

**Conflict Early Warning & Response Mechanism
(CEWARN)**

In the

**Intergovernmental Authority on Development
(IGAD)**

**Report of the 5th Committee of Permanent Secretaries (CPS) of
CEWARN Meeting**

**Hilton Hotel, Nairobi, Kenya
19th May 2006**

The 5th Committee of Permanent Secretaries (CPS) of CEWARN meeting started at 9:00 a.m. on May 19th 2006 at the Hilton Hotel in Nairobi, Kenya.

Statements

Welcoming Remarks by Dr. Attalla Hamad Bashir, Executive Secretary of IGAD

Dr. Attalla started his remarks by welcoming the delegates to the meeting and wishing them a happy stay. He referred back to the last meeting of the CPS whereby the CEWARN Unit had been mandated to develop a five-year Strategic Plan that would effectively guide its work and enable it address existing challenges. In that regard, he noted that the 5th CPS Meeting was going to be updated on the progress CEWARN had made in realizing the development of the Strategic Plan.

Dr. Attalla highlighted a number of activities that the CEWARN Unit had conducted to develop the Strategic Plan, which are:

- The hiring of a consultant to consult various CEWARN stakeholders and develop the Strategic Plan in which a draft report was submitted in October 2005;
- The refining of the consultant's Draft Report into a Strategic Options report by the CEWARN unit and which helped inform the development of a Strategic Options Report that will inform CEWARN's Programmatic Focus for the Year 2005-2010;
- A restructuring of the CEWARN unit for purposes of addressing capacity needs and a process whereby a new Director and a few staff were recruited, and;
- The conduct of visits by CEWARN staff to Sudan, Djibouti, and Eritrea to operationalize CEWARNs and related activities.

Dr. Attalla further emphasized that one of the key objectives of the meeting was to discuss and adopt the Strategic Plan for 2005-2010 that CEWARN had proposed and which the Technical Committee on Early (TCEW) had met and discussed in the previous two days. He reiterated that the Member States' delegates needed to accord the proposed CEWARN Strategic Plan the attention it required as this would enable CEWARN to strengthen and implement its work effectively in the next coming years.

Dr. Attalla concluded his remarks by acknowledging the continued support and commitment that CEWARN got from the development partners GTZ and USAID, as well as the commitment and interest that Member states rendered to CEWARN. He then once again welcomed the delegates to the meeting and wished them fruitful deliberations (*See Full Statement in the Annex II*).

Opening Statement by the Guest of honor, His Excellency Honorable Raphael Tuju, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kenya

The Honorable Minister began his opening statement by welcoming the delegates to Nairobi and noted that their effective participation and contributions would further strengthen CEWARN's work in the sub-region. He further acknowledged the other serious challenges that the IGAD Sub-region faced apart from violent conflicts – and

which are recurrent droughts, HIV/Aids pandemic, and poor economies. Despite these challenges undermining any efforts towards sustainable development, available scarce resources continued to be diverted towards waging armed conflicts both intra and inter-state.

Other key points raised by the Guest of Honor were:

- the rationale behind establishing the CEWARN Mechanism and the mandate that informs CEWARN's work;
- the role and responsibilities that CEWARN has managed to achieve since its establishment;
- the various measures that Member States have taken to strengthen CEWARN and make it more effective such as the endorsement of the decision by the last CPS Meeting for the development of five-year Strategic Plan;
- and the assumption of the IGAD Chairmanship by Kenya in March 2006 and its commitment to ensure that IGAD's programmes and activities are effectively implemented.

The Guest of Honor concluded his statement by highlighting the adverse effects that the recent drought had on the IGAD region and called for concerted efforts to be undertaken with the international community in alleviating the suffering that the drought had rendered certain sections of the population particularly pastoral communities. He then declared the meeting officially open and wished the participants fruitful deliberations (*See full statement in the Annex III*).

Election of Bureau

Kenya took the Chair of the meeting while Uganda assumed the role of Rapporteur. This arrangement was as per the IGAD procedures in conducting meetings.

Adoption of the Agenda

The Agenda was adopted without any amendments (*See adopted Agenda in the Annex I*).

