

JOINT COMMUNIQUE
ISSUED BY THE IGAD COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING
HELD ON THE
SIDELINES OF THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL
(UNSC) MEETING ON
SUDAN AND SOMALIA
NAIROBI, KENYA
17TH NOVEMBER, 2004.

1. The **IGAD Council of Ministers Meeting** held on the sidelines of the UNSC Meeting on Sudan and Somalia was held on **Wednesday 17^h November, 2004**, at Grand Regency Hotel, Nairobi, Kenya.

2. The meeting was chaired by **Hon. Augustine Nshimye**, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Uganda and Acting Chairman of the IGAD Council of Ministers. **Hon. John Arap Koech**, Minister for East African and Regional Co-operation of the Republic of Kenya conducted the meeting. The meeting was attended by **Hon. Ali Abdi Farah**, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, In-charge of Parliamentary Relations of the Republic of Djibouti; **Amb. Ali Omaro**, Ambassador of the State of Eritrea to Kenya, represented the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the State of Eritrea; **Amb. Abdulaziz Ahmed Adem**, Special Envoy of Ethiopia to Somalia represented the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia; **Amb. Ali Abdirahman Numeri**, Ambassador of the Republic of the Sudan represented the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Sudan; **Dr. Bashir Hamad Attalla** Executive Secretary of IGAD and **Amb. Said Djinnit** Commissioner for Peace and Security of the African Union.

3. The Ministers: -

1. Hailed the successful conclusion of the Somali National Reconciliation Conference which yielded in the successful election of **H.E President Hon. Abdullahi Yusuf Ahmed** and the recent appointment of the Prime Minister Hon. **Ali Mohamed Geedi**.
- ii. **Commended** all the Somali people who have played a role in forming an all-inclusive Transitional Federal Parliament, which led to the establishment of a broad based Government.
- iii. **Noted** the expeditious manner by which H.E Hon. Abdullahi Yusuf Ahmed appointed the Prime Minister of the Transitional Federal Government of Somalia.
- iv. **Congratulated** Hon. Ali Mohamed Geedi on his appointment as the Prime Minister of the Transitional Federal Republic of Somalia and urged him to speed up his recommendation of the cabinet to the President.
- v. **Pledged** to give all the necessary diplomatic, political, technical and financial support to the new Transitional Federal Government of Somalia.
- vi. **Appealed** to the International Community to assist the new Transitional Federal Government of the Republic of Somalia by rendering the necessary diplomatic, political, technical and financial support for rehabilitation and the reconstruction of all institutions of the state.
- vii. **Reiterated** the IGAD Special Summit's appeal to the United Nations Security Council to take immediate action to deploy peace keeping mission to Somalia to assist in securing the new Government and also help train Security Forces for Somalia.
- viii. **Noted** the initiative being taken by the African Union in conjunction with IGAD to convene a Military/ Political experts meeting to asses the needs of Somalia with regard to deployment of a Peace Restoration and Protection Force meeting will be held from the 27th – 30th November, 2004 in Nairobi, Kenya.
- ix. **Appreciated** the offer made by H.E Hon. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni,- President of the Republic of Uganda and Chairman of the Assembly

of IGAD Heads of State and Government to contribute a battalion of troops to the expected AU/IGAD Peace Restoration and Protection Force.

- x. **Adopted** the IGAD Executive Secretary's proposal for a new mechanism for IGAD participation in Post Conflict phase in Somalia which will be known as **1GAD Monitoring and Follow Up Team (IGADMOFT)**. (See **Annex 1 for details of the new mechanism**).
- xi. Urged all IGAD member states to remain engaged in the process of reconciliation and peace-building in Somalia until such time that the situation will have stabilized.
- xii. Received a briefing by Kenya's Special Envoy for the Sudan Peace Process, Lt. Gen Lazarus Sumbelywo which included a recommendation of a time frame by which the parties should sign a Comprehensive and final Peace Agreement by 31st December, 2004.
- xiii. Urged the Parties and the International Community to allow IGAD to be the lead body in the "Assessment and Evaluation Commission" to be established in Sudan and requested the Executive Secretary of IGAD to propose a structure by which IGAD will be involved in the Assessment and Evaluation Commission, its composition, terms of reference and how it will be funded and table the proposals at an appropriate time to the Council of Ministers for consideration and approval.
- xiv. **Thanked** and appreciated the Government of the Republic of Kenya for conducting and hosting the IGAD Council of Ministers Meeting.

Done in Nairobi on this 17th day of November, 2004.