** gratitude to the troop contributing countries to AMISOM namely; Uganda and Burundi for the sacrifices they continue to make to advance the cause of peace and stability in Somalia, calls upon them to continue supporting TFG forces so as to bring the entire Mogadishu under the control of the Government forces; and **urges** those African countries that have pledged troops to avail the same immediately;
6. **Reiterates** its call for the UNSC to provide support to AMISOM including mission enablers and to adopt a resolution that enforces a blockade of Kismayu, Barava, Merka and Elmaan and imposes air exclusion zone such as on Balidogle, N.50 and Cisaley to cut the supply lines to the extremist groups;
7. **Calls** upon the AU, UN and members of the International Community working on Somalia to immediately relocate to Mogadishu, upscale their visibility and support the TFIs concretely in order to consolidate peace and stability in the newly liberated areas and districts;
8. **Reiterates** its earlier decision on the centrality of the role of IGAD and reaffirms that the Somalia process must be anchored in IGAD and calls on all actors working towards peace in Somalia to do so in consultation and concurrence with IGAD;
9. **Commits** to fully support the TFIs both materially and financially to enable them complete the remaining tasks and to build capacity and strengthen the local administration; in that regard **calls** upon all international partners to provide the necessary human and financial support to deliver on this tasks;
10. **Directs** the Chiefs of Defense Staff to urgently convene a meeting to review the progress made so far and consolidate the gains achieved to avoid any setback in sustaining peace;
11. **Directs** the formation of an IGAD ministerial task force that would come up with joint measures to be taken to improve more vigilance on movements of

any extremist elements, individuals and resources as well as those who aid the work of terrorists within and across the region;

12. **Notes** with grave concerns the continued sufferings of the people of Somalia especially the women and children occasioned by the severe drought and famine, and **calls on** all international organizations to urgently provide humanitarian assistance to the needy populations in order to stem the outflow of people into the neighboring countries as refugees;

13. **Undertakes** to create a framework for former heads of state to support the Somalia peace and national reconciliation akin to what happened in Burundi.

On the activities of the State of Eritrea

The Assembly,

1. **Strongly condemns** the activities of the State of Eritrea that has taken an active part in destabilizing the region by supporting extremist and other subversive elements;
2. **Calls** on the UN Security Council to take all appropriate measures to ensure that the regime in Asmara desists from its destabilization activities in the Horn of Africa;
3. **Calls** on the AU and the UN Security Council to fully implement the existing sanctions and impose additional Sanctions selectively on the Eritrean Regime specially on those economic and mining sectors that the regime draws on including the Eritrean Diaspora as well as ensuring compliance with previous decisions of the UN;
4. **Further** calls on UNSC to extend the mandate of the monitoring team on Eritrea and Somalia.

Finally, the Summit

Directs the Executive Secretary of IGAD to formally transmit this Communique to the African Union Peace and Security as well as the United Nations Security Council;

Decides to remain seized of all the matters.

Done in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia 4th July 2011