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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRPERSON OF EASF



The year 2023 has been particularly eventful for the Eastern Africa Standby Force (EASF). I have had the privilege of serving as Chairperson of this important organisation, and I wish to thank both the Members of the Council of Ministers and the Committee of the Chiefs of Defence Staff for their support during my tenure.

We are all aware of the continued insecurity and conflicts that continue to plague our region. The reality of having our own capacity as is embedded within the EASF is a collective way of ensuring that our region remains stable and as assurance to unreservedly continue to strengthen the organisation. We are

committed towards the region, continental and global agenda in pursuit of Peace, Security and Stability. During the year 2023, our collective efforts were successful in terms of guiding and controlling the activities of the EASF. I am glad, because these efforts remind us that as much as we need solidarity among Africans to defeat terror and other threats to our security, solidarity between us and non-African partners is fundamental.

As EASF continues to develop its capability, I really appreciated the political will and leadership from all Member States in all activities of the organization conducted during the year 2023 has proved the relevance of a regional organizations such as ours, in its commitment to peace and reconciliation, and ensuring the prevention, management and resolution of conflicts. Thus, EASF must continue to strengthen itself, to innovate in order to have its own capacities and to invent its own intervention solutions to guarantee regional stability, a pledge of any development.

As I conclude, I would like to thank the African Union, for their support in providing the necessary strategic guidance to our regional efforts and the financial resources in building the operational readiness of EASF. I thank the EASF Secretariat for the work done and I convey my sincerest gratitude to EASF's friends and donors. Finally, I renew my country's desire and commitment in supporting the Eastern African Standby Force and in promoting peace in Africa.

Hon. Aden Bare Duale, EGH

Chairperson of the EASF



MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR



It is with great satisfaction that I present the Annual Report 2023 of the Eastern Africa Standby Force, highlighting some of the major achievements and challenges of the organization. I joined the Eastern Africa Standby Force in May this year at a time when the organization was still adjusting and transforming as part of post Covid-19 recovery. However, year 2023 has been a momentous year for the Eastern Africa Standby Force in terms of raising the profile of the organization and meaningful engagement with stakeholders.

The 2023 activity plan has been successfully implemented as per the plan, however, some of the activities have been rolled over to the forthcoming year, with optimism, it will be the pinnacle of the next year's accomplishment.

The EASF Heads of Departments as well as Structures were also able to participate in numerous meetings conducted by regional and international organizations in order to maintain our cooperation and help maintain the viability of the organization. On the other hand, in order to maintain its full operational capability and institutional capacity in the year 2023, EASF conducted various training workshops, and courses aimed at enhancing knowledge and skills of both the EASF and member states personnel in matters of peace and security.

Cognizant of the importance of the youth and CSOs in conflict resolution and as agents to building and sustaining peace EASF organized activities that included young people in peace and security agenda.

Having achieved the above and more, I would like to thank all EASF staff who worked tirelessly in 2023 to attain such achievements. The driving factor of the activities in 2023 were strongly aligned to the 2021-2025 strategic plan, paving the way for more fruitful collaboration with regional partners. The four thematic areas in our strategic plan are crucial as we strive for greater success in EASF.

In concluding, I also want to extend my indebtedness to the leadership of EASF, Member States and Friends of EASF for their continued support and for remaining faithful to the EASF's vision. As we 'soldier on' into 2024, I appeal to all our partners to renew their zeal and commitment towards the organization and I wish everyone a peaceful 2024 filled with prosperity and blessings.

Brig (Rtd) Paul Kahuria Njema
EASF Director



MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE FRIENDS OF EASF



2023 has been a turbulent year, but EASF has proven to have the resilience to counter the challenges and the adaptability to transform and stay relevant in an ever changing world. 2023 marked the transfer of leadership and it was obvious to all of us that the new Director came with a vision for the continued development of EASF. Unsurprisingly, the professional and dedicated staff supported their new director from day one.

