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**COMMUNIQUE OF THE
3RD EAC HEADS OF STATE RETREAT ON
INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT AND
FINANCING**

THEME:

***SUPPORTING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMMON MARKET THROUGH THE
DEVELOPMENT OF EFFICIENT INFRASTRUCTURE NETWORKS AND
INTERMODAL TRANSPORT SYSTEMS IN THE EAC***

**KENYATTA INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
CENTRE, KENYA**

29TH NOVEMBER, 2014

EAC SECRETARIAT
ARUSHA, TANZANIA
NOVEMBER 2014



3ND EAC HEADS OF STATE RETREAT

COMMUNIQUE

- 1 MEMBERS OF THE SUMMIT OF THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY; H.E WILLIAM RUTO, DEPUTY PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA, H.E DR. MOHAMED GHARIB BILAL, VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA, H.E PROSPER BAZOMBAZA, FIRST VICE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BURUNDI, THE RT. HON. ANASTASE MUREKEZI, PRIME MINISTER OF THE REPUBLIC OF RWANDA AND HON. MARIA KIWANUKA, MINISTER FOR FINANCE, PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, REPRESENTING H.E YOWERI KAGUTA MUSEVENI, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA, ATTENDED THE 3RD EAC HEADS OF STATE RETREAT ON INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT AND FINANCING AT THE KENYATTA INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION CENTRE, NAIROBI, KENYA ON 29TH NOVEMBER 2014. THE HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT HELD THE RETREAT IN A WARM AND CORDIAL ATMOSPHERE UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF H.E WILLIAM RUTO ON BEHALF OF H.E UHURU KENYATTA, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA.**

- 2 THE 3RD HEADS OF STATE RETREAT WAS ATTENDED BY OVER 400 PARTICIPANTS AND SEVERAL HIGH RANKING DIGNITARIES INCLUDING MR. SOLOMON ASAMOAH, THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK GROUP, MR. PHILLIPE DONGIER, THE COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVE FOR TANZANIA, UGANDA AND BURUNDI, REPRESENTING MR. MAKHTAR DIOP, THE WORLD BANK – AFRICA REGION, DR. MUKHISA KITUYI, THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT AND AMB. FILIBERTO CERIANI SEBREGONDI, THE HEAD OF DELEGATION TO TANZANIA AND EAC AT THE EUROPEAN UNION. ALSO IN ATTENDANCE WERE HONORABLE MINISTERS, THE SECRETARY GENERAL AND DEPUTY SECRETARIES GENERAL OF THE EAC, REPRESENTATIVES OF COOPERATING DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS, INVESTORS, MEMBERS OF THE EAST AFRICAN LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY AND NATIONAL PARLIAMENTS, JUDGES OF THE EAST AFRICAN COURT OF JUSTICE, AMBASSADORS AND HIGH COMMISSIONERS, AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMUNITIES AMONG OTHERS.**
- 3 THE HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT RECEIVED A KEY NOTE ADDRESS DELIVERED BY MR. SOLOMON ASAMOAH ON BEHALF OF DR. DONALD KABERUKA THE PRESIDENT OF THE AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK, A COMPREHENSIVE PRESENTATION ON THE PROGRESS MADE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PRIORITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS AND PROGRAMMES, A 10-YEAR INVESTMENT STRATEGY AND PROPOSALS ON RESOURCE MOBILIZATION.**
- 4 THE HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT FURTHER RECEIVED SHORT INTERVENTIONS ON SELECTED TOPICS FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN, THE WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM, AFRICA 50 FUND, EUROPEAN UNION NEPAD-INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS PREPARATORY FUND (NEPAD-IPPF), THE WORLD BANK PUBLIC PRIVATE INFRASTRUCTURE ADVISORY FUND (PPIAF),**

TRADEMARK EAST AFRICA AND THE EAST AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK.

5 THE SUMMIT DELIBERATED ON THE PRESENTATIONS AND:

- A) APPRECIATED THE PARTICIPATION AND THE DEPTH OF DELIBERATIONS DURING THE 3RD HEADS OF STATE RETREAT ON INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT AND FINANCING;**
- B) APPRECIATED THE ROLE PLAYED BY THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PRIORITIZED INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS AND PROGRAMMES;**
- C) UNDERScoreD THEIR COMMITMENT TO JOINTLY AND SEVERALLY LEAD IN THE MOBILIZATION OF RESOURCES TO ACHIEVE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS AND PROGRAMMES, AND DIRECTED THE MINISTERS OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND THOSE OF FINANCE TO COORDINATE EFFORTS IN THIS REGARD;**
- D) ENDORSED THE PROPOSED 10-YEAR INVESTMENT STRATEGY FOR PRIORITY REGIONAL PROJECTS AND DIRECTED THE COUNCIL TO MOBILIZE RESOURCES FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION AND REPORT PROGRESS AT THE 4TH RETREAT OF THE HEADS OF STATE;**
- E) ENDORSED THE REPORT ON INTERMODAL TRANSPORT STRATEGY AND DIRECTED THE SECRETARIAT AND PARTNER STATES TO COLLABORATE IN EXPEDITING ITS IMPLEMENTATION IN CONSULTATION WITH THE WORLD BANK AND OTHER DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS;**