Adoption of the Report of the 4th Meeting of the Committee of Permanent Secretaries held on June 10th 2005 in Nairobi, Kenya.

The delegates adopted the report of the 4th Meeting of the Committee of Permanent Secretaries held on June 10, 2006 in Nairobi, Kenya.

Status Report on the Ratification of the CEWARN Protocol by Uganda

The delegate from Uganda informed the meeting that a number of unavoidable political developments in Uganda since the last CPS Meeting in June 2005 had affected the completion of the process of the ratification of the CEWARN Protocol by Uganda. One of these political developments cited was the national political campaigns that took place for the Presidential and Parliamentary elections of February 2006.

However, he informed the meeting that he was optimistic that with these national events having been completed successfully, the Uganda Government was determined to finalize the ratification process soon.

Overview of the Strategic Options Paper and Presentation of Recommendations for the CEWARN Strategic Plan *(by Mr. Leonard Onyonyi, Chairman of the TCEW)*

Mr. Onyonyi presented the CEWARN Strategic Options Paper and the main areas of focus that the CEWARN unit and its stakeholders would apply in strengthening the mechanism's work in the period 2005-2010. CEWARN's Programmatic Focus for 2005-2010 had been discussed earlier on May 15-16 2006 whereby the CEWARN unit, IGAD Secretariat, and other stakeholders including CEWERUs, civil society institutions, researchers, and development partners deliberated extensively on the matter.

Briefly, the main items of the presentation by Mr. Onyonyi were the Programmatic Option preferred and chosen by CEWARN - which entails continuing work and focus on pastoral conflicts and ensure that the Mechanism was operationalized in the remaining Member States. In achieving this goal therefore, CEWARN and its stakeholders are required to address effectively the main challenges that have impacted on its work since inception in mid-2002. These challenges are:

- Communication and Public Relations Strategy;
- Funding Strategy;
- Widening Information Sources, and;
- Strengthening the capacity of CEWERUs to undertake effective responses at various levels (regional, cross-border, national, and local *(the full details of the proposed CEWARN Programmatic Focus and Options Paper is available on demand)*).

A number of comments were raised in regards to the presentation, and were:

- Delegates enquired on the situation of the existing funding for CEWARN. The response provided highlighted that Member States contributed 10%, while the two principal donors (GTZ and USAID) contributed 30% and 60% respectively. The proposed funding strategy in the Strategic Plan proposed to have Member States commit themselves and make gradual increments to the core funding of CEWARN's activities so that by the end of the five-year plan they had attained 30% . Such a contribution would then ensure sustainability and ownership of the CEWARN Mechanism by Member States;
- Eritrea supported the option selected by CEWARN and supported the point that continuation with focus on pastoral conflicts would enable other Member States that had not started work to operationalize and implement early warning and response activities in their respective countries;
- Sudan supported the proposal that Member States contribute to CEWARN's operations, and posed the query whether the possibility of appointing goodwill ambassadors to promote CEWARN had been considered.
- Kenya noted that if Member States were to own CEWARN and ensure its sustainability then the issue of contributions were of critical concern and thus it was necessary to endorse and implement that strategy;

- Both Djibouti and Somalia supported the earlier points made on Member States necessity to contribute to CEWARN's operations. Another point made by Djibouti was that arrangements had been put in place to operationalize CEWARN's work in the country such as the appointment of a National Research Institute and a Country Coordinator, and;
- Uganda affirmed its continued support and commitment in CEWARN's work.

After the above deliberations the report was adopted.

Review and Adoption of the Report and Recommendations of the Technical Committee on Early Warning (TCEW) Meeting *(by Mr. Leonard Onyonyi, Chairman of the TCEW)*

Mr. Onyonyi presented the report and recommendations of the 3rd Technical Committee on Early Warning (TCEW) of CEWARN that had met on May 17, 2006 *(the full text of this report is attached in the Annex IV)*.