2023 saw the emerging of an unfortunate crisis in one of the Member States and EASF responded according to the procedures developed and honed over many years. The planning team was summoned and prudent analysis and deliberations were made leading to a presentation of possible solutions. EASF was ready to act; the ball was in the court of diplomacy and politicians. Regrettably the conflict has seen no solution as of yet, but it is my sincere hope that 2024 will see a solution that can bring an end to the human suffering – be it with or without the assistance of EASF.

Besides preparing for a deployment EASF has continued to carry out its mission of promoting peace and stability through information of and dialogue with Member States including youth organisations and academic institutions. This is a true investment in the future of Eastern Africa and it gives hope for a generation of future leaders with focus on peaceful coexistence between Eastern African populations.

Looking ahead, I am thrilled and honoured to continue the journey with EASF. There are still many challenges and possibilities and I will do my utmost as Chair of the Friends of EASF to turn more of our Friends into partners to the mutual benefit of all of us. Together we can make EASF the preferred peacekeeping force and we can continue our relentless effort to educate and inform the populations of the Member States so we make Eastern Africa the peaceful and prosperous region it deserves to be.

Together we will promote peace and stability through information and dialogue.

Jens Lindvig

Chairperson of the Friends of EASF



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EASF High-Level Meetings

Cabinet Secretary of Defense Meets EASF Delegation

The Chairperson of the Council of Ministers of Defense and Security of the EASF Member States and Cabinet Secretary of Defense, Republic of Kenya, Hon Aden Bare Duale, met with the EASF Director, Brig Gen Paul Kahuria Njema and his delegation in June 2023, at the Defense Headquarters in Nairobi, Kenya.



As part of its efforts to ensure Peace, Security, and Stability in the region, the EASF leadership briefed the principals on the mandate and the achievements of this multidimensional Force and the programs undertaken to provide the capability for rapid deployment in peace support operations.

Meeting with the chief of the General Staff of Ethiopia National Defense Forces

The Chief of the General Staff of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, Field Marshal Birhanu Jula, hosted the Management of Eastern Africa Standby Force for a Meeting in May 2023, at Defence Headquarters in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The new Director, Brig Paul Kahuria Njema, expressed appreciation to the outgoing Director, Brig Gen Getachew Shiferaw Fayisa, for the smooth handover process of EASF Directorship.



The Meeting expressed the urgent importance for the EASF to play a crucial role in enhancing Peace and Security in the Region as mandated by the Agreement of Establishment of the Organization and by the African Peace and Security Architecture (APSA). Discussions focused on the Security Situation in the Region and the readiness levels of the EASF to perform its mandate.

EASF Management Meeting with Djibouti Minister of Defense

The Eastern Africa Standby Force (EASF) Director, Brig Gen Getachew Shiferaw Fayisa, paid in May 2023, a courtesy call to the Minister of Defense of the Republic of Djibouti, Hon Hassan Omar Mohamed, accompanied by EASF Head of Administration and Finance, Col Mohamed Barkar Aden.



The meeting addressed the region's security situation and the positioning and readiness of EASF to enhance the Peace, Security, and Stability of its member states and beyond. It was also an opportunity for the EASF Management to commend the commitment of Hon Hassan Omar Mohamed, as a member of the Council of Ministers of Defense of the region (CoM), for his leadership and the wise guidance from the entire CoM.

Cabinet Secretary of Ministry of Defense in Kenya Hosts EASF

The Cabinet Secretary for Defense, Hon. Aden Duale, in May 2023, hosted the incoming Director of the Eastern Africa Standby Force Brigadier Paul Kahuria Njema who paid him a courtesy visit at Defense Headquarters in Nairobi. Brigadier Njema was accompanied by the outgoing Director Brigadier General Getachew Shiferaw Fayisa.

The Cabinet Secretary for the Ministry of Defense in Kenya and the incoming Director discussed a wide range of issues among them the preparedness of the Force to execute its mandate of enhancing Peace and Security in the Eastern Africa Region.