F) DIRECTED THE COUNCIL TO:

- I) FAST-TRACK THE DEVELOPMENT OF REQUISITE REGIONAL CAPACITIES TO SUPPORT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PRIORITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS AND PROGRAMMES.**
- II) ENGAGE BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL COOPERATING PARTNERS TO MOBILIZE TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR PROJECT PREPARATIONS AND IMPLEMENTATION;**
- III) HOLD ANNUAL BRIEFING ROUNDTABLES FOR INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTORS AND FINANCIERS FOCUSING ON MOBILIZING THE REQUISITE RESOURCES OVER THE NEXT TEN YEARS, ESTIMATED AT US\$ 100 BILLION, FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PRIORITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS AND PROGRAMMES AND TO HIGHLIGHT INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES;**
- IV) CONSIDER THE ESTABLISHMENT OF REGIONAL CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE FOR INFRASTRUCTURE AND TRANSPORT SKILLS DEVELOPMENT IN ORDER TO ENHANCE REGIONAL CAPACITIES IN ROADS, RAILWAYS, PORTS, OIL AND GAS, POWER GENERATION AND TRANSMISSION AND CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS AND MANAGEMENT;**
- V) EXPEDITE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FRAMEWORK FOR HARMONIZED EAC ROAMING CHARGES, INCLUDING THE REMOVAL OF SURCHARGES FOR INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS TRAFFIC ORIGINATING AND TERMINATING WITHIN THE EAC BY 15TH JULY, 2015.**

- 6) THE SUMMIT AGREED THAT THE 4TH RETREAT RECEIVES A REPORT ON THE PROJECTS AND PROGRAMMES OF THE CIVIL AVIATION AND AIRPORTS SUB-SECTORS.**
- 7) THE HEADS OF STATE PAID TRIBUTE TO THE AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK AND THE TRANSFORMATIVE LEADERSHIP OF ITS PRESIDENT, DR. DONALD KABERUKA. THEY WELCOMED THE BANK'S COMMITMENT TO SUPPORT EAST AFRICA'S INVESTMENT STRATEGY FOR PRIORITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS AND RESOURCE MOBILIZATION STRATEGY.**
- 8) THE HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT ACKNOWLEDGED THE SUPPORT AND COMMITMENT PROVIDED BY THE WORLD BANK GROUP OF US\$ 1.2 BILLION FOR REGIONAL INTEGRATION IN THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY. THEY WELCOMED THE COMMITMENTS TO: I) HELP COUNTRIES PREPARE FOR THE INVESTMENTS AND POLICIES NEEDED TO BENEFIT FROM THE REGIONAL EXTRACTIVES BOOM, II) INVEST IN REGIONAL INTERMODAL TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE INCLUDING REVIVING INLAND WATERWAY TRANSPORT ON LAKES VICTORIA AND TANGANYIKA, ALONG WITH ASSOCIATED ROAD AND RAIL LINKS, AND III) SUPPORT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMMON MARKET PROTOCOL, SPECIFICALLY TO HELP REMOVE BARRIERS TO AGRICULTURE, TRADE AND SELECTED SERVICES.**
- 9) THE HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT THANKED THE OTHER DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS, NEPAD, THE EUROPEAN UNION, CHINA, THE UNITED STATES, JAPAN AND TRADEMARK EAST AFRICA FOR THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT TO THE EAC PROJECTS AND PROGRAMMES AND URGED THEM TO CONSIDER SUPPORTING THE**

**PRIORITY PROJECTS CONTAINED IN THE 10-YEAR
INVESTMENT STRATEGY.**

**10) H.E DR. MOHAMED GHARIB BILAL, VICE PRESIDENT OF
THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA, H.E PROSPER
BAZOMBAZA, FIRST VICE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC
OF BURUNDI, THE RT. HON. ANASTASE MUREKEZI,
PRIME MINISTER OF THE REPUBLIC OF RWANDA AND
HON. MARIA KIWANUKA, MINISTER FOR FINANCE,
PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,
REPRESENTING H.E YOWERI KAGUTA MUSEVENI,
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA, THANKED
THEIR HOSTS, DEPUTY PRESIDENT WILLIAM RUTO AND
PRESIDENT UHURU KENYATTA OF THE REPUBLIC OF
KENYA FOR THE WARM AND CORDIAL HOSPITALITY
EXTENDED TO THEM AND THEIR RESPECTIVE
DELEGATIONS DURING THEIR STAY IN NAIROBI AND
THE EXCELLENT FACILITATION OF THE RETREAT.**

DONE AT NAIROBI, THIS 29TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2014

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**H.E. WILLIAM RUTO,
DEPUTY PRESIDENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF KENYA**

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BILAL
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