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DECISIONS OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

At its 12th Ordinary Meeting held on 25 August 2006 in Arusha, Tanzania, the Council of Ministers of the East African Community made the following Decisions/Directives: -

S/N	Area of Co-operation	Decision/Directive
1.	Implementation of the Treaty	The Council directed the Secretariat to propose new targets on the implementation of the Treaty basing on the provisions of the East African Community Development Strategy 2006-2010 when adopted.
2.	Admission of Burundi and Rwanda	The Council: (a) directed the Secretariat to convene a meeting of the EAC Negotiating Team of Experts on 12 to 13 October 2006 to formulate the East African Community's Negotiating Mechanism; (b) directed the Secretariat to guide the deliberations at this meeting.
3.	Initiation of Bills to EALA	The Council directed the Secretariat to convene a meeting of Draftsmen, Transport and other Experts to develop a Bill entitled The Lake Victoria Basin Commission Act, 2006 for consideration by the Sectoral Council on Legal and Judicial Affairs.
4.	EAC Customs Management Act	The Council: (a) considered and adopted the Bill entitled The East African Community Customs Management (Amendment) Bill, 2006; (b) referred the Bill aforesaid to the Sectoral Council on Legal and Judicial Affairs for consideration.
5.	Ministers responsible for East African Community	The Council: (a) established a Sectoral Council of Ministers responsible for EAC Affairs whose role will be to discharge the functions of the Council within the context of Article 14 (3) (i) of the Treaty; (b) established a Sectoral Committee on EAC Affairs in accordance with Articles 20 and 21 of the Treaty;
6.	Fast Tracking Political Federation	The Council: (a) took note of the progress made in regard to fast tracking the East African Political Federation; (b) urged Tanzania and Uganda to submit the lists of members of the National Consultative Committee to the Secretariat by 7 September 2006; (c) urged the Partner States to offer the necessary support towards the success of the consultative process and actively participate in the sensitization of the people of East Africa; (d) directed the Secretariat to play an active role in the sensitization and monitoring of the national consultations.
7.	Customs Union Flag	The Council: (a) considered and adopted Option (a) of the design of the EAC Customs Union Flag as a schedule of the EAC Customs Management Regulations; (b) directed the Secretariat to substitute the words " <i>umoja wa Forodha</i> " for words " <i>East African Community</i> "

		<p><i>Customs Union</i>" in the flag;</p> <p>(c) directed the Secretariat to publish and circulate the Customs Management Regulations by 31 October 2006.</p>
8.	Trade, Industry and Investment	<p>The Council:</p> <p>(a) considered and adopted the EAC Mechanism on Monitoring of NTBs;</p> <p>(b) considered and adopted the EAC Private Sector Development Strategy (PSDS);</p> <p>(c) considered and adopted the EAC Model Investment Code;</p> <p>(d) considered and adopted the EAC Joint Export and Investment Strategy.</p>
9.	Budget Re-allocation/Secretariat	<p>The Council:</p> <p>(a) considered and approved immediate engagement of two short-term planning and data management experts to support the work of the EAC Secretariat in discharging its mandate in regard to fast tracking Political Federation;</p> <p>(b) approved re-allocation of US\$ 40,000 for the engagement of the Experts from the Consultancy budget line.</p>
	Revenue Float	The Council took note of the status of the Revenue Float and the opening of a bank account called General Revenue Bank Account.
	Partnership Fund	The Council approved the Rules and Regulations on the management of EAC Partnership Fund as agreed by the Partners in August 2005.
9.	Staff Matters	
	Small Arms Expert	The Council endorsed the appointment of Mr. Leonard Onyonyi (Kenya) as Small Arms Expert under the DTZ funding
	Research Officer/EALA	The Council took note of the reporting for duty by the newly appointed Research Officer for EALA, Mr. Charles Kadonya (Tanzania) on 3 July 2006.
10.	Organization Structure	The Council considered and approved the Functional and Grading Structure of the Community.
11.	Salary Structure	The Council noted the new Salary Structure and the recommended allowances.
12.	Priority Staff	The Council directed the Secretariat to finalize the recruitment process of the approved priority positions as soon as possible.
13.	Staff for Political Federation	<p>The Council considered and approved the following additional staff to compliment the work of the Department of Political Federation:</p> <p>(i) Principal Political Affairs Officer - P3</p> <p>(ii) Principal International Relations Officer – P3</p> <p>(iii) Principal Peace and Security Officer – P3</p> <p>(iv) Senior Political Affairs Officer – P2</p> <p>(v) Senior International Relations Officer – P2</p> <p>(vi) Small Arms Officer – P2</p>
14.	EADB	<p>The Council:</p> <p>(a) took note of the Report on the activities of the East African Development Bank;</p> <p>(b) urged Kenya to expedite the enactment of the Statute Law (Miscellaneous Amendment) Bill, 2006;</p> <p>(c) urged Uganda to expedite the enactment of the East</p>

		African Development Bank Act (Amendment) Bill, 2006.
15.	EAC Development Strategy 2006-2010	The Council directed the Secretariat to convene a Stakeholders Meeting to finalize the EAC Development Strategy 2006-2010 by 30 September 2006
16.	Civil Society Organizations	The Council: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) took note of the recommendations of the Civil Society Forum (<i>Report Ref: EAC/01/CSO/2005</i>); (b) directed the Secretariat to prepare a background paper to clarify and justify the recommendations of the Civil Society Forum and circulate the paper to the Partner States for comments and consideration; (c) directed the Secretariat to convene a meeting of relevant experts from the Partner States and Civil Society to consider the paper before the 13th Meeting of the Council of Ministers scheduled for November 2006.
17.	Scaling up Energy Services	The Council directed the Secretariat to ensure that the Regional Strategy for Scaling up Modern Energy Services in East Africa is prepared and completed according to plan for consideration at the 12 th meeting of the Council of Ministers.
18.	Gazetting Decisions	The Council noted reports by the Partner States that there are delays in the publication of Legal Notices on the Budget proposals in the EAC Gazette, resulting in delays in the implementation of the decisions.
19.	EAC Publications	The Council noted that publication of EAC Customs Union and other official documents could be done by the Government Printers in the Partner States under authorization by the EAC Secretariat.
20.	Applications for posts in the EAC	The Council noted that all applications for advertised positions in the East African Community be submitted directly to the Secretariat by the applicants.
21.	Tenders	The Council noted that to ensure transparency in the handling of tenders submitted to the Secretariat for purposes of the Community's acquisition of goods and services, the Secretariat to acknowledge receipt of the submitted tenders.
22.	EAC Anthem	The Council directed the Secretariat to spend an additional US\$ 161,000 from the Revenue Float for this purpose.
23.	Goodwill Ambassadors	The Council directed the Secretariat to study financial and other policy aspects of the proposal on nominating Goodwill Ambassadors for the Community for its (Council) further consideration.
24.	East African Court Ref. No.1 of 2005	The Council took note of the report on the East African Court Reference No.1 of 2005 (Calist A. Mwatela and others vs. East African Community).