Outgoing and Incoming Director Handover in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

The Eastern Africa Standby Force's incoming Director, Brig Paul Kahuria Njema, visited the Structures of EASF based in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia including the Force HQs and Logistics Base accompanied by the outgoing Director, Brig Gen Getachew Shiferaw Fayisa, and the Head of Administration and Finance, Col Mohamed Barkat Aden for the Office handover function.



The Force Commander, Brig Gen Vincent Gatama, the Chief of Staff of the Logistics Base, Col Ahmed Essa, and the EASF Liaison Officer at the African Union Commission, Mr. Vincent Dindon made presentations on their respective Structures and Offices which highlighted the current status, achievements, challenges and way forward. The New Director, Brig Paul Kahuria Njema made a tour of the Force Headquarters, Logistics Base, and the Logistics Training Center.

EASF Participates in the High-Level Ministerial Meetings on Youth, Peace, and Security

The third High-Level Ministerial Conference on the Role of Governments, Regional Economic Communities and Regional Mechanisms in Promoting the Youth, Peace and Security Agenda was officially inaugurated by H.E Ezéchiel Nibigira, Minister of East African Community Affairs, Youth, Sports, and Culture, in May 2023 at the Kiriri Gardens in Bujumbura, Burundi.



The objectives of the high-level meeting are first to advocate for more inclusive participation and meaningful engagement with young people as an asset in peacebuilding and conflict prevention mechanisms and to support a platform for vision-sharing by the AU Champion for Youth, Peace, and Security on the continent's Youth, Peace, and Security agenda.

EASF Director Meets the President of the Union of Comoros

The President of the Union of Comoros, HE Azali Assoumani had an audience, in April 2023 at Beit-Salam Palace, with the Eastern Africa Standby Force Director, Brig Gen Getachew Shiferaw Fayisa, accompanied by the Force Commander, Brig Gen Vincent Gautama.

The Head of State intends to strengthen regional cooperation on peace and security challenges, including through the operationalization of the EASF. He also recalled the importance of the Comoros to maritime issues given the numerous threats to the archipelago.



31st Ordinary Policy Organs Council Meeting

The 31st Ordinary Policy Organs Meetings of the Eastern Africa Standby Force took place in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, in February 2023 followed by the Eastern Africa Chiefs of Defense and Security (EACDS) and the Council of Ministers of Defense and Security under the chairmanship of H.E. Dr. Abraham Belay of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia.

The Director of the EASF Secretariat, Brigadier General Getachew Shiferaw Fayisa, reviewed the implementation of the decisions of the Council and the status of the implementation of activities in 2022, centered on the four pillars of the EASF 2021-2025 strategic plan. The Director acknowledged the major role played by the African Union through the African Peace and Security Architecture (APSA) and the “Friends of EASF” for their immense financial and technical support in the EASF mandate.



Highlights of 2023

19 Years of Promoting Peace in Africa

The Eastern Africa Standby Force (EASF) was established in July 2004 as a Regional Mechanism to provide the capability for rapid deployment of forces to carry out preventive deployment, rapid intervention, peace support operations, and peace enforcement. The establishment of EASF is based on the past experiences of conflicts in Africa, such as the Rwanda Genocide and wars in different countries in the region. Initially, EASF was known as Eastern Africa Standby Brigade (EASBRIG) to corroborate the Peace Security Operations (PSO) doctrine of integration and multi-dimensionality as well as the African Standby Force (ASF) concept, EASBRIG embraced the incorporation of the Civilian and police components and consequently changed the name to Eastern Africa Standby Force (EASF).



Verification of Pledged Forces in the Union of Comoros

The Eastern Africa Standby Force rolled out a verification exercise of Pledged Forces in the Union of Comoros on 25 September 2023.

