



**COMMUNIQUE OF THE
11TH ORDINARY SUMMIT OF
EAC HEADS OF STATE**

**ARUSHA INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE CENTRE,
TANZANIA**

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ELEVENTH ORDINARY SUMMIT OF HEADS OF STATE OF THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY

COMMUNIQUÉ

- 1 THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY HEADS OF STATE, THEIR EXCELLENCIES PRESIDENT JAKAYA MRISHO KIKWETE OF THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA, PRESIDENT PAUL KAGAME OF THE REPUBLIC OF RWANDA, PRESIDENT PIERRE NKURUNZIZA OF THE REPUBLIC OF BURUNDI, PRESIDENT MWAI KIBAKI OF THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA AND PRESIDENT YOWERI KAGUTA MUSEVENI OF THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA HELD THE ELEVENTH SUMMIT OF THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY HEADS OF STATE AT THE ARUSHA INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE CENTRE, TANZANIA ON 20TH NOVEMBER 2009. THE HEADS OF STATE MET IN A WARM AND CORDIAL ATMOSPHERE UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF HIS EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT JAKAYA MRISHO KIKWETE OF THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA.**

2 THE SUMMIT RECEIVED THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS COVERING THE YEAR 2008/2009 AND NOTED THE STEADY PROGRESS MADE IN THE PROMOTION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAMMES OF THE COMMUNITY.

3 THE SUMMIT TOOK NOTE OF THE PROGRESS IN THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY CUSTOMS UNION AND:

A) APPROVED THE REVIEW OF CHAPTER 40 OF THE COMMON EXTERNAL TARIFF AS RECOMMENDED BY THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS BY DELETING THE ADDITIONAL NOTE ON TYRES IN THE CHAPTER NOTES THAT READ *“FOR THE PURPOSE OF HS CODE 4011.20.00 TYRES OF A KIND USED ON BUSES OR LORRIES SHALL BE HAVING A RIM SIZE OF 17 INCHES AND ABOVE”*,

B) DELEGATED ITS POWERS TO APPROVE REVIEWS OF THE EAC CET AND EAC RULES OF ORIGIN TO THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:

AA) THAT THE COUNCIL SHALL REPORT TO THE SUMMIT THE COUNCIL’S DECISIONS PERTAINING TO ANY APPROVED REVIEWS OF THE EAC CET AND EAC RULES OF ORIGIN;

BB) THAT THE SUMMIT SHALL REVIEW THE ABOVE DELEGATION OF ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS AS AND WHEN IT CONSIDERS IT APPROPRIATE;

CC) THAT APPROVAL FOR THE REVIEW OF THE EAC CET AND EAC RULES OF ORIGIN BY THE COUNCIL SHALL BE INITIATED BY THE SECTORAL COUNCIL ON TRADE, FINANCE, INDUSTRY AND INVESTMENT.

4 THE SUMMIT RECEIVED A REPORT ON THE WAY FORWARD ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE EAC POLITICAL FEDERATION, AND IN THIS REGARD:

- A) DIRECTED THE COUNCIL TO DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE SENSITIZATION PROGRAMME FOR CONTINUOUS AND IN-DEPTH SENSITIZATION INCLUDING INITIATIVES TO PROMOTE MUTUAL TRUST, CONFIDENCE BUILDING, AN EAST AFRICAN IDENTITY AND SOLIDARITY AMONG CITIZENS OF EAST AFRICA ABOUT THE EAC INTEGRATION;**
- B) DIRECTED THE COUNCIL TO CONSTITUTE A TEAM OF EXPERTS TO UNDERTAKE DETAILED STUDIES ON THE CONCERNS RAISED AND CHALLENGES IDENTIFIED ON POLITICAL FEDERATION WITH A VIEW TO PROPOSING WAYS OF ADDRESSING THEM;**
- C) TOOK NOTE OF THE NEED TO STRENGTHEN THE PILLARS OF POLITICAL FEDERATION BY LOCKING IN THE GAINS ACHIEVED FROM THE OTHER STAGES OF INTEGRATION AS A PRECURSOR TO ATTAINING SUSTAINABLE POLITICAL FEDERATION AND THROUGH DEVELOPMENT OF APPROPRIATE REGIONAL POLICIES THAT LAY A FIRM FOUNDATION. AS SUCH, PARTNER STATES SHOULD UNDERTAKE TO SUSTAIN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE**

CUSTOMS UNION, COMMON MARKET AND MONETARY UNION;

D) DIRECTED THE COUNCIL TO DEVELOP TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE ABOVE COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS AND TO PROVIDE A TIMELINE OF SIX MONTHS WITHIN WHICH TO SUBMIT REPORTS PURSUANT TO CLAUSES (A) – (C) ABOVE.

5 THE SUMMIT RECEIVED A REPORT ON THE PROGRESS TOWARDS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE EAC MONETARY UNION AND COMMENDED THE GOVERNORS OF THE CENTRAL BANKS OF THE EAC PARTNER STATES FOR THE WORK BEING UNDERTAKEN IN THIS REGARD. THE SUMMIT DIRECTED THE COUNCIL TO ENSURE THAT, UPON THE COMING INTO OPERATION OF THE COMMON MARKET, THE PREPARATIONS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MONETARY UNION SHOULD BE MOVED INTO HIGHER GEAR.