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S/N	Area of Co-operation	Decision/Directive
1.	Legal and Judicial Affairs	The Council took note of the decisions of the Sectoral Council on Legal and Judicial Affairs and decided that the post of the Counsel to the Community be retained at P5
2.	Re-constituted Sectoral Council on Legal and	The Council: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) re-established the Sectoral Council on Legal and Judicial

	Judicial Affairs	<p>Affairs to include the Attorneys General of the Partner States and the Minister responsible for Justice and Constitutional Affairs, United Republic of Tanzania in its membership with a mandate to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) address all issues referred to it by the Council; (ii) addressing all matters pertaining to the Partner States' legal interests; and <p>(b) directed that the Committee that serve the Sectoral Council on Legal and Judicial Affairs be re-constituted to reflect the changes in the re-constitution of the Sectoral Council.</p>
3.	Amendment of the Treaty	<p>The Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) directed the Partner States to study the proposal to review and amend the Treaty and submit comments to the Secretary General by 28 February 2007; and (b) established a High Level Task Force spearheaded by the Attorneys General and representatives from the Ministries of Justice and Constitutional Affairs and the EAC Secretariat to consider the proposed amendments of the Treaty and report to the Council at its next meeting.
4.	Admission of Rwanda and Burundi	<p>The Council recommended to the Summit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) that the Republic of Rwanda and the Republic of Burundi have satisfied the criteria and benchmarks set out for their admission and should therefore be admitted into the East African Community; and (b) to direct the Attorneys General of the Partner States, in collaboration with the EAC Secretariat, to commence negotiations for accession of the Republic of Rwanda and Republic of Burundi to the East African Community.
5.	Admission of Private Entities/EABC	<p>The Council directed the Secretariat to research on the matter and draw best practices obtaining in other jurisdictions on admission of private entities and advise the Council appropriately.</p>
6.	Contact and Outreach Activities	<p>The Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) took note of the activities undertaken to promote the East African Community during the period under review; and (b) directed the Secretariat to follow up with the Development Partners for support under the Partnership Fund in the development and implementation of the new EAC Marketing and Publicity Strategy.
7.	Sectoral Projects and Programmes	<p>The Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) took note, for implementation, all general and specific recommendations contained in the reports of the sectoral, task force, consultant and expert activities for period September-November 2006; (b) approved the policy-related recommendations indicated at the end of the respective sections in the reports as Council decisions/directives.
8.	East African Road Network	<p>The Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) directed that the consultative meeting at Ministerial level with the Development Partners on the review of the implementation of the East African Road Network Project be held on March 22 and 23 , 2007; (b) urged the Partner States to expedite the implementation of works on funded road sectors in readiness for the Consultative meeting;

		<p>(c) authorised the Secretariat to act as the Executive Agency of the study on behalf of Tanzania and Kenya for the Arusha – Holili – Taveta - Voi and Tanga – Horohoro - Malindi road project studies and investment planning as required by the African Development Bank in consideration of the US\$ 5.5 million support for the two projects;</p> <p>(d) directed the Secretariat to write to the respective Ministries of Finance of Tanzania and Kenya to confirm to the African Development Bank authorization of the Secretariat to be the study Executing Agency for the activities in (c) above; and</p> <p>(e) directed the Secretariat to develop a MoU on cooperation with the Central Corridor Transit Transport Facilitation Agency (CCTTFA)</p>
9.	East African Railways Master Plan	<p>The Council:</p> <p>(a) urged Partner States to develop and avail relevant information by end of February 2007 to the Railways Master Plan Study Consultants including among others policy documents and business cases such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Arusha – Musoma – Port Bell railyway; (ii) Nakuru – Juba; (iii) Pakwach – Juba; (iv) Isaka – Kigali; (v) Utilization of Railways wayleaf; and (vi) Interconnecting links between Kenya and Uganda railways, and Tanzania railways <p>(b) directed the Secretariat to convene an inter ministerial and stakeholders meeting in May 2007, to consider the final draft report of the East African Railways Master Plan before its finalization.</p>
10.	Civil Aviation	<p>The Council:</p> <p>(a) approved the establishment and operationalization of the EAC Civil Aviation Safety and Security Oversight Agency (CASSOA) pending the approval and adoption of the Protocol for the Establishment of CASSOA by the Council;</p> <p>(b) decided that Kenya and Tanzania finalise the promulgation process for the Civil Aviation (Safety) Regulations by December 2006, for implementation by 1st January 2007. It was noted that Uganda had already promulgated the regulations;</p> <p>(c) forwarded the draft Protocol on the Establishment of CASSOA to the Sectoral Council on Legal and Judicial Affairs for legal input at its next meeting;</p> <p>(d) urged Kenya and Uganda to allocate the balance of the European Investment Bank funds received from the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), to the Civil Authorities as their contribution to the funding of the components of the Safety Project which were approved by the Council;</p> <p>(e) directed that the joint launching of the Civil Aviation Safety Regulations will be done at the next meeting of the Sectoral Council on Transport, Communication and Meteorology (TCM);</p> <p>(f) directed the Secretariat to convene the meeting of the Air</p>

		<p>Transport Sub Committee on December 6-7 2006 to develop the regional framework for the implementation of the Yamoussoukro Decision (YD);</p> <p>(g) urged the Partner States to abide by the Council decision of April 2006 on Yamoussoukro Decision pending the development of the framework in (f) above;</p> <p>(h) took note of Uganda's offer to host the Headquarters of the EAC Civil Aviation Safety and Security Oversight Agency (CASSOA); AND</p> <p>(i) decided that the offer by Uganda be considered by the Council at an appropriate time in line with the approved criteria for hosting of the EAC Organs and Institutions.</p>
11.	Maritime	<p>The Council:</p> <p>(a) directed that the Lake Victoria Transport Bill be reviewed within the framework of the Lake Victoria Basin Commission Management Bill which is under preparation and a progress report be made at the fourth meeting of the Sectoral Council; and</p> <p>(b) established the Committee of Heads of Maritime and Ports Authorities to spearhead the development and harmonization of maritime transport strategies and policies in the region.</p>
12.	Communications	<p>The Council:</p> <p>(a) approved the EAC e-Government Regional Framework;</p> <p>(b) appreciated the strong support from Kenya and Tanzania on the candidacy of Eng. Patrick Masambu for the post of Director, International Telecommunication Union-Development Bureau and noted that his failure to secure the post emanated from the fact that Africa got the ITU Secretary General' position; and</p> <p>(c) directed the Secretariat to convene a meeting of the Ministers responsible for Communications and ICT on 22-25 January, 2007 to review the outstanding issues on the Protocol on Policy and Regulatory Framework for NEPAD ICT Broadband Infrastructure for Eastern and Southern Africa in order to develop an EAC position on the way forward for the Sub Marine Cable Project</p>
13.	Meteorology	<p>The Council:</p> <p>(a) Urged Partner States to continue assisting the National Meteorological Services access additional resources to implement their programmes – such as budgetary allocations, soft credits, debt cancellation resources among others;</p> <p>(b) Urged Partner States to consider National Meteorological Services as critical services and shield them from the on-going load shedding (electricity power rationing) where practicable, in view of the important role weather and climate information plays in the overall economies; and</p> <p>(c) Urged Kenya and Uganda to expedite the process of giving autonomy to their National Meteorological Services Departments.</p>
14.	Sub-regional cooperation	<p>The Council took note of the sub-regional cooperation aimed at harmonising the implementation of infrastructure projects and programmes at regional level.</p>
15.	MoUs	<p>The Council took note of the progress in the implementation of</p>

