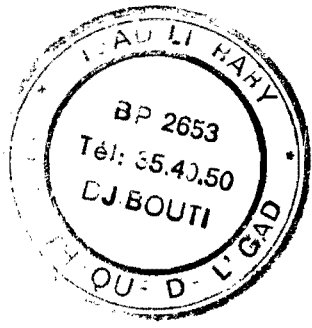


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DECLARATION OF THE EIGHTH ORDINARY IGAD SUMMIT OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT

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KHARTOUM DECLARATION OF THE 8th SUMMIT OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT

Khartoum, 23rd November 2000

We Heads of State and Government of the Intern-Governmental Authority on Development (IGAD) of Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, Sudan and Uganda, having met in Khartoum under the chairmanship of H.E. Omar Hassan Al-Bashir, President of the Republic of Sudan, and carried out extensive discussions of ways and means of consolidating our co-operation in various political, economic, social and humanitarian and other areas have agreed on the following:-

1. POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE REGION

1.1 We express satisfaction at the positive political development that has started to prevail in the sub-region. This augurs well for the endeavours of maintaining peace and stability in our member countries and for creating a conducive atmosphere for the realisation of the noble goal of peace, development and integration through enhanced efforts of collective sub-regional co-operation.

1.2. On the conflict between Ethiopia and Eritrea

We note with satisfaction the cessation of hostilities between Ethiopia and Eritrea and we congratulate the two countries for having reached and signed a cessation of hostilities agreement to this effect. It is our conviction that the implementation of this agreement, under OAU auspices will bring a permanent solution to the conflict between them.

1.3. On the Somalia and Southern Sudan Peace Processes:

We have undertaken extensive consultations on the Somalia and Southern Sudan Peace Processes and after hearing reports on both we have adopted the resolutions attached to this declaration.

2. ENHANCING SUB-REGIONAL CO-OPERATION IN THE NEW MILLENIUM:

2.1. We further recognise the need for our countries and peoples to come together and join efforts to meet the challenges, that confront our region as we enter the new millennium. We are, therefore, convinced that our peoples have the right to live in peace and rekindle their aspirations for stronger and cohesive unity transcending

cultural, ideological, ethnic and national differences. We furthermore commit ourselves to promoting participatory democracy and adapt it to suit local conditions in our Member States. We also dedicate ourselves to promoting freedom of expression and association, transparency, good governance, and the rule of law in our Member States.

2.2. All forms of human rights - civil, cultural, economic, social and political are integral and indivisible rights of our peoples, We, therefore, re-affirm our commitment to respect human rights and ensure their prevalence and protection through effective systems as a guarantee of, and a necessary factor for, sustainable development.

2.3. We encourage the establishment of regional associations of professional unions, Chambers of Industries and Commerce, parliamentary unions and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and Civil Societies of Member States with the aim of promoting popular participation of the civil society as important players in issues related to fundamental freedoms and the well being of our peoples. We also direct the IGAD Secretariat to co-ordinate activities of national NGOs of the Member States and to involve them in action as and when the need arises.

2.4. We also encourage the facilitation and expansion of inter-state trade among member countries of the sub-region and request the IGAD Secretariat to study the draft agreement proposed by Sudan, in this respect, with a view to formulating a draft trade protocol to be submitted to the next ministerial meeting for consideration and possible approval.

2.5. We express our determination to the promotion of regional economic co-operation and urge IGAD member States to take the necessary measures for the implementation of cross-border projects of a regional nature, in particular infrastructure projects in the area of transport, communication and power. The involvement of the private sector in various regional ventures including trade service shall be encouraged in view of the increasing role it is expected to play in accelerating regional integration.

2.6. We recognise the important role played by IGAD Partners Forum (IPF) and urge the international community to contribute more generously to promoting projects and programmes. We further, urge IGAD Secretariat to vigorously pursue resource mobilisation with IPF and other non-traditional international donor agencies with a view to accelerating implementation of IGAD's policy harmonisation programmes, priority projects, in particular regional infrastructure projects. In this regard, we express our concern at the selectivity policy of donors in financing regional projects as such selectivity policy is detrimental to regional cooperation and integration efforts. We endorse the resolution by the 20th Council of Ministers of IGAD on the Relations with Partners.

2.7. We view with concern the recurrent drought afflicting our region and reaffirm our resolve to combat natural and man-made disasters. In this respect, we reiterate the need to establish a disaster preparedness mechanism and to strengthen the

Nairobi – based Drought Monitoring Centre (DMC) to enable IGAD Member States to respond more effectively in mitigating the impact of drought.

2.8. We reiterate our individual and collective commitment to the implementation of the United National Convention to Combat Desertification *UNCC) aimed at addressing the menace of caused by drought and desertification, and further agree to establish National Desertification Funds (NDFs) and Sub-Regional Facilitation Fund (SRFF) to support implementation of National Action Programmes (NAPs) and Sub-Regional Action Programmes (SRAP).