The delegate of Sudan stated that the Republic of the Sudan was ready to begin work on operationalizing the Sudanese-side of the Karamoja Cluster. He further explained that this process was delayed due to the political processes that were taking place in the country particularly the negotiations on the Comprehensive Peace Agreement between the SPLA/M and the Government.

His other point was that local languages in Southern Sudan were not written, and therefore it was important that other medium of communication such as local radios be utilized to disseminate information on peace building activities and peace messages.

The report and recommendations of the TCEW were adopted.

Dates and venue of the next CPS Meeting

The Republic of Djibouti proposed to host the next 6th Meeting of the CPS in either October or November 2006, and the meeting consented to this offer, and asked the Executive Secretary to liaise with Djibouti on the _____ date for the meeting.

AOB

There was no issue to be raised under AOB.

Closing Statement by the Chairman of the Committee of Permanent Secretaries *(by Ambassador Lazarus Amayo, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Kenya)*.

In closing the business of the 5th CPS Meeting, the Chairperson noted that the meeting had conducted its business successfully by deliberating and consulting fully on the various items that were listed on the Agenda. This undertaking, he noted, demonstrated the Member States continued interest, commitment, and involvement in the activities and work of the CEWARN Mechanism. He continued his remarks by calling CEWARN stakeholders –governmental and civil society institutions, partners, as well as CEWARN

Unit and the IGAD Secretariat to be innovative in finding strategies to implement activities to ensure that a fully functioning and effective CEWARN Mechanism contributed to the reduction of violent conflicts and other negative factors that continue to afflict the sub-region's stability and development.

He concluded his remarks by once again wishing the participants a happy stay in Nairobi, and safe journey back to their countries.

ANNEXES

Annex I.

**5th Meeting of the Committee of Permanent Secretaries of
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Opening Statements:

- Welcoming Remarks

Dr. Attalla Bashir, Executive Secretary, IGAD.

Opening statement by the Guest of Honour

Minister for Foreign Affairs, the Republic of Kenya.

Election of the Bureau.

Adoption of an Agenda and Program

- 1. Adoption of Report of the 4th Meeting of the Committee of Permanent Secretaries June 10th 2005 in Nairobi, Kenya.**
- 2. Status report on Ratification of the CEWARN Protocol by Uganda**
- 3. Overview of the Strategic Options Paper and presentation of recommendations for the CEWARN Strategic Plan [Amb. Abdelrahim A. Khalil, Director of the CEWARN]**
 - Programmatic options
 - Communications and PR strategy
 - Funding strategy
 - Widening information sources
 - CEWERU's
 - Response strategies and implementation
- 4. Review and adoption of the report and recommendations of the Technical Committee on Early Warning. [By the Chairman of the TCEW]**
- 5. Dates and venue of the next CPS Meeting**
- 6. AOB**
- 7. Closing statement by the chairman of the Committee of Permanent Secretaries**

Annex II.

WELCOME REMARKS BY DR. ATTALA HAMAD BASHIR, IGAD EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, FOR THE 5TH MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF PERMANENT SECRETARIES (CPS) OF CEWARN. HILTON HOTEL NAIROBI, 19TH MAY 2006.

Honourable Raphael Tuju, MFA of Kenya and chairman of IGAD Council of Ministers

**Your Excellency, the guest of Honor,
Your Excellency the chairman of the CPS,
Your Excellencies the Permanent Secretaries,
Esteemed representatives of USAID and GTZ,
Distinguished participants,
Ladies and gentlemen,**

It is my honour and pleasure to welcome you to Nairobi for the 5th meeting of the Committee of Permanent Secretaries of CEWARN. It is my sincere belief that you will have a pleasant stay and fruitful deliberations in Nairobi and that your participation in this meeting is to further harness the contribution of CEWARN to conflict mitigation and early response in the IGAD region. I am grateful for H. E. Hon. R. Tuju, MFA of Kenya and chairman of IGAD Council of Ministers for honor us today and express IGAD gratitude for Kenya for hosting this meeting.

At the close of the 4th meeting of the CPS in June 2005, the CEWARN unit was left with the duty to consult with other stakeholders to come up with a strategic plan to guide its work on the prevention, management and resolution of inter-state and intra state conflicts in the IGAD sub region for the years 2005-2010.