		the signed MOUs aimed at deepening co-operation between EAC and the relevant organisations.
16.	National Policies	The Council: (a) urged Partner States to avail the Secretariat with copies of their national policies in roads, railways, maritime, civil aviation and airports, meteorology and communications by end of January 2007; and (b) directed the Secretariat to develop a framework for the harmonization of national policies in (a) above for consideration at the fourth meeting of the TCM Sectoral Council planned for May 2007.
17.	Agriculture and Food Security	The Council took note of the decisions of the Sectoral Council on Agriculture and Food Security.
18.	Environment and Natural Resources	The Council: (a) urged Partner States to make preparation for ratifying the Protocol on Environment and Natural Resources Management; (b) directed the Working Groups of the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources to identify and formulate actions for implementation of the Protocol; (c) established a Working Group on Genetically Modified Organisms under the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources for the purpose of addressing GMOs matters; (d) urged the Partner States to harmonise the existing policy frameworks on GMOs; and (e) directed that recommendations (c) and (d) above be handled by a multi-sectoral <i>ad hoc</i> Committee comprising of Agriculture and Food Security, Health, Environment and Natural Resources and Trade for implementation in line with the decision of the Council at its 9 th meeting.
19.	Tourism and Wildlife	The Council: (a) approved a budget of US\$ 53,045 (Fifty Three Thousand, and Forty Five Dollars only) for a classification exercise to be carried out by the Panel of Experts in Uganda, at the beginning of 2007, in preparation for the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) scheduled to take place next year; (b) authorized funds approved in (a) above be taken from the EAC Float Fund; and (c) directed that issues pertaining to Tourism Marketing currently handled by the Committee on Trade Finance and Investment be referred to the Sectoral Council on Tourism and Wildlife Management for consideration and harmonization.
20.	Education, Culture and Sports	The Council took note of decisions made by Sectoral Council on Education, Culture and Sports and decided that the draft Protocol on the Establishment of the East African Kiswahili Council be forwarded to Sectoral Council on Legal and Judicial Affairs to review the legal content.
21.	Labor and Employment	The Council took note of the recommendations made by the Ministers of the Labour and Employment and urged the Secretariat to programme their meetings on the EAC Calendar of

22.	Gender and Community Development	<p>Activities to take place on annual basis.</p> <p>The Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) adopted the Final draft Framework on Gender and Community Development; (b) directed the Secretariat to prioritize the employment of a Gender and Community Development Expert in the 2007/2008 financial year; and (c) directed the Secretariat to organize a round table meeting with development partners to identify areas of collaboration.
23.	Health	<p>The Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) urged the EAC Partner States to harmonize Medical and Dental Practice internship training period to be one (1) year as contained in the recommendations of the 6th meeting of the EAC Sectoral Health Committee held on July 9th to 10th 2003 in Arusha, Tanzania before 31st October, 2007; (b) urged the EAC Partner States to harmonize Medical Practice internship rotations before 31st October, 2007 to be at least three (3) months in each of the following disciplines: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Internal medicine; ii) Surgery; iii) Paediatrics and Child Health; and iv) Obstetrics and Gynaecology. (c) urged the EAC Partner States Medical and Dental Practitioners' Councils/Boards to grant reciprocal recognition before 31st October, 2007 to medical and dental graduates from the following Medical and Dental Schools in East Africa: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. UGANDA Medical Schools: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Makerere University 2. Mbarara University of Science and Technology 3. Gulu University Dental School: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Makerere University B. KENYA Medical Schools: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. University of Nairobi 2. Moi University 3. Aga Khan University Teaching Hospital for post graduate training

		<p>Dental School:</p> <p>1. University of Nairobi</p> <p>C. TANZANIA</p> <p>Medical Schools:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. University of Dar es Salaam – Muhimbili University College of Health and Allied Sciences 2. Tumaini University – Kilimanjaro Christian Medical College 3. International Medical and Technological University 4. The Hubert Kairuki Memorial University 5. St. Augustine’s University - Bugando University College of Health Sciences <p>Dental Schools:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. University of Dar es Salaam - Muhimbili University College of Health and Allied Sciences 2. International Medical and Technological University <p>(d) directed that the Kampala International University, based on the criteria approved by the East African Medical and Dental Practitioners Council, to channel its application for reciprocal recognition through the Uganda Medical Board to the East African Medical and Dental Practitioners Council, for consideration at its next meeting;</p> <p>(e) urged the EAC Partner States’ Medical and Dental Practitioners’ Councils/Boards to grant reciprocal recognition, registration and licensure before 31st October, 2007 to medical and dental practitioners who are already validly registered and/or licensed to practice in any of the three EAC Partner States;</p> <p>(f) urged the EAC Partner States’ Medical and Dental Practitioners’ Councils / Boards to prepare a common legal document/certificate and propose a prescribed fee for granting reciprocal recognition, registration and licensure to medical and dental practitioners within the East African Community Partner States before 31st October, 2007;</p> <p>(g) decided that Zanzibar Medical Council be represented at all fora for EAC Medical and Dental Councils/Boards/Associations; and</p> <p>(h) urged Tanzania to review the Zanzibar Medical and Dental Practitioners Act (1999) to conform to those of the other EAC Partner States before 31st October 2007.</p>
24.	REACH	<p>The Council:</p> <p>(a) urged the Partner States to establish Country Nodes for the</p>

