

SIXTH 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 BENJAMIN WILLIAM MKAPA OF THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA, PRESIDENT YOWERI KAGUTA MUSEVENI OF THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA AND PRESIDENT MWAI KIBAKI OF THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA, HELD THEIR SIXTH SUMMIT OF THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY IN ARUSHA, TANZANIA ON 26 NOVEMBER 2004. THE SUMMIT WAS ALSO ATTENDED BY H.E. PRESIDENT DOMITIENE NDAYIZEYE OF THE REPUBLIC OF BURUNDI AND THE RT. HON. BERNARD MAKUZA, PRIME MINISTER OF THE REPUBLIC 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 BENJAMIN WILLIAM MKAPA.
- 2 THE HEADS OF STATE RECEIVED THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS FOR THE YEAR 2004 AND NOTED THE CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENTS MADE IN THE COMMUNITY'S INTEGRATION PROCESS. THEY OBSERVED, IN PARTICULAR, THAT THE SIGNING OF THE PROTOCOL ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY CUSTOMS UNION ON 2 MARCH 2004 MARKED A TURNING POINT IN THE EVOLUTION OF EAST AFRICA TOWARDS DEEPER INTEGRATION AND FASTER DEVELOPMENT. THE HEADS OF STATE REITERATED THAT THE OPERATIONS OF THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY CUSTOMS UNION WOULD COMMENCE WITH EFFECT FROM 1ST JANUARY 2005 AND DIRECTED THE COUNCIL TO ENSURE THAT ALL NECESSARY STEPS ON THE INDICATIVE PROGRAMME OF ACTION ARE TAKEN IN A TIMELY MANNER.
- 3 THE HEADS OF STATE RECEIVED THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FAST TRACKING EAST AFRICAN FEDERATION AND HIGHLY COMMENDED THE COMMITTEE FOR THE GOOD WORK, IN PARTICULAR, THE DEEP ANALYSIS OF THE SITUATION PERTAINING TO REGIONAL INTEGRATION IN EAST AFRICA AND PROVIDING A REALISTIC PLAN OF IMPLEMENTATION TOWARDS A FAST TRACK APPROACH TO EAST AFRICAN FEDERATION.
- 4 THE HEADS OF STATE NOTED THE STRONG DESIRE OF THE PEOPLE OF EAST AFRICA FOR FEDERATION NOW, AND THEIR DESIRE TO BE AT THE CENTRE OF THE PROCESS TOWARDS ESTABLISHING THE FEDERATION. THE HEADS OF STATE DECIDED TO CONVENE AN EXTRA-ORDINARY SUMMIT IN MARCH 2005 TO DISCUSS THE REPORT AND GIVE DIRECTION ON THE WAY FORWARD. A PROGRAMME OF WIDE SENSITIZATION AND MOBILIZATION OF THE EAST AFRICAN PEOPLE ON THE PROCESSES, ACHIEVEMENTS AND BENEFITS OF POLITICAL FEDERATION WOULD BE LAUNCHED IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER.
- 5 THE HEADS OF STATE MADE PRESENTATIONS OF AWARDS TO WINNERS OF THE 2004 EAC STUDENTS ESSAY WRITING COMPETITION AND INAUGURATED THE ROBERT McNAMARA / EAST AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME.
- 6 THE HEADS OF STATE APPOINTED MR. AHMADA NGEMERA OF TANZANIA AS DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION. HE REPLACES

AMBASSADOR ALI MCHUMO WHO IS NOW THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE
WORLD COMMON FUND FOR COMMODITIES.

- 7 THEIR EXCELLENCIES, PRESIDENT YOWERI KAGUTA MUSEVENI OF THE REPUBLIC
OF UGANDA AND PRESIDENT MWAI KIBAKI OF THE REPUBLIC 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 26TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2004