Excellencies, we are gathered here as one of the coordinating structures of the Protocol establishing CEWARN, to receive briefs and updates on the functioning of CEWARN since our last meeting and more importantly, to get an update on how far CEWARN has progressed with the development of the five year strategic plan to guide its activities for the period 2005 -2010

I'm glad to report that since that meeting, the CEWARN unit and its networks have been engaged in concerted efforts to present the product that is to be presented to you today, the roadmap of the mechanism for the next five years. As a runner up to this meeting, the following activities have taken place:

- Terms of reference were drawn for the hiring of a consultant to undertake the development of a strategic plan.
- A consultant Prof. Howard Adelman was hired and he submitted his report in October 2005
- This report was discussed by the CEWARN unit in consultation with some stakeholders resulting into a refined strategic options report, " Towards a strategic Plan for CEWARN" in February 2006.
- Discussions have taken place at the CEWARN unit to come up with the preferred options being presented to you today.

- Running parallel to this process, an assessment of internal management and operations of the CEWARN office was undertaken in order to identify weaknesses and propose remedies.
- The Director of CEWARN and his team have made working visits to Sudan, Djibouti and Eritrea to reactivate networks and establish new operational structures.

Excellencies, Distinguished participants,

One of the key activities of this meeting will be to discuss and adopt a strategic plan for CEWARN. The need to have a well-defined operational and programmatic framework to guide CEWARN cannot be under estimated. It is only when each and every stakeholder is cognizant of their role and contribution to the overall functioning of CEWARN that CEWARN's timely and Early response to emerging conflicts will be assured. Proposals are being made to address the gaps that may hinder and or delay the smooth operations of CEWARN. I trust that your deliberations and recommendations will give these your utmost attention for the promotion of peace and development in the IGAD -Horn of Africa Region.

Excellencies, Distinguished Participants,

Allow me to acknowledge the continued support and encouragement from our development partners the USAID and GTZ in the process for the Development of a strategic plan for the CEWARN mechanism. The CEWARN unit has been a beneficiary of their invaluable interaction and input.

I conclude my remarks with a word of appreciation to the Member States and our Partner non- governmental institutions for the continued interest and commitment to the implementation of the activities of CEWARN. It is clear testimony of the necessity for continued cooperation and strengthening of the two-way communication between governments and Civil Society in the promotion of peace and development in the IGAD region.

I once again welcome you and wish you fruitful deliberations.

I thank you.

DRAFT STATEMENT BY HON. RAPHAEL TUJU, E.G.H., M.P., MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS DURING THE OPENING SESSION OF THE 5TH MEETING OF THE CONFLICT EARLY WARNING AND RESPONSE MECHANISM (CEWARN) COMMITTEE OF PERMANENT SECRETARIES ON MAY 19TH 2006 AT THE HILTON HOTEL, NAIROBI, KENYA

Dr. Attalla Hamad Bashir, executive secretary of the intergovernmental authority on development (IGAD),

Permanent secretaries and heads of delegations

Distinguished guests

Ladies and gentlemen,

on behalf of the government and the people of the republic of Kenya and on my own behalf, I welcome you all to Nairobi for the 5th meeting of the conflict early warning and response (CEWARN) committee of permanent secretaries (cps). I am confident that your participation and contribution during this meeting will further strengthen CEWARN's efforts in addressing the numerous challenges facing the IGAD regions such as armed conflicts, recurrent droughts, HIV/AIDS pandemic and related economic difficulties.

to a large extent armed conflicts have been responsible for the economic and social problems that are experienced in the region. a larger proportion of the region's scarce resources are diverted from development programs to wage war or to defend against armed conflicts. our sub-region indeed continues to experience incidences of intra-state armed conflicts that occasionally go beyond the borders and threaten national and regional peace and stability.

it is because of these serious concerns that IGAD member states decided in 2000 to establish the conflict early warning and response (CEWARN) mechanism with three broad objectives namely:-

- To enable member states to prevent cross-border pastoral conflicts developing into armed violent conflicts.
- To enable local communities to plan an important part in preventing violent conflicts
- To enable the IGAD secretariat to pursue conflict prevention initiatives and to provide technical and financial support.