		<p>implementation of the planned activities of the Regional East African Community Health Research (REACH) – Policy;</p> <p>(b) urged Partner States to establish a special “Trust Fund” within the existing Country’s financing mechanisms for the purposes of administering both National and collaborating Development Partners’ financial support for the implementation of the planned activities of the REACH - Policy;</p> <p>(c) urged each Partner States’ Ministry of Health to plan and budget for an annual contribution of two (2) percent of the annual REACH Policy Budget;</p> <p>(d) approved the appointment of Dr. Gabriel L. Upunda, out-going Chief Medical Officer of the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare of the United Republic of Tanzania as the Interim Executive Director of the EAHRC/REACH-Policy Initiative until such a time that the East African Health Research Council (EAHRC) is officially launched and operationalised;</p> <p>(e) approved the payment of salary and other emoluments of the Interim Executive Director of the REACH-Policy Initiative in line with the EAC Terms and Conditions of service to be funded by Development Partners;</p> <p>(f) approved the appointment of the EAC Interim Regional Steering Committee of the REACH-Policy Initiative with effect from 1st December 2006 until such a time when the East African Health Research Council (EAHRC) is officially launched and operational;</p> <p>(g) directed that the Interim REACH Policy Steering Committee be comprised of four members from each Partner State and two from the EAC Secretariat including the following;</p> <p>(i) Kenya: Director of Medical Services, Ministry of Health Kenya, The Vice Chancellor, Great Lakes University, Kisumu, (<i>subject to confirmation of its existence</i>), Kenya and Director, Kenya Medical Research Institute (KEMRI), Nairobi, Kenya;</p> <p>(ii) Uganda: The Director General for Health Services, Ministry of Health, Uganda, The Dean, Faculty of Medicine, Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda, and The Director, Uganda National Health Research Organization (UNHRO), Entebbe, Uganda;</p> <p>(iii) Tanzania: The Chief Medical Officer, Ministry of Health and Social Welfare, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, The Director, Ifakara Health Research and Development Centre, Ifakara, Tanzania. The Director General, National Institute of Medical Research (NIMR), Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, The Chief Medical Officer, Ministry of Health, Zanzibar; and</p> <p>iv) EAC Secretariat: Deputy Secretary General (Projects and Programmes), and the Health Coordinator</p>
25.	Avian Influenza (Bird Flu)	<p>The Council took note of the decisions of the 2nd Avian Influenza (Bird Flu) meeting of the EAC Multi-sectoral Council of Ministers responsible for Livestock, Health, Tourism, Wildlife and Information held from 4th to 7th September 2006 in Arusha, Tanzania.</p>
26.	Political Federation	<p>The Council:</p> <p>(a) took note of the fact that the Sectoral Council of the Ministers Responsible for EAC had already developed a framework to guide the work of the National Consultative Committees; and</p>

		(b) urged the Partner States to work on the basis of the report of the Consultative process developed by the EAC Secretariat.
27.	Interstate Defence Co-Operation	The Council: (a) took note of the decision of the Sectoral Council on Defence on the establishment of the Directorate of Peace and security.
28.	Interstate Security Cooperation	The Council: (a) adopted a Strategy for Regional Peace and Security together with the proposed work plan for implementation; (b) directed the Chiefs of Police, the Defence Chiefs and the Chiefs of intelligence to initiate implementation of the Strategy in line with its plan of action.
29.	Interstate Security Cooperation	The Council: (a) took note of the developments in the establishment of a Sectoral Council on Regional Peace and Security and Modus Operandi on Cross Cutting Issues; (b) established an EAC joint forum of Chiefs of Defence, Police and Intelligence to meet on an annual basis; and (c) established a joint Working Group of Experts to handle cross cutting issues and report to the Joint Meeting of Chiefs of Defence, Police and Intelligence.
30.	SALW Project	The Council: (a) took note of the developments in the implementation of the EAC Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW) Projects; and (b) approved establishment of a sectoral Steering Committee to oversee the project implementation.
31.	EAC Liaison Office at AU	The Council: (a) took note of the developments in the establishment of an EAC Liaison Office at the African Union Commission; and (b) decided that the matter be brought urgently to the attention of the Summit of Heads of State for consideration and guidance on the way forward.

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FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION DECISIONS OF THE 13TH MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

The Council of Ministers at its 13th meeting held on 28 November 2006 in Arusha, Tanzania, made the following decisions on Finance and Administration matters:

FINANCE

Status of Partner States' Contributions:

The Council:

- (a) urged Partner States to settle the outstanding budgetary contributions for second quarter of 2006/07;
- (b) directed Partner States to officially notify the Secretariat once they have deposited funds into the account; and
- (c) directed the Secretariat to officially acknowledge receipts of contributions from Partner States.

Status of Revenue Float

The Council took note of the status of the Revenue Float and the General Reserve Bank account.

Financing options for the Community

The Council urged Partner States to expedite their consultations on financing options of the Community so as to present their report to the Council at its 14th Ordinary Meeting.

Budget Proposal for FY 2007/2008

The Council considered the Community's Budget proposal for FY 2007/08 and referred it to the Legislative Assembly for debate and approval.

EAC Partnership Fund

The Council took note of the progress in operationalizing the EAC Partnership Fund.

EAC Income Generating Activities

The Council approved charging of a fee on tendering for procurement of goods and services and a fee for EAC Publications.

Amendment of the Financial Rules and Regulations

The Council approved amendment to the Financial Rules and Regulations to include the payment of Sitting Allowance to members of the Procurement and Contracts Committee at the following rates: Chairperson - US\$ 150; Secretary - US\$ 120; and Members - US\$ 100.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Implementation Modalities for the recommended Salaries and Allowances

The Council:

- (a) adopted the conversion table, which is Annex XXIV of the Report of the 13th Ordinary Meeting of the Council of Ministers;
- (b) approved option 2, which is Annex XXV of the Report of the 13th Ordinary meeting of the Council of Ministers;
- (c) approved the total financial implications arising from the enhanced salaries and allowances as per Annex XXVI of the report amounting to US\$ 2,747,449;
- (d) approved that the savings to be realised from the current budget levels including the donor contributions for nine (9) priority posts amounting to US\$ 2,046,694 used to meet part of the expenditure arising from proposed enhanced salaries and allowances;
- (e) directed that the float funds be used as a stop gap measure in the event that there are delays in concretising donor funding for payment of enhanced salaries and allowances. This would be applied in accordance with the rules and regulations governing the Revenue Float;
- (f) approved the effective date of implementation of the enhanced salaries and allowances as 1 January 2007;
- (g) noted that starting from the financial year 2007/2008, the budget contribution by the Partner States shall increase by 4% amounting to US\$ 394,696 per annum;
- (h) decided that the Secretary General be allowed to identify a staff member to be appointed to the position of Chef de Cabinet and that the contract of the staff member so appointed be tied to the tenure of office of the respective Secretary General. The normal recruitment procedures shall not apply;
- (i) decided that drivers for Executive Staff members be paid extraneous allowance of 5% of basic salary per month. This allowance terminates once the driver ceases to perform those duties;
- (j) directed that the Executive Staff be allowed to recruit personal drivers whose contracts shall be tied to the duration of their contract, starting with the current Executive Staff. This shall also apply to the drivers for the Judge President, Speaker, Director General (Customs and Trade) and Executive Secretary (Lake Victoria Basin Commission). This rule shall not apply to the drivers of Executive Staff who are EAC pool drivers;
- (k) directed that the existing staff continue serving under their current contracts but with enhanced salaries and allowances. Any higher or vacant positions be advertised and filled in accordance with the relevant provisions in the Staff Rules and Regulations;
- (l) noted that the conversion approved during the 12th Council Meeting does not in any way demote, promote or upgrade any incumbents;