2.9. We recognise the enormous potential for the region to be self-sufficient in food production. In this respect, we urge IGAD Member States to formulate national and regional food security programmes and to take advantage of scientific and technological means for the improvement of production and productive capacities. We confirm our resolve to mobilise and utilise human and natural resources of our region with the aim of achieving food security.

2.10. We commend the “inter-Agency Task Force on the UN Response to Long-term Food Security, Agricultural Development and Related Aspects in the Horn of Africa” for its report on Food Insecurity in the Horn of Africa, and appeal to the donor community to contribute to the implementation of the recommendations contained therein.

2.11. We call upon FAO, WHO, IBAR, OAU, to determine whether there is an outbreak of Rift Valley Fever (RVF) and assist IGAD Member States to overcome the problem of livestock export ban, and avert its severe social and economic impact that will result if the ban continues.

2.12. We call upon our celebrated national intellectuals living in the Diaspora to participate in development of the sub-region by:-

- a) Enhancing our capacity in negotiation and lobbying for better agreements in the emerging technologies and markets.
- b) Assisting the region in monitoring international trends in information technology and Biotechnology in order to be beneficiaries of such innovations.
- c) Developing alliances and partnerships with other institutions in order to improve acquisition of relevant science and technology for utilisation and management of transboundary natural resources.

3. REVITALISATION OF THE IGAD SECRETARIAT AND INSTITUTIONAL MATTERS:

3.1 We re-affirm our commitment to strengthening the Authority and to making it more responsive and better adapted to the changing

needs in view of the challenges inherent in globalisation and the new millennium. We therefore reiterate our commitment to timely pay our assessed contributions and settle all arrears.

3.2 We endorse the establishment of a mechanisms in the IGAD sub-region for the prevention, management and resolution of inter-state and intra-state conflicts, and direct the Executive Secretary to prepare a draft protocol on the establishment of Conflict Early Warning and Response Mechanism (CEWARN) for consideration by the Assembly at its next meeting.

3.3 We appreciate the support IGAD has received in the establishment within the Secretariat of a Women's Desk and a Plan of Action which was endorsed by IGAD Ministers – In – Charge of Gender Affairs, as an institutional policy framework to ensure mainstreaming gender into IGAD priority projects and programmes.

4. IMPLEMENTATION OF DECISIONS:

We mandate IGAD focal point Ministers to take the necessary measures towards the implementation of the above-mentioned decisions as soon as possible. We also call on the Executive Secretary as matter of priority, to take all appropriate measures to follow-up the implementation of these decisions.

Done at Khartoum of 23rd of November, 2000, in original texts in English and French.

Resolution of the 8th IGAD Summit of Heads of State and Government on Somalia

We, Heads of State and Government of IGAD member states meeting in Khartoum on November 23, 2000 on the occasion of the 8th IGAD Summit.

Considering the decade-long crisis in Somalia aggravated by the absence of a central government in that country.

Considering further the commendable efforts made by Ethiopia (country mandated by IGAD), the OAU, the Arab League and the United Nations in order to settle the internal conflict in Somalia.

Reaffirming the crucial role of IGAD in the settlement of the crisis and the restoration of peace in Somalia and the sub-region.

Applauding the initiative taken by H.E. Ismael Omar Guelleh, President of the Republic of Djibouti to promote peace and national reconciliation in Somalia by convening the Arta Conference leading to the establishment of a Transitional Government for Somalia.

Recalling the resolution of the 7th Summit of the Heads of States and Governments of IGAD member states endorsing the peace initiative for Somalia of H.E. President of the Republic of Djibouti.

Noting that some parties in Somalia, including the self administering areas of the country with relative peace and stability, have not participated in the national reconciliation efforts so far:-

1. **Affirm** that the Arta Peace Conference that resulted in the establishment of the Transitional Government for Somalia, constituted a major achievement in the Somali peace process.
2. **Urge** the Transitional Government and all parties and administrations of Somalia to create the environment that would bring into the process those that did not participate at the Arta conference with the objective of widening and deepening the process of national reconciliation.
3. **Insist** that the peace process in Somalia must continue and be completed through dialogue and not by resorting to the use of force.

4. **Encourage** Somalia's neighbours and the current Chairman of IGAD to establish a mechanism that would enable them to continue to assist the Somalis to achieve full peace, national reconciliation, and unity.
5. **Affirm** the need for all necessary measures to be taken to ensure that the territory of Somalia is not used as a springboard by groups inimical to the peace and security of the sub region.
6. **Reaffirm** IGAD's commitment to the unity and territorial integrity of Somalia.
7. **Welcome** the participation of the Transitional Government of Somalia in the deliberations and activities of IGAD, bearing in mind that regular and continuing evaluation of progress toward peace and national reconciliation in the country will be carried out.
8. **Urgently** call upon the international community to support the rehabilitation in Somalia through direct assistance to the Transitional Government and the regions which had established peace and stability through self administration, as long as they are committed to the peace process.