The EASF Force Commander, the Joint Chief of Staff, and other EASF officials lead the verification team. The Director of EASF, Brig (Rtd) Paul Kahuria Njema is also part of the team conducting the verification to strengthen Comoro's support of the organization and its commitment to promoting peace in the region. The Union of Comoros has pledged a multidimensional force comprising the military, police, and civilians for EASF peace support missions.



Integrated Mission Support Course

The Integrated Mission Support Course was held in July 2023 in Addis Ababa, Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia. Representatives from Member States and EASF staff participated in the course aimed at building the capacity of Member States and EASF Staff in the area of mission support.



EASF at the consultative meeting of the Peace and Security Council

The third consultative meeting of the Peace and Security Council and Regional Economic Communities and Regional Mechanisms was held in Bujumbura, Burundi. The EASF Director Brig (Rtd) Paul Kahuria Njema also attended the meeting, which provided a platform for member states to engage in dialogue and collaboration on matters related to peace and security in the region.

Discussions during the meeting focused on various issues, including conflict prevention, peacebuilding, and the fight against terrorism. Overall, the meeting was a valuable opportunity for member states to exchange ideas, and work together towards a more peaceful and secure region.



Promoting Civil Society Engagement in Peace and Security

Members of various youth Civil Society Organizations (CSO) and Rwanda National Youth Council participated in sharing of experience workshop as part of the EASF's program involving Non-State actors in peace processes. Dr. Utumatwishima Jean Nepo Abdallah, the Minister of Youth officially opened the Workshop at the La Palisse Hotel in Rwanda.



The objectives of the Civil Society Forum are, to share information and experiences on best practices in youth-led peacebuilding initiatives and to create a platform for young people to discuss and strategize on ways to enhance their role in peacebuilding efforts at the local, national, and regional levels.

The forum was aimed at exploring different methods of engaging with and mobilizing young people in peacebuilding, including mentoring, networking, and capacity building.



EASF Launched Voluntary Work in Musasa Refugee Camp, Burundi

The Eastern Africa Standby Force launched the cross-border initiative in a refugee camp in Musasa, Burundi. The project included the construction of a basketball court, the setting up of a socio-economic club, and donation of school supplies to the refugees. Over 12 days' delegates from EASF member States, youth from the Burundi National Council, and over 100 young people from the Musasa camp worked tirelessly to complete a basketball pitch for the youth refugee population. During their stay at the camp, the youth delegates from EASF member states together with the refugees participated in various cultural and sporting programmes and to support the students in the camp, donation of school supplies and other basic needs were made to the camp management. EASF also launched a socio economic club with donation of sewing machines to help the young expected mothers engage in economic activities which in return will support them with their new born. The 'cross border initiative' was a huge success and had meaningfully impacted the lives of many youths in the Musasa refugee camp.



EASF Policy Organs Experts Working Group (EWG)

The Eastern Africa Standby Force concluded, in February 2023 at Skylight Hotel Addis-Ababa, Ethiopia, a three-day meeting of its Experts Working Group (EWG) Meeting as part of the 31st Policy Organs Meetings.

The delegates from the ten EASF Member States discussed and deliberated on the Director's progress report, EASF financial report, the external auditor's report for the year 2020, the review of the activity plan for the year 2022, 2023 activity plan and budget as well as the report of the EWG meeting – held in Kenya in October 2022. The Experts also had an updated view of the policy brief on the regional security situation, conflict indicators, data sources, analytical framework, Mediation Framework for the Panel of Elders (PoE), and PoE Rules of Procedure, among others.



Courtesy Call

EASF Director Pays a Courtesy call to the Ethiopian Minister of Defense

The New Director of Eastern Africa Standby Force (EASF), Brig Paul Kahuria Njema, and the outgoing Director, Brig Gen Getachew Shiferaw Fayisa, paid a courtesy call to the Minister of Defence of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, Hon Abraham Belay, in May 2023, at Defence Headquarters in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

The EASF Director commended the leadership and guidance of Hon Abraham Belay, as the Chairperson of the Council of Ministers of Defence and Security for the past year until he handed over in early 2023, as well as the unwavering support of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia to the EASF. Discussions focused on the role of the EASF in enhancing Peace and Security in the Region as mandated by its Agreement of Establishment and by the African Peace and Security Architecture (APSA). Brig Njema briefed the Minister of Defence on the Security Situation in the Region, mainly in Sudan and Somalia, and reaffirmed the readiness of the EASF to perform its mandate.