(m) directed that the approved functional structure be applied, in line with the approved job grading without any migration to a higher or lower position; and
(n) submitted the approved emoluments for the Secretary General and Deputy Secretaries General to the Summit for consideration and approval.

Priority Positions

The Council directed the Secretariat to expedite the recruitment exercise and finalise the recruitment process of the 42 priority positions, EAC Secretariat (33), EACJ (1), EALA (2) and LVBC (6), by the end of January 2007 as directed.

Elevating the Post of Counsel to the Community to D1

The Council decided that the post of the Counsel to the Community be retained at P5 scale.

Renewal of Professional Staff Contracts

The Council:

(a) decided that the contracts of the following Professional Staff be renewed with effect from the due dates:

- (i) Mrs. Mary N. Makoffu (Economist – P2) w.e.f. 17th February, 2007;
- (ii) Mr. David M. Sajjabi (Economist – P3) w.e.f. 21st February, 2007;
- (iii) Mr. Enock Yonazi (Eng./Planner – P3) w.e.f. 23 February, 2007;
- (iv) Ms. Charity C. Musiimire (Human Resources Officer – P3) w.e.f. 24th February, 2007; and
- (v) Ms. Isabelle F. Waffubwa (Legal Officer – P3) w.e.f. 16th June, 2007, and

(b) directed the Secretariat to establish the Performance Evaluation System by July 2007.

Projects Development Officer and Maritime Safety Officer for LVBC

The Council appointed the following to the respective professional positions as officers of the Lake Victoria Basin Commission:

- (i) Mr. Ali Said Matano (Kenya) – Projects Development Officer (P3)
- (ii) Mr. Gerson Japhet Fumbuka (Tanzania) – Maritime Safety Officer (P3)

Additional Staff for EAC Secretariat

The Council:

(a) approved the following additional staff establishment at the East African Community Secretariat:

- (i) Two (2) Security Assistants;
- (ii) One (1) IT Technician;
- (iii) One (1) Hardware Technician; and
- (iv) One (1) Office Attendant; and

(b) directed that recruitment be done in accordance with EAC Staff Rules and Regulations 2006.

Civil Aviation Safety and Security Oversight Agency (CASSOA)

The Council:

(a) established the EAC Civil Aviation Safety and Security Oversight Agency (CASSOA); and
(b) decided that the Agency be an independent and self-accounting institution, whose budget will be approved by a Board of Directors and forwarded to the Council for noting.

EALA and EACJ Emoluments

The Council established a Task Force to review the remuneration of the Members of EALA and the Judges of the EACJ and present their recommendations to the 14th Meeting of the Council of Ministers. The Task Force to comprise of representatives ministries/institutions from Partner States as follows:

- (a) National Assembly;

- (b) Ministry of Finance;
- (c) Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs;
- (d) Ministry of Public Service;
- (e) National judiciaries; and
- (f) Ministry of East African Cooperation Affairs.

ADMINISTRATION

Criteria for Establishing EAC Sectoral Council

The Council:

- (a) noted that operationalization of existing Sectoral Council is affordable; and
- (b) decided that the comments by the Finance and Administration Committee be incorporated in the Criteria and any new Sectoral Council proposed for establishment be in line with the Criteria.

Report on the Activities of EALA: September-November 2006

The Council:

- (a) took note of the report on the activities of the EA Legislative Assembly during the period under review;
- (b) commended the 1st EA Assembly for its contributions to the integration process of the East African Community; and
- (c) commended the outgoing Hon. Members of the 1st Assembly.

Activities of the East African Court of Justice

The Council:

- (a) took note of the report on the activities of the EA Court of Justice during the period under review; and
- (b) commended the two outgoing Judges (Hon. Mr. Justice Joseph Sinde Warioba from the United Republic of Tanzania and Hon Lady Justice Solomy Bossa from the Republic of Uganda) of the East African Court of Justice for their commendable work during their tenure and welcome the incoming Hon. Judges of EACJ.

Lake Victoria Basin Commission

- (a) The Council approved the Terms of Reference (TOR) for the preparation of the Operational Strategy for the LVBC and the implementation of the consultancy. This work is to be undertaken as soon as possible.
- (b) The Council took note of the Decisions of the Sectoral Council on Lake Victoria Basin Commission

Moving LVBC Offices to Kisumu

The Council:

- (a) urged the Republic of Kenya and the East African Community Secretariat to expedite negotiations towards conclusion of the Headquarters Agreement in time to effect the inauguration of the Commission in Kisumu by January 2007; and
- (b) Took note of the undertaking by the Government of Kenya to administratively grant the Commission and its officials immunities and privileges as provided for under Article 138 of the Treaty for the Establishment of the East African Community.

Annual Progress Report

The Council took note of EAC Report for the period April – November 2006 and adopted it for submission to the Summit of Heads of States.

SPECIAL REPORTS

EAC Development Strategy 2006-2010

The Council adopted the EAC Development Strategy 2006 - 2010.

EAC Development Fund

The Council:

- (a) took note of the developments in the establishment of an EAC Development Fund;
- (b) directed the Secretariat to come up with a draft Protocol for the establishment of an EAC Development Fund and present the same to a meeting to be attended by representatives from the Ministries of Finance, Central Banks and Ministries of Justice for consideration by March 2007; and
- (c) directed the Secretariat to present the draft Protocol for the establishment of an EAC Development Fund to the Council for consideration in April 2007.

East African Community Industrialisation Strategy

The Council urged the Partner States to submit comments on the draft EAC Industrialisation Strategy to the Secretariat by end of January 2007.

EAC Regional Framework on Promoting Good Governance and Combating Corruption

The Council:

- (a) established a Working Group of experts to develop the proposed regional framework for consideration by the policy-making organs of the Community. The composition of the Working Group will be determined by the Partner States.
- (b) in developing the proposed framework, the Working Group was urged to consider:
 - (i) establishing an Inter Parliamentary Committee of East African Legislative Assembly to monitor and assess the effectiveness of the National Parliamentary Committees on anti-corruption and governance;
 - (ii) consider whether the Jurisdiction of the East African Court of Justice could be extended to handle matters of corruption at appellate level.