In pursuance of its broad objectives, CEWARN has provided unique early warning advisories to member states on cross boarder pastoral conflicts by monitoring and giving warnings on the following activities:-

- Environmental pressures such as droughts, which are often early warning indicator
- Conflicts over grazing and water points

- Nomadic movements
- Tracking of proliferation of small arms as these exacerbate the violence and intensity of pastoral conflicts
- Banditry; refugees; landmines as well as social impacts of pastoral conflicts, which indicate women and children as the most, affected victims by the raids.

IGAD member states have consequently used these periodic advisories by CEWARN to plan and undertake preventive measures either unilaterally or jointly.

**Distinguished delegates,
Ladies and gentlemen,**

i believe that to effectively address the many conflicts experienced in our region, it is imperative to develop CEWARN into an efficient unit that can give reliable and frequent predictions of disasters and conflicts in the region. To this end, Kenya fully supports the decision taken by the CEWARN 4th cps meeting held her in Nairobi in June 2005 in which member states recommended that, IGAD should develop CEWARN five-year strategic plan for 2006 to 2010. This meeting should strongly support CEWARN in adopting its strategic plan to guide its operations in early warning and response.

This gathering is exhibit of IGAD's expertise in activities and programmes on early warning and response. In this regard, your recommendations on the way forward are, therefore, vital in promoting the overall objectives of our regional body. in particular, the outcome of this meeting is expected to assist in increasing the capacity of member states in the prevention, management and resolution of both inter and intra-state conflicts.

**Distinguished guests,
Ladies and gentlemen,**

Kenya assumed the chairmanship of IGAD in March this year and intends to work jointly with the other member states to devise ways and means of averting both natural and man-made disasters. We are convinced that the realization of this noble objective will be made possible only if IGAD adopts an effective and efficient exchange of information mechanism.

During Kenya's tenure of IGAD chairmanship, we will remain focused and committed to the search for lasting solutions to the conflicts in our region. Kenya reiterates her commitment to work jointly with the other IGAD member states in promoting dialogue as a means towards achieving sustainable peace. We also call upon the international community to support the peace building and reconstruction efforts by IGAD in the horn of Africa.

**Distinguished delegates,
Ladies and gentlemen,**

Currently, the IGAD region is emerging from a severe drought that has caused serious famine and unimaginable deaths of livestock in almost all the seven member states. As we work together with the international community to provide humanitarian assistance to our people, we must concurrently seek lasting solutions to this recurrent problem. In so doing, the information from the two IGAD's specialized units namely CEWARN and IGAD climate prediction and applications center (ICPAC) will become extremely useful.

I now have the honour to declare the 5th meeting of permanent secretaries officially open and wish you fruitful deliberation.

Thank you.

REPORT OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ON EARLY WARNING (TCEW), 17th May 2006

Introduction

The 3rd Meeting of the Technical Committee on Early Warning (TCEW) of CEWARN met on 17th May 2006. The objectives of the meeting were to review the activities of CEWARN since the last meeting in June 2005, discuss and come up with strategies that would strengthen CEWARN's activities in the future, and discuss and adopt the report of the 2005-2010 Strategy Development Workshop held on May 15th-16th 2006. The following are the key deliberations and outcomes of the TCEW Meeting.

Election of the Bureau

The current Chair of IGAD, Kenya assumed the role of chair while the outgoing Chair – that is Uganda - was elected the rapporteur.

Adoption of the Agenda and Programme of Work

The draft Agenda and Programme of Work were adopted with slight amendments.

Summary Activity Report on CEWARN's Activities (June 2005-June 2006)

The Director of CEWARN, Ambassador Abdelrahim A. Khalil presented the various activities that the CEWARN Unit had undertaken since the last TCEW Meeting in June 2005. The CEWARN Unit had undertaken these activities with various stakeholders including CEWERUs and NRIs. The TCEW deliberated upon the report and recommended it for consideration by the Committee of Permanent Secretaries (CPS) Meeting on May 19th 2006.

