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Declaration of the IGAD Summit of Heads of State and Government on Progress of the Drought Disaster Resilience and Sustainability Initiative (IDDRSI) on 27th March 2014, Speke Resort Munyonyo, Kampala, Uganda

The IGAD Heads of State and Government held their 2nd Summit on “Ending Drought Emergencies in the IGAD region” on 27th March 2014, under the Chairmanship of **H.E. Mr. Hailemariam Desalegn**, the Prime Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and current Chairperson of IGAD.

The Assembly was attended by **H.E. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni**, President of the Republic of Uganda; **Rt Hon. Abdiweli Mohamed**, Prime Minister of the Federal Republic of Somalia; **H.E. Hassabo Mohamed Abdelrahman**, Vice President of the Republic of Sudan; **H.E. Amina Mohamed**, Cabinet Secretary in charge of Foreign Affairs representing the President of the Republic of Kenya; **H.E. Mohamed Ahmed Awaleh, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries, Livestock and Water**; representing the President of the Republic of Djibouti and **H.E. Kuong Danlier Gatluak**, Minister of Transport, Roads and Bridges, representing the President of the Republic of South Sudan. The Summit was also attended by **Ambassador (Eng.) Mahboub Maalim**, Executive Secretary of IGAD.

The Summit was preceded by meetings of the IDDRSI Platform General Assembly and Steering Committee and received recommendations from the two meetings for consideration and decision. After deliberations on the progress made with the Drought Disaster Resilience and Sustainability Initiative (IDDRSI),

The Summit:

Recalls its Nairobi Declaration of 9th September 2011 on drought resilience and the decisions therein.

Reaffirms the commitments of Member States, development partners, UN agencies and Non-State Actors and Private sector in the region to the drought resilience initiative.

Underscores the efforts made by Member States to integrate Country Programming Papers (CPPs) /Ending Drought Emergencies (EDE) strategies in their national development plans as this indicates ownership and ensures sustainability.

Commends Member States, IGAD Secretariat and partners for holding very successful Platform Steering Committee and General Assembly meetings.

Notes with satisfaction that all Member States have established national drought resilience coordination mechanisms.

Further Notes with appreciation the contribution of UN agencies, research institutions and Non State Actors (NSAs) at national and regional levels and **commends** the various actors.

Lauds Development Partners and Humanitarian Agencies who have over the last two years given loans and advanced grants to invest in drought resilience interventions at Member States level and cross border areas and involved communities in Member States in development and implementation of the drought resilience interventions to alleviate local challenges and strongly appeals for their continued support.

Appreciates the support to Member States provided by IGAD with funding from partners to develop and launch the recently approved World Bank in Kenya, Uganda and IGAD Secretariat and ongoing AfDB funded pastoral development project in Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya and IGAD Secretariat.

Considering the importance of remittances to the resilience and development of communities across the Greater Horn of Africa and the concern that any disruption of the formal money transfer sector would have a negative impact on livelihoods in ASALs, **calls upon** the international community to move with urgency to agree upon interim systems, rules and procedures that would permit the continued flow of remittances to the region without interruption, and build the capacity of the money transfer sector to comply fully with international norms and standards.

Welcomes the progress made by the IDDRSI Knowledge Management, Capacity Development and Monitoring and Evaluation experts in establishing regional systems, processes, procedures and practices and their dedicated efforts at building similar structures at Member State levels.

Expresses concern that coordination of the actors and communities on the ground and harmonizing expectations and procedures of different development partners are still a challenge.

Appreciates the collaboration between IGAD and CILSS (Comité permanent Inter-Etats de Lutte contre la Sécheresse dans le Sahel) in enhancing drought resilience, as an exemplary South- South cooperation and should be extended to other regional organizations in East Africa and the Great Lakes Region.

Endorses the recommendations of the General Assembly and Steering Committee reached in Kampala, Uganda from 24th to 26th March 2014 and **commits** Member States and the IGAD Secretariat to their implementation.

Affirms the commitment by IGAD Member States to resolve the on-going political conflict in South Sudan and urged IGAD, AUC, UN and Development Partners to double their efforts to arrive at a peaceful solution upon the warring factions, and

Further calls on the warring factions in South Sudan and the key actors in Somalia to allow access to communities by humanitarian agencies.

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