Transformation of EADB

The Council:

- (a) took note of the measures proposed by East African Developing Bank in transforming itself into a lead agency in pursuit of regional integration in East Africa;
- (b) directed the Ministers responsible for Finance and the East African Development Bank to source for funds to implement the measures proposed in EADB paper; and
- (c) recommended to the Summit of Heads of State to direct the Partner States to fast track implementation of the measures proposed by EADB.

EACJ Ref. NO.1 of 2006 Prof. Anyang' Nyong'o and 10 others Versus the AG of Kenya and 5 others

The Council recommended to the Summit to:

- (a) take note of the impasse in swearing-in the new EALA members as a result of the case in the EACJ and assist the EAC to overcome this difficulty;
- (b) for the purposes of ensuring progress in the programmes and activities of the Community, refer the matter to the Sectoral Council on Legal and Judicial Affairs to study the jurisdiction of the EACJ and other related matters and advise the Council appropriately on the way forward.

Amendment of the East African Community Customs Management Act, 2004

The Council:

- (a) stayed the application of EAC CET on goods originating from COMESA and SADC;
- (b) decided that the Partner States continue to apply Preferential Tariff Treatments to goods originating from COMESA in respect of Kenya and Uganda; and goods originating from SADC Member States in respect of Tanzania

LEGAL NOTICE NO. EAC/??/2007

The Council of Ministers at its 12th Extraordinary meeting held on 8 December 2006 in Arusha, Tanzania, made the following decisions:

AMENDMENT OF THE TREATY

The Council adopted the proposals for amendment of the Treaty for submission to the Summit pursuant to Article 150 for consideration and approval.

Fast Tracking East African Political Federation

The Council approved US\$ 200,000 budgetary allocation from the Revenue Float for facilitating the ongoing consultative process.

Collaboration with Arcadia University

The Council took note of the Memorandum of Understanding between the EAC and the Arcadia University, USA in regard to peace building and conflict resolution.

LEGAL NOTICE NO. EAC/0????/2007

**8TH SUMMIT OF THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY HEADS OF STATE
JOINT COMMUNIQUÉ**

The 8th Summit of the East African Community Heads of State was held in Arusha, Tanzania on 30 November 2006.

The Summit was attended by:

- H.E. President Mwai Kibaki, President of the Republic of Kenya and Chairperson of the EAC Summit of Heads of State
- H.E. President Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete, President of the United Republic of Tanzania
- H.E. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, President of the Republic of Uganda
- H.E. Paul Kagame, President of the republic of Rwanda
- H.E. Pierre Nkurunziza, President of the Republic of Burundi
- H.E. Amani Abeid Karume, President of Zanzibar

OPENING CEREMONY

The Secretary General, Amb. Juma V. Mwapachu delivered welcoming remarks which highlighted the following:

- The need for the EAC to explore ways and means to realize self reliance in financing projects and programmes.
- The necessity to develop closer collaboration and cooperation between the EAC and SADC and COMESA especially in harmonization of policy on trade and development issues.
- The need to re-brand the EAC and improve its image and identity.
- Developments in improving EAC's institutional capacity to discharge its responsibility.

The Chairperson of the Council, Hon. John arap Koech tabled the Community's report covering the period 30th March to 29th November 2006. The Report covered the following salient features:

- Developments in the integration process covering all the sectors.
- Progress report on the work of the Lake Victoria Basin Commission.
- Status of the National Consultative process on fast tracking political federation.

- High Level Negotiations with Rwanda and Burundi.
- Finalization of the 3rd EAC Development Strategy.
- Review of the EAC Organizational Structure and improved terms and conditions of service of staff.

The Chairperson of the Summit, H.E. President Mwai Kibaki in his statement outlined the following:

- The historic appointment of Ministers solely responsible for EAC Affairs.
- The commendable role played by the 1st East African Legislative Assembly (EALA) and the role of the East African Court of Justice (EACJ).
- The consolidation of the Customs Union and the intensification of regional projects and programmes.
- The need to further build the capacity of the EAC Secretariat to improve performance.
- Creation of deeper awareness by the East African people of the strategic issues involved in East African integration.
- The launch of the 3rd EAC Development Strategy and its importance in moving the EAC from a Customs Union to a Common Market.
- The urgency for the EAC to put in place a development fund for financing EAC projects and programmes on a sustainable basis.

After the formal opening ceremony the Summit then:

NOTED WITH SATISFACTION AND ADOPTED THE REPORT OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS FOR THE PERIOD 30TH MARCH TO 29TH NOVEMBER 2006. DEVELOPMENTS IN THE INTEGRATION PROCESS

APPROVED RESTROPECTIVELY, pursuant to Article 42 of the Protocol on the Establishment of the East African Customs Union, the amendments made to the EAC Common External Tariff contained in the EAC Gazette volume 81-No 004 of 15th September 2005 and Volume 81-No 003 of 30th June 2006.

NOTED with satisfaction the successful implementation of the first round of tariff reduction by Tanzania and Uganda to affected goods originating from Kenya effective 1st January 2006

FURTHER NOTED the commencement of the second round of tariff reduction effective 1st January 2007

APPROVED the recommendation of the Council to sustain the preferential tariff treatment for goods originating from COMESA and SADC countries by the instrument proposed by the Council of Ministers pending the amendment of the East African Customs Management Act, 2004

NOTED the satisfactory increase in the total volume of intra-EAC trade between 2002 and 2005

APPRECIATED in particular the 21.17% growth in trade between 2004 and 2005. The growth is from US\$1,517.88 million in 2004 to US\$1,839.23 million in 2005. Total intra-EAC trade as a percentage of total EAC trade remained at around 11% between 2002 and 2005.

COMMENDED the Secretariat for finalization and adoption of the Customs Management Regulations which will improve the operationalization of the EAC Customs Law.

URGED the Partner States to expeditiously establish national monitoring committees responsible for removal of NTBs at national level.

COMMENDED the Secretariat for its collaboration with the EABC in developing simplified guidelines and publicity materials for use in implementing the removal of NTBs at regional and national level.

NOTED with satisfaction the approval of a Programme on “Trade Capacity-Building in Agro-Industry Products” for the establishment and proof of EAC compliance with international market requirements to the tune of US\$ 2,328,800 million over 3 years funded by NORAD and UNIDO. The Programme will commence in December 2006.

FURTHER COMMENDED the Council for adopting an EAC Customs Flag.

