

FIFTH SUMMIT OF HEADS OF STATE OF THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY

JOINT COMMUNIQUÉ

- 1 THE HEADS OF STATE OF THE THREE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY PARTNER STATES, THEIR EXCELLENCIES PRESIDENT YOWERI KAGUTA MUSEVENI OF THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA, PRESIDENT BENJAMIN WILLIAM MKAPA OF THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA AND PRESIDENT MWAI KIBAKI OF THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA, HELD THEIR FIFTH SUMMIT OF THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY IN ARUSHA, TANZANIA ON 2 MARCH 2004. THE SUMMIT WAS ALSO ATTENDED BY H.E. PRESIDENT DOMITIENE NDAYIZEYE OF THE REPUBLIC OF BURUNDI AND THE RT. HON. BERNARD MUKUZA, PRIME MINISTER OF RWANDA AT THE INVITATION OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SUMMIT. THE HEADS OF STATE MET IN A WARM AND CORDIAL ATMOSPHERE, UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF H.E. PRESIDENT YOWERI KAGUTA MUSEVENI.
- 2 THE HEADS OF STATE SIGNED THE PROTOCOL ON THE EAST AFRICAN CUSTOMS UNION AT A COLOURFUL CEREMONY MARKED WITH POMP AND DIGNITY ATTENDED BY THOUSANDS OF EAST AFRICANS AND THEIR WELL WISHERS AT THE SHEIKH AMRI ABEID STADIUM IN ARUSHA. THE HEADS OF STATE OBSERVED THAT THE CUSTOMS UNION EPITOMIZED THE WILL OF THE EAST AFRICAN PEOPLE TO UNITE IN STRENGTH AND REALIZE THE FASTER SOCIO-ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION OF THE REGION AS A SINGLE MARKET AND INVESTMENT AREA.
- 3 THE HEADS OF STATE RECEIVED THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS FOR THE YEAR 2003 AND NOTED THE STEADY PROGRESS MADE IN THE VARIOUS IDENTIFIED AREAS OF REGIONAL INTEGRATION AND DEVELOPMENT, INCLUDING INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS IN ROADS, RAILWAYS, POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS, ENERGY AND THE LAKE VICTORIA DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME.
- 4 THE HEADS OF STATE WITNESSED THE LAUNCHING OF THE EAC STUDENTS ESSAY WRITING COMPETITION; AND THE SIGNING OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BY THE MAYORS OF THE THREE EAST AFRICAN CAPITALS – DAR ES SALAAM, NAIROBI AND KAMPALA.
- 5 THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SUMMIT OF THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY PRESIDED OVER A CEREMONY OF NAMING A PROMINENT STREET IN ARUSHA AS BARABARA YA AFRIKA MASHARIKI AND AN ADJACENT CLOSE AS EAC CLOSE BY THE ARUSHA MUNICIPALITY IN HONOUR OF THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY.
- 6 THEIR EXCELLENCIES, PRESIDENT YOWERI KAGUTA MUSEVENI, OF THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA, AND PRESIDENT MWAI KIBAKI OF KENYA THANKED THEIR HOST, HIS EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT BENJAMIN WILLIAM MKAPA OF THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA FOR THE CORDIAL RECEPTION AND WARM HOSPITALITY EXTENDED TO THEM AND THEIR RESPECTIVE DELEGATIONS DURING THEIR STAY IN ARUSHA.

DONE AT ARUSHA, THIS 2ND DAY OF MARCH 2004.