Reports by Member States on Activities of CEWERUs (Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, Sudan, and Uganda)

Djibouti

The CEWERU head informed the meeting that Djibouti had completed the process of ratifying the Protocol in September 2005. Other activities that were undertaken included a Workshop on 27th February to March 1st 2006 to institutionalize the CEWERU, and thereafter the purchase of computer equipment for the CEWERU by the CEWARN office.

He concluded by stating that the identification of a Country Coordinator and selection of a National Research Institute and Field Monitors would be done in the near future in collaboration with the CEWARN Unit and IGAD Secretariat.

Eritrea

The Eritrean representative of the CEWERU began by noting that a workshop was organized in February 2004 to deliberate on modalities of establishing and engendering the CEWERU in the State of Eritrea. Other key related developments included the holding of a Workshop in August 2005 to establish the CEWERU and identify Steering Committee members. In addition, on May 3rd to 5th 2006 the CEWARN staff visited Eritrea to hold consultations on the selection of Field Monitors, Country Coordinator, and selection of the National Research Institute.

Other activities that the Eritrean CEWERU had finalized to establish itself included appointment of a CEWERU Head, allocation of an office for the CEWERU, and selection of a civil society representative.

Ethiopia

The Ethiopian CEWERU head outlined a number of activities that had been undertaken to implement CEWERU work. These activities included several meetings of the CEWERU Steering Committee members held to discuss Early Warning Reports, and the delivery of computer equipment by the CEWARN Office.

In addition, the CEWERU head informed the meeting that a workshop will be held in the coming weeks in Awassa Town for purposes of establishing local committees and response networks. Other activities that the CEWERU of Ethiopia will undertake include translation of relevant materials into Amharic and local languages for local communities and actors. He concluded by stating that the CEWERU of Ethiopia in collaboration with the CEWARN Unit and the Centre for Conflict Resolution (CCR-South Africa) will in the future organize a capacity building Workshop for CEWERU Steering Committee Members.

Kenya

The CEWERU Head of Kenya outlined various activities that had been carried out since June 2005 by the CEWERU of Kenya. These activities included: efforts to consolidate district and local peace committees, consultations with the Ugandan CEWERU on cross-border peace initiatives and disarmament, developed a proposal with UNDP in August 2005 to provide support for national peace building activities, and organized various local peace initiatives in both Moyale and Marsabit Districts to resolve communal conflicts. He further remarked that the computer and related equipments acquired from CEWARN Unit had enhanced the CEWERU Office's work.

Additional highlights by the CEWERU Head included participation of the Kenyan CEWERU in meetings organized by the Ethiopia-Kenya Joint Border Commission to discuss cross-border security issues, and the initiation of a process to develop a National Policy on Peace Building.

The head of CEWERU concluded by outlining various activities that the Kenyan CEWERU Kenya will undertake in the future to consolidate its activities, and which include creating more awareness on the work of the CEWERU in the pilot areas or Clusters, establishment of local committees for response purposes.

Sudan

The representative of Sudan began by clarifying that he had been nominated as the Country Coordinator and thus his remarks on the progress made by his country's CEWERU should not be seen as those of the CEWERU head. He noted that the signing of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement between the Government of Sudan and the SPLA/M had enabled the conduct of deliberations on opening up the Sudan side of the Karamoja Cluster. He however noted that not much progress had been achieved in this regard and the process was continuing.

He reiterated that the Republic of Sudan was a unique case with multifaceted conflicts that required critical assessment and addressing to inform the effective functioning of the CEWERU in Sudan. In this regard, the continued existence of various violent conflicts at the cross-border, national, and local/communal levels complicated efforts directed towards peace building – something that the CEWERU will have to appreciate and find innovative ways of dealing with them.

He concluded by noting that the April 2006 visit by CEWARN staff to Sudan and consultations held had laid the basis for the appointment of a Country Coordinator, Field Monitors, and National Research Institute – activities that are to be accomplished in the coming months.

