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**COMMUNIQUE OF THE 3RD EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE
ASSEMBLY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT OF THE
EASTERN AFRICAN REGION**

MALABO, EQUATORIAL GUINEA, 26TH JUNE 2014

The EASF Assembly of Heads of State and Government held its 3rd Extraordinary Summit Meeting in Malabo, Equatorial Guinea 26th June 2014, under the Chairmanship of **H.E Paul Kagame**, President of the Republic of Rwanda and Chairperson of the Assembly.

The Assembly was attended by: **H.E Pierre Nkurunziza**, President of the Republic of Burundi; **H.E Dr. Ikililou Dhoinine**, President of the Union of Comoros; **Hon Mr Mahmoud Ali Youssouf**, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Republic of Djibouti; **H.E Hailemariam Desalegn**, Prime Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia; **H.E William Ruto**, Deputy President of the Republic of Kenya; **H.E Paul Kagame**, President of the Republic of Rwanda; **Hon Jean-Paul Adam**, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Seychelles; **H.E. Abdiweli Sheikh Ahmed**, Prime Minister of the Federal Republic of Somalia; **H.E Gen Bakry Hassan Salih**, First Vice President of the Republic of The Sudan and **H.E Yoweri Kaguta Museveni**, President of the Republic of Uganda and **Amb Smail Chergui**, the Commissioner for Peace and Security of the African Union.

Hon. Gen James Kabarebe, Minister of Defense of the Republic of Rwanda and Chairperson of the Council of Ministers briefed the Assembly on the decisions reached by the Council on the revision of the Policy Framework for the establishment of the Eastern Africa Standby Force, the Memorandum of Understanding on Pledged Forces by EASF and the Agreement on the establishment on the Eastern Africa Standby Force. The Assembly further received a brief on progress of the Eastern Africa Standby Force since the last Extraordinary Assembly Meeting on

30th January 2011 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. After consideration and deliberation of the reports in a closed session;

The Assembly:

Recalls the preceding decisions of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government and the Council of Ministers of Defense and Security of the Eastern Africa Region;

Welcomes the Report of the Chairperson of the Council of Ministers of Defense and Security and the Brief of the Director EASF Secretariat to this Assembly;

Notes the urgent need to adopt the EASF legal instruments to better enhance the capacity of EASF to deal with future policy directives and deployments to mission;

Further takes note of the urgent need to ensure the sustainability of an EASF Mission;

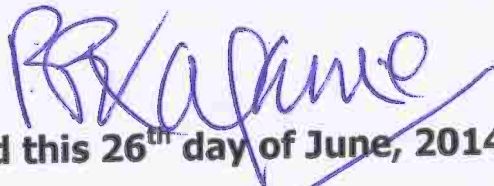
Takes into consideration the need to pledge forces towards the fulfillment of the EASF Force structure

The Assembly:

1. **Endorses** all the Council Decisions made since the 2nd Extraordinary Assembly of Heads of State and Government Meeting held on 30th January 2011 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia;
2. **Approves** the Agreement on the establishment of the Eastern Africa Standby Force and the Policy Framework for the Establishment of the Eastern Africa Standby Force;
3. **Urges** Member States to ratify the Agreement on the establishment of the Eastern Africa Standby Force;
4. **Directs** the Establishment of the EASF Peace fund to facilitate the sustainment of any foreseeable EASF missions;
5. **Authorizes** the Council of Ministers of Defense and Security to sign the Memorandum of Understanding on Pledged Forces by

Member States;

6. **Further Directs** that a Force Pledging Conference be held by the 1st week of August 2014;
7. **Commends** the EASF Partners for the continued support to the organization;
8. **Reiterates** in particular the Decision of the Council of Ministers of Defense and Security to fast track the attainment of Eastern Africa Standby Force Full Operating Capability;
9. **Reaffirm** the commitment to attain Full Operating Capability (FOC) by December 2014.



Issued this 26th day of June, 2014, in Malabo, Equatorial Guinea