Resolutions on The Sudan Peace Process

We, Heads of States and Government of IGAD member States meeting in Khartoum on November 23rd, 2000 on the occasion of the 8th IGAD Summit: -

Recalling the Declaration of the 17th session of the Council of Ministers of IGAD on the conflict in Southern Sudan as endorsed by the 6th Assembly of Heads of States and Government in their Communiqué of 16th March, 1998

Recalling also The Declaration by the 7th session of the Assembly of Heads of States and Governments on the IGAD Peace Process in Southern Sudan issued on November 26th, 1999

Acknowledging the IGAD Ministerial Sub-Committee meeting held in Nairobi on 14th November, 2000, on the conflict in Southern Sudan and the recommendation adopted by the Ministers.

Taking note of the report made by H.E. Dr. Bonaya Godana, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Co-operation of the Republic of Kenya H.E. Amb. Daniel Mboya Special Envoy of the Sudan Peace Process and H.E. Amb. Recoveri Ambassador of Italy to Ethiopia and Chairman of the IPF.

Considering the report of the IGAD Partners Forum (IPF) assessment mission of September/October 2000 on the Sudan Peace Process.

- 1. Notes with Concern** The slow of progress in the peace negotiation between the Government of Sudan and the Sudan Peoples Liberation Army/Movement (SPLM/A) and the continuation of the conflict in Southern Sudan that has resulted in incalculable loss of lives and destruction of property.

2. **Takes Note** of the four rounds of negotiations that have been undertaken, on the bases of the DOP, under the auspices of IGAD Secretariat for Sudan Peace Process, and the issues of divergence in the negotiation process and **calls upon** the Government of Sudan and the Sudan Peoples Liberation Movement/Army (SPLA/M) to be flexible in their position and allow the negotiation process to move forward in the interest achieving peace in Sudan.

3. **Also Takes Note also** of the efforts deployed by the Special Envoy and to the envoys assigned by Member States and strongly **urges** them to redouble their efforts in order to achieve a brake through in the dead-lock and arrive at an agreed position between the two sides that would lead to a cessation of hostilities and eventual settlement of the conflict

4. **Expresses its appreciation** to those members of the IPF who have been rendering political support and financial assistance to the IGAD Peace Process and **calls upon** them to continue their assistance in view of the intricate and protracted nature of the conflict in Southern Sudan that requires a lot of patience and perseverance on the part of the mediators as well as neutrality, objectivity and transparency on the part of all those supporting the Peace Process.

ANNEX III

RESOLUTION ON RELATIONS WITH PARTNERS

The Council of Ministers of IGAD meeting at its 20th Session in Khartoum on November 21-22, 2000:

Recalling the launching of the revitalised IGAD November 1996, and the subsequent establishment of formal relationship with the IGAD Partners Forum that has since been operational at Ministerial, Ambassadorial and Technical levels.

Recalling also the decision made by the First Ministerial Meeting of the Joint IGAD Partners Forum that mandated the IGAD Partners and IGAD Secretariat to define the basis and modalities of relationship between IGAD and the Partners.

Further Recalling the decisions of the 18th Council of Ministers that endorsed the document on the ***Criteria for Membership and Modalities of Partnership for the IGAD Partners Forum.***

Appreciating the technical and financial assistance being provided by IPF for implementing IGAD projects and programmes.

1. **Reiterates** its decision of the 19th Ordinary Session that the principles of true partnership should be adhered to with respect to co-operation between IGAD and its partners particularly with regard to financing and implementing projects and the modalities of partnership which binds both parties. In the spirit of true partnership and because of the long-term developmental significance of the regional projects, it calls upon the IPF to support and fulfil the commitment they made in support of regional projects during the revitalisation of IGAD.
2. **Emphasised** the need and importance of delinking issues related to development and resource mobilisation for regional integration from political considerations emanating from bilateral relations and, in this respect, disagrees with the selective approach of some partners in regard to project financing,
3. **Notes** that the First Ministerial meeting of the Joint IGAD Partners Forum was held in Rome in January 1998 and since then no other meeting has taken place despite the fact that the procedures for convening ministerial meetings is clearly stated. In view of the importance of the outstanding issues, particularly the implementation of the Priority Projects, the Council **decides** to have the 2nd Ministerial meeting of the Joint IGAD Partners Forum as soon as possible. In this regard, the Council further:

a) **Directs** the IGAD Executive Secretary, in consultation with the IGAD Partners, to take the necessary steps to organise JIPF Ministerial meeting as soon as possible, and

b) **Further Directs** the Secretariat to continue exploring alternative sources for financing development projects and programs.