Uganda

The CEWERU Head began his remarks by welcoming the new CEWARN Director to his job. He stated that the CEWERU of Uganda had not accomplished much in the undertaking of activities as certain circumstances such as the National Elections of February 2006 which had impacted on the flow of the CEWERU activities. However, the acquiring of computer and related equipments from CEWARN and the allocation of an office were other positive developments that had been accomplished. Another accomplishment was the allocation of an officer to the CEWERU office to assist the CEWERU head. He further stated that more staff would be acquired to work in the office.

He outlined other activities that the CEWERU had been actively involved in such as the disarmament program and the collaboration with the Kenyan CEWERU in a UNDP joint project to address cross-border infiltration of arms and cattle-raiding.

He concluded by highlighting on the future activities that will be undertaken such as establishment of local response mechanisms, holding of capacity building workshop with CEWARN and Centre for Conflict Resolution (CCR-South Africa), and consultations within the CEWERU Steering Committee membership to develop a comprehensive response system.

Presentation of Country Updates of Ethiopia, Kenya, and Uganda

The three country updates for May-August 2005 and September-December 2005 were presented and discussed. The key highlights of the country updates were the general conflict and peace situation of the pilot areas in the reporting periods, human and livestock losses due to violent conflict, and response recommendations to address the situation.

Other issues raised in the reports included the impact of the pastoral conflicts on the local communities, concern and interest of respective governments in addressing these conflicts, structural factors that continue to influence the conflicts, and incorporation of structural data and information sources to improve quality of reports (*the three Country Updates are available on demand*).

Presentation of the 4th and 5th Regional Reports (May-August and September-December 2005)

Mr. Raymond Kitevu presented the reports and outlined their key findings which included the nature, characteristics, and dynamics of cross-border pastoral conflicts in three IGAD Member States of the Karamoja Cluster (Ethiopia, Kenya, and Uganda). One of the key issues discussed was the continued increase in pastoral conflicts particularly on the Ugandan-side. The reports were endorsed by the Committee for wider dissemination (*the two Regional Reports are available on demand*).

Presentation and Discussion of CEWARN's Strategy Recommendations

The Committee discussed the summary report of recommendations on CEWARN's Strategic Plan for 2005-2010 that were developed after the Workshop held on May 15th-16th 2006 to develop a Strategy Plan for CEWARN. The report was discussed and recommended for consideration and endorsement by the Committee of Permanent Secretaries (CPS) Meeting to be held on May 19th 2006.

Recommendations of the 3rd Technical Committee on Early Warning (TCEW) to the 5th Committee of Permanent Secretaries (CPS)

1. The CEWARN Unit and National Research Institutes devise innovative ways of addressing the challenge of collecting structural and secondary data for purposes of improving the production and analysis of reports.
2. The CEWARN Unit opens a special internet forum in the CEWARN Website to facilitate discussion and exchange of information on issues of common interest and concern to CEWERUs.
3. That the CEWARN Unit puts in place an information system for purposes of informing all Member States on such activities as new appointments, main events, and success stories.
4. That for purposes of disseminating peace information at the communal and other relevant local levels, CEWERUs take the initiative to translate key documents such as reports and brochures into local languages.
5. As a strategy to strengthen and build the capacities of CEWERUs in Conflict Resolution, Prevention, and Management, the CEWARN Unit should conduct training workshops or source other institutions that can provide such training.

6. As a way to strengthen response capacities at the national, cross-border, and local levels, CEWERUs need to strengthen linkages with actors at those levels.
7. That the CEWARN Unit encourages regular contacts and communication between CEWERUs to enhance cooperation and joint activities such as disarmament, and cross-border peace initiatives.
8. The CEWARN Unit should in the near future conduct CEWERU operationalization activities in Member States where CEWERUs have not been fully established so as to ensure that all CEWERUs develop and operate on even basis.
9. All CEWERU Steering Committees need to convene on timely basis and discuss response recommendations proposed in Early Warning Reports in order to ensure prompt and effective follow-up on conflict crisis or impending ones.
10. CEWERUs should identify and build linkages with existing peace initiatives for purposes of creating synergy and sustainability.

Annex V

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