The Sudan Ambassador to Kenya paid a courtesy call to EASF

The Sudan Ambassador to Kenya paid a courtesy call to EASF Secretariat in Nairobi on 25th October. Amb Kamal Gubara had a fruitful meeting with EASF Director, Brig (Rtd) Paul Kahuria Njema, and Heads of Departments and Structures.



The discussions focused on the security situation in the region, the capacity of EASF to monitor and address emerging threats, and the strengthening of the relationship between EASF and its 10 Member States. The Ambassador and the Director agreed to enhance their coordination, including in information-sharing and planning, to allow EASF to achieve its Mandate.

EASF Director Courtesy call to Saudi Ambassador in Nairobi

The EASF Director, Brig (Rtd) Paul Kahuria Njema, paid a courtesy call to the Saudi Ambassador in Kenya, H.E Khalid bin Abdullah Al-Salman.



The meeting aims to renew the cooperation and partnership between the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the Eastern Africa Standby Force Structures. The two parties agreed on the priorities and the areas of collaboration, including Counter-Terrorism,

Humanitarian Assistance, and Maritime. EASF Management and Saudi Embassy Leadership will work closely together on the next steps to strengthen the experience and information sharing with the common objective of enhancing Peace and Security in the Region.

EASF Brief

The Eastern Africa Standby Force is a regional organization whose mandate is to enhance peace and security in the Eastern Africa region. It is one of the five regional multidimensional Forces of the African Standby Force (ASF) consisting of Military, Police, and Civilian components. EASF was established as a regional mechanism to provide the capability for rapid deployment of forces to carry out preventive deployment, rapid intervention, peace support/stability operations, and peace enforcement.



Why do we exist?

To carry out promptly the functions of maintenance of peace and security, through a regional conflict prevention, management, and resolution capability to respond effectively to crisis across the African continent as may be mandated by the AU Peace and Security Council. EASF Strategic Plan The EASF Strategic Plan 2021-2025 is developed to respond to emerging conflicts to serve as a tool for decision-making, resource mobilization, and application. The vision embedded in the Strategic Plan focuses on revamping and enhancing the strategic pillars into concrete tangible actions for the citizens of our Member States. It also strives to advocate and uphold the principles of peace and security in line with the Africa Peace and Security Architecture (APSA) which seeks to enhance the institutional capacity of the African Union (AU) to address peace and security issues on the continent

Composition of EASF

EASF is a membership organization of ten Member States comprising; Burundi, Comoros, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, Seychelles, Somalia, Sudan, and Uganda.

EASF Secretariat

Eastern Africa Standby Force Secretariat (EASFSEC) is located in Nairobi, Kenya, and serves as the Secretariat for all EASF Policy Organs, Structures, and activities. It coordinates EASF activities in consultation with relevant authorities in Member States and the African Union.



EASF Structures

The Eastern Africa Standby Force Secretariat (EASFSEC) is located in Nairobi, Kenya, and serves as the Secretariat of all EASF policy organs, structures, and activities. The Planning Element (PLANELM) is located in Nairobi, Kenya, and serves as a multinational and multi-dimensional full-time planning headquarters for EASF within the framework of the African Standby Force. The PLANELM seeks to establish a force capable of planning and preparing for complex Peace Support Operations with a military component, a police component, and a civilian component. The Eastern Africa Standby Force Headquarters is located in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. It comprises regional military and civilian staff on secondment from EASF Member States. Force Headquarters serves as a command headquarters for force preparation and operational command of the Standby Force. The Logistics Base (LOGBASE) located in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, serves as the central regional base for sub-depots and for maintaining, storing, and managing the logistic infrastructure of the EASF. It receives personnel, materials, and resources to be maintained and supplied for the training and operations of EASF.