6 THE SUMMIT RECEIVED A REPORT ON THE FINALIZATION OF THE NEGOTIATIONS ON THE PROTOCOL FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY COMMON MARKET. IN THIS REGARD, THE SUMMIT APPROVED AND SIGNED THE PROTOCOL FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE EAC COMMON MARKET. THE SUMMIT DIRECTED THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS TO OVERSEE AND APPROVE THE INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS THAT WILL SUPPORT THE MANAGEMENT OF THE EAC COMMON MARKET. THE SUMMIT FURTHER URGED THE PARTNER STATES TO ENSURE THAT THE PROTOCOL IS RATIFIED QUICKLY TO ENABLE IT TO START OPERATING ON 1ST JULY 2010.

- 7 THE SUMMIT RECEIVED A REPORT ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF A REGIONAL YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMME AND ADOPTED THE DECLARATION ON EMPLOYMENT CREATION AND POVERTY REDUCTION WITH A SPECIAL FOCUS ON YOUTH.**
- 8 THE SUMMIT NOTED THE REPORT THAT THE REVIEW OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE INTER-ORGAN STRATEGIC RETREAT THAT TOOK PLACE IN KIGALI FROM 8TH TO 9TH FEBRUARY, 2009 WAS STILL ONGOING AND DIRECTED THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS TO URGE PARTNER STATES THAT HAD NOT SUBMITTED THEIR VIEWS TO SUBMIT THEM WITHIN TWO MONTHS IN ORDER TO FINALIZE THE PROCESS AND SUBMIT CONCRETE RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE WAY FORWARD FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT SUMMIT. THE SUMMIT COMMENDED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE INTER-ORGAN COORDINATION FORUM THAT SEEKS TO REALIZE THE SPIRIT OF THE INTER-ORGAN STRATEGIC RETREAT.**
- 9 THE SUMMIT COMMENDED THE WORK BEING UNDERTAKEN BY THE EAC IN THE PROMOTION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF VARIOUS PROJECTS AND PROGRAMMES UNDER THE EAST AFRICAN LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, THE EAST AFRICAN COURT OF JUSTICE, THE SECRETARIAT AND ALL THE INSTITUTIONS OF THE EAC.**
- 10 THE SUMMIT EXPRESSED GRAVE CONCERN ABOUT THE STATE OF FOOD SECURITY IN THE REGION FOLLOWING THREE TO FOUR YEARS OF CONTINUOUS DROUGHT WHICH HAS AFFLICTED MILLIONS OF THE PEOPLE AND ESPECIALLY THE POOR. THE SUMMIT DIRECTED THE URGENT DEVELOPMENT OF A CLIMATE CHANGE POLICY AND STRATEGIES TO ADDRESS THE ADVERSE IMPACT OF CLIMATE CHANGE, INCLUDING DETERMINING HOW SURPLUS FOOD IN ONE COUNTRY CAN BE SHARED IN COUNTRIES THAT ARE WORST**

HIT. THE SUMMIT FURTHER DIRECTED THAT A SPECIAL FOOD SECURITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE SUMMIT BE ORGANIZED QUICKLY AND SHOULD INVOLVE ALL KEY STAKEHOLDERS.

- 11 THE SUMMIT TOOK NOTE OF THE PROGRESS MADE BY THE COMESA-EAC-SADC TRIPARTITE TASKFORCE TOWARDS THE PROPOSAL FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE GRAND FREE TRADE AREA (FTA). THE SUMMIT COMMENDED THE TASKFORCE FOR FINALIZING THE PROPOSAL WHICH IS NOW BEING SHARED WITH ALL PARTNER/MEMBER STATES OF THE THREE REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMUNITIES FOR COMMENTS AND URGED THAT THE FRAMEWORK IN THE ROADMAP TOWARDS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE GRAND FTA BE STRICTLY ADHERED TO.
- 12 THE SUMMIT RECEIVED A REPORT OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS REGARDING THE FINALIZATION OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE EAC ANTHEM “WIMBO WA JUMUIYA YA AFRIKA MASHARIKI”. THE SUMMIT POSTPONED ITS DECISION ON THE ANTHEM SO THAT THE SANG TUNE IS MADE MORE MOBILIZATIONAL.
- 13 THE SUMMIT NOTED THAT THE CONTRACTOR FOR THE EAC HEADQUARTERS BUILDING WAS ON SITE AND THAT THE FOUNDATION STONE TO MARK THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE CONSTRUCTION WORKS WOULD BE UNVEILED BY THEIR EXCELLENCIES AT A SPECIAL EVENT LATER TODAY.
- 14 THE SUMMIT NOTED WITH APPRECIATION THE EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE OBSERVANCE OF THE EAC 10TH ANNIVERSARY UNDER THE THEME *EAC TEN YEARS OF INTEGRATION: ONE PEOPLE, ONE DESTINY* AND COMMENDED THE ORGANIZERS FOR SUCCESSFUL OBSERVANCE WHICH HAS CONTRIBUTED TO POSITIVE

AWARENESS OF THE EAC AND INVIGORATING THE SPIRIT OF EAST AFRICAN UNITY AND DEVELOPMENT.

15 THEIR EXCELLENCIES, PRESIDENT PAUL KAGAME OF THE REPUBLIC OF RWANDA, PRESIDENT PIERRE NKURUNZIZA OF THE REPUBLIC OF BURUNDI, PRESIDENT MWAI KIBAKI OF THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA AND PRESIDENT YOWERI KAGUTA MUSEVENI OF THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA THANKED THEIR HOST, HIS EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT JAKAYA MRISHO KIKWETE OF THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA FOR THE WARM AND CORDIAL HOSPITALITY EXTENDED TO THEM AND THEIR RESPECTIVE DELEGATIONS DURING THEIR STAY IN ARUSHA.

DONE AT ARUSHA, THIS 20TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2009

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**H.E. JAKAYA MRISHO
KIKWETE**
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED
REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA

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