HIGHLY COMMENDED the Partner States and the Secretariat for the successful trade policy review meeting with the WTO held in Geneva in October 2006.

APPLAUDED the Secretariat for the initiatives taken to harmonize trade and development arrangements with COMESA and SADC and **DIRECTED** that the collaboration with the two sister regional economic organizations be reinforced.

COMMENDED the Chief Executive Officers of EAC/COMESA/SADC for their commitment in deepening this tripartite cooperation.

NOTED the satisfactory progress being made in extending the preferential tariff treatment accorded to COMESA and SADC by the Partner States to 31st December 2008.

DIRECTED the Secretariat to urgently finalise the EAC Industrialization Strategy which would assist in consolidating the Customs Union.

NOTED that a firm of Consultants has been retained to undertake the EAC Common Market Study.

CALLED UPON the Partner States to align their investment legislation to fit the EAC Model Investment Code.

APPLAUDED the Partner States and the Secretariat for the finalization and adoption of the Private Sector Development Strategy and **DIRECTED** the immediate implementation of the Strategy.

DIRECTED the Secretariat to coordinate with the East African Business Council and the Commonwealth Business Council preparation of a well planned programme for holding a successful Commonwealth Business Forum during the Commonwealth Heads of State and Government Meeting (CHOGM) in Kampala in November 2007.

NOTED the finalization of the Study on EAC monetary integration and **DIRECTED** Partner States to give their comments on the Study by March 2007.

NOTED the adoption by the Council and the signing of the instruments with respect to Agriculture and Rural Development Strategy and Agriculture and Rural Development Policy.

NOTED with satisfaction the current status of the construction of the Arusha-Namanga-Athi River Road.

FURTHER THANKED the African Development Bank for the grant of US\$5.5 million to support the feasibility and design study of the Arusha-Holili-Taveta-Voi Road and investment preparations for the Tanga-Horohoro-Malindi road as well as for the civil engineering capacity building in the EAC.

NOTED the Council decision to establish the East African Civil Aviation Safety and Security Oversight Agency (CASOSA) to be funded by the Civil Aviation and Airport Authorities of the Partner States.

NOTED the commencement of the technical and feasibility study on the establishment of the Unified Upper Flight Information Region (Common air space).

THANKED the US Trade Development Agency for funding the study to the tune of US\$ 556,000.

CALLED upon the Partner States to work towards an early realization of broadband infrastructure network in the region under the EASSy programme.

NOTED with satisfaction the approval of the regional framework for E-Government in the East African Community.

URGED the Partner States to set aside adequate resources to effectively support the meteorological services in order to invest in infrastructure that will facilitate factoring weather and climate changes in development planning.

NOTED the implementation plan for the East African Power Master Plan.

NOTED FURTHER the importance of fast tracking the plan in the light of the acute energy crisis facing the Partner States.

URGED the Partner States to accord high priority to the mobilization of resources and implementation of the Regional Strategy on Scaling Up Access to Modern Energy Services.

CALLED upon the Secretariat to ensure a successful third Conference on Petroleum Potential and Investment Opportunities in East Africa to be held in Arusha in March 2007.

URGED Partner States to ratify the EAC Protocol on Environment and Natural Resources Management as soon as possible.

COMMENDED the Partner States for promoting East Africa as a single tourist destination in international tourism fairs.

WELCOMED the final ratification by Kenya of the Protocol on the Establishment of the Inter University Council for East Africa.

DIRECTED the Secretariat to ensure that the EAC Anthem is presented to the 4th Extraordinary Summit in April 2007.

NOTED the progress made towards the establishment of the East Africa Kiswahili Council.

DIRECTED the Secretariat to fast track the finalization of the Protocol.

NOTED with satisfaction the decision of the UNESCO Executive Board at its 175th Session to conclude a Cooperation Framework Agreement with the EAC.

FURTHER NOTED the development of the Draft Protocol for the Establishment of the East African Science and Technology Council.

DIRECTED the Secretariat to speed up the adoption of the Protocol.

NOTED with satisfaction the drafting of a Protocol for the Establishment of the East African Health Research Council.

DIRECTED the Secretariat to finalize the protocol by April 2007.

COMMENDED the Government of Uganda for agreeing to host the 1st EAC Annual Health and Scientific Conference from 28th to 30th March 2007 in Kampala.

COMMENDED the Partner States and the Secretariat for the adoption of the Regional Framework on Gender and Community Development.

COMMENDED the Governments of Kenya and Uganda for adopting a Plan of Action to curb cattle rustling.

REITERATED the need to enforce the Nairobi Protocol on combating the proliferation of illegal small arms and light weapons with the collaboration of IGAD and AU.

ENDORSED the Council recommendation to establish an EAC Liaison Office at the AU Headquarters pursuant to an EU funded project to build the capacity of the AU to better coordinate cooperation in peace and security matters on the continent.

FURTHER NOTED progress made towards putting in place a Protocol on EAC Conflict Early Warning and Response Mechanism.

EAC ORGANIZATION STRUCTURE AND CAPACITY BUILDING

NOTED the decision of the Council to review the Organization Structure and Staffing of the Community as well as the enhancement of the emoluments of staff.

APPROVED the recommendations of the Council to enhance the emoluments of the Secretary General and the Deputy Secretaries General.

NOTED with satisfaction the enhanced cooperation between the development partners and the East African Community culminating in the launch of the EAC Partnership Fund.

DEEPLY APPRECIATED the role the development partners are playing in promoting EAC's capacity building and implementing development programmes.

DIRECTED the Secretariat to speed up the process leading towards the establishment of the EAC Development Fund to assure the EAC of sustainable sources for funding its activities.

LAKE VICTORIA BASIN COMMISSION

NOTED progress made in moving the Secretariat of the Lake Victoria Basin Commission to Kisumu, Kenya.

APPRECIATED the support of DFID of UK in gifting the EAC a Research Vessel named "RV Jumuiya".

DIRECTED the Commission to maximize the use of the vessel for improving navigation on the lake and for undertaking a hydrographic survey of the Lake as well as real time meteorological surveillance.

COMMENDED the Secretariat for the establishment of the Lake Victoria Basin Information Resource Centre which will enhance access and retrieval of scientific information on the Lake Victoria and its basin

APPLAUDED the conclusion of an MOU between the EAC and the Nile Basin Initiative on cooperation on Sustainable Development on the Lake Victoria Basin.

NOTED with satisfaction the preparation of the second phase of the Lake Victoria Environmental Management Project (LVEMP-II) undertaken by the Partner States along with Rwanda and Burundi.

WELCOMED the Lake Victoria Commission – UN Habitat joint project on water and sanitation in urban growth centres within the Lake Victoria Basin.