EASF and ECOWAS, joining hands on civil society matters.

EASF has been actively engaged with the civil society organizations in 2023. In October, the EASF in partnership with ECOWAS jointly organized a civil society forum in Nairobi bringing together diverse and rich representations from civil society organizations, Regional Economic Mechanisms, Regional Mechanisms and other stakeholders working in areas of governance and democracy. The workshop was spearheaded by

the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) in partnership with the African Union. The Eastern Africa Standby Force was represented at the forum by the Director, Brig (Rtd) Paul



Kahuria Njema, the Liaison Officer, MR Vincent Didon and the Public Information Officer who is also responsible for CSO matters at EASF.

SWIRMO 2023

Since 2007 the International committee of the Red cross (ICRC)has been organizing the senior workshop on international Rules governing Military operations (SWIRMO) which is a global Event on the law of the Armed conflict and the flagship event of the (ICRC)of the engagement with militaries

SWIRMO 2023 was held in Nairobi and the event was attended by over 100 high ranking countries , Military officers from over 70 countries, jointly organized by Kenya Defence Forces (KDF)and (ICRC).

The workshop was officially opened by the CS Honourable Aden Duale, EGH, MP, Cabinet Secretary Ministry of Defence in Kenya. EASF was represented by Brig (Rtd)PAUL KAHURIA NJEMA together with the EASF Head of Peace and operations Brig Gen Domitien Kabisa



Courtesy call to Malta Embassy in Kenya

Eastern Africa Standby Force - EASF Director, Brig (Rtd) Paul Kahuria Njema, paid courtesy call on the Ambassador Order of Malta Ambassador to the Republic of Kenya, Dr Wilhelm Von Trott Zu Solz, on 17th October. They discussed areas of possible collaboration and partnership including in humanitarian assistance and support to the population affected by conflicts and natural disasters.



Police Component Promoting Child Protection

The AU considers the rights, protection and welfare of children integral to its overall agenda for sustainable peace and security in Africa. To ensure the realization of the rights, protection and welfare of girls and boys, the AU has put in place; laws, policies, mechanisms and tools that if properly implemented will make Africa fit for its children. Conflict impacts on children differently and disproportionately which calls for deliberate measures to ensure that child protection is integrated into all African Union (AU) Peace Support Operations' (PSOs) mandates, policies and programs.



The EASF Police Component organized a Child Protection Course in the Union of Comoros aimed at enhancing capacity of Regional Police Officers on children rights in PSOs.

EASF High-level meeting, forging new partnerships

The EASF high-level meeting was held in September, 2023 at the Holiday Inn Hotel, in Nairobi. Ambassadors from various countries, Diplomatic Corps and Representative of different International Organizations attended the meeting. In his opening address, Chairperson of the Eastern Africa Ministers of Defense and Security, Hon. Minister Aden DUALE accentuated on the need of having such mechanisms like the EASF for effective conflict management and in building trust and cooperation among nations thus reducing the risk of conflict escalation. He highlighted the importance of the existing partnerships between EASF and international partners in the noble task of maintenance of peace and security in the Eastern Africa region and beyond.

On his part the Chairperson of Friends of EASF, the Danish Ambassador H.E Stephan Schoonemann welcomed the Ambassadors present, he further talked about some of the major achievements of the EASF and also called on those present to foster new partnership with the organization. The EASF Director, Brig (Rtd) Paul Kahuria Njema thanked those present for attending the important meeting despite their busy schedules. The Director acknowledged the support and engagement of the Friends and Partners of EASF in mobilizing resources and in providing technical support towards the achievement of EASF's mandate. Ambassadors and other distinguished delegates had an opportunity to learn more about the various thematic areas where EASF is looking for partnership and coordination namely in mediation, dialogue, democracy, governance, gender, transitional justice and many more.







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