CONSULTATIVE PROCESS ON EAST AFRICAN FEDERATION

COMMENDED the Secretariat and the Partner States for the well organized launch programmes of the Consultative Process on Fast Tracking East African Federation.

DIRECTED the Council to make available to the EAC Secretariat adequate funds from EAC's reserve funds for financing the printing of adequate copies of the Wako Report and for printing of leaflets and pamphlets to be used in informing and sensitizing the East African citizenry on the core issues involved in the debate on Political Federation.

DIRECTED the National Consultative Committees to pursue their work diligently in fulfilling performance time lines.

PUBLICITY AND MARKETING OF THE EAC

NOTED efforts being taken by the Secretariat to re-brand the EAC in order to improve its image and identity.

DIRECTED the Secretariat that effective outreach programmes be implemented to bring the EAC closer to the hearts and minds of the East African people.

LAUNCH OF THE THIRD EAC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

COMMENDED the Secretariat and the Partner States for finalizing the 3rd EAC Development Strategy 2006-2010.

APPROVED the adoption of the Development Strategy.

DIRECTED the Secretariat to draw effective plans to ensure successful implementation of the Strategy.

ACTIVITIES OF EAC ORGANS AND INSTITUTIONS

NOTED the expiry of the inaugural East African Legislative Assembly (EALA) on 29th November 2006.

COMMENDED the inaugural East African Legislative Assembly for an excellent path breaking role and performance.

ENDORSED the recommendation of the Council of Ministers to reconstitute the East African Court of Justice by establishing two divisions, namely a Court of First Instance with jurisdiction as per present Article 23 of the Treaty and an Appellate Division with appellate powers over the Court of First Instance.

DIRECTED that the procedure for the removal of Judges from office provided in the Treaty be reviewed with a view to including all possible reasons for removal other than those provided in the Treaty.

DIRECTED that a special Summit be convened very soon to consider and to pronounce itself on the proposed amendments of the Treaty in this regard.

NOTED with appreciation the completion of the analysis of data from the Frame survey (fisheries census) conducted in March 2006.

NOTED the increasing number of fishers on Lake Victoria with the fishery yield in 2005 totalling about 800,000 metric tones valued at US\$ 340 million.

COMMENDED the Lake Victoria Fisheries Organization (LVFO) for its work in promoting sustainable utilization and optimal socio-economic benefits from the fisheries resources of Lake Victoria.

COMMENDED the Inter University Council for East Africa (IUCEA) for hosting and empowering biotechnology and biodiversity research programmes centred on Lake Victoria and its basin with productive output on food security, sustainable environment management and productive agro industries.

APPLAUDED the Inter University Council for East Africa (IUCEA) for running the East African Varsity-Net Project which, through ICT solutions, enhances the role of East African Universities as centres of excellence.

NOTED with satisfaction the report of the East African Development Bank (EADB) pursuant to the Summit's directive spelling out concrete proposals on how it could transform itself into a lead agency for promoting East African regional integration.

DIRECTED the Partner States to ensure that resources are mobilized to enable the proposed financial vehicles to be established and put into operation as soon as possible.

FURTHER DIRECTED that the Council reports progress taken at the Extraordinary Summit in April, 2007.

EXPRESSED serious concern on the continuing legal saga between the Bank and Blue Line Enterprises in the High Court in Dar-es-Salaam.

CALLED UPON the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania to assist in having the case concluded expeditiously.

NEGOTIATIONS ON ADMISSION OF RWANDA AND BURUNDI

NOTED the successful negotiations at the Ministerial levels and recommendation of the Council for the admission of Rwanda and Burundi into the East African Community.

DECIDED to admit the Republic of Rwanda and Burundi as full Members of the East African Community.

DECIDED FURTHER that admission will be effective from 1st July 2007 after Rwanda and Burundi have concluded an Accession Treaty which has a six months' time frame.

DIRECTED the EAC Secretariat to work out with Rwanda and Burundi the smooth operationalization of membership accession.

SCHEDULE OF SUMMIT MEETINGS

NOTED and APPROVED the scheduling of the Extraordinary Summit Meeting in Arusha on 19th April 2007 and the Working Summit Meeting to be held in Arusha from 9th – 10th July, 2007.

DONE AT ARUSHA, THIS 30TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2006

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H.E. MWAI KIBAKI
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC
OF KENYA

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H.E. JAKAYA MRISHO KIKWETE
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED
REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA

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H.E. YOWERI K. MUSEVENI
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC
OF UGANDA

LEGAL NOTICE NO. EAC/0????/2007

DECISIONS OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

At its 13th Extra ordinary Meeting held from 16 to 18 April 2007 in Arusha, Tanzania, the Council of Ministers of the East African Community made the following Decisions/Directives: -

S/N	Area of Co-operation	Decision/Directive
1.	Terms and Conditions of Service of EALA and EACJ Members	The Council recommended to the Summit to consider and adopt the revised emoluments for the EALA Members and EACJ Judges, with effect from 1 st July, 2007
2.	Revised Budget for FY 2007/08	The Council considered and approved additional budget amounting to US\$7,277,582 as a result of proposed remuneration of EALA Members and EACJ Judges and admission of the Republic of Burundi and the Republic of Rwanda.
3.	Revenue Float	The Council: (a) took note of the status of the Revenue Float; and (b) directed the Secretariat to carry out a review for the past five years and propose appropriate measures to address the findings of the review.
4.	Financing East African Community	The Council deferred changing the modalities of funding of the Community budget until 2010 when the full implementation of the EAC Customs Union would have been achieved.
5.	Reallocations within the Budget	The Council approved the reallocations as follows: (a) US Dollars 27,000 from Telephone Vote to Remodeling Vote; (b) US Dollars 50, 150 from Consultancy Vote to the Furniture Vote for remodeling and furnishing of the office of the Ministers of the EAC Affairs; and (c) US Dollars 20, 000 from the Consultancy Vote to the

		Travel and Subsistence Vote for the Defense Liaison.
6.	East African Court of Justice (Supplementary Budget and Reallocation for FY 2006/07)	The Council: (a) approved the reallocation of US\$ 111,000 retrospectively; (b) directed the Secretariat to reallocate US\$175,035 from within the budget; and (c) recommended to the Summit to approve payment of ex-gratia to Justice Solomy Bossa and Justice Joseph Warioba an amount of US\$60,000 respectively from the Revenue Float.
7.	Emoluments to staff	The Council: a) approved US\$352,000 to support the payment of emoluments, rent, computers, office furniture, travel and subsistence for two members of staff from the float; b) took note that the three (3) posts were to be donor funded and would therefore not have any financial implications to the Community in the future; c) directed the Secretariat to follow-up with the development partner who pledged financial support by July 2007 and in case the funding is received, the money drawn from the float should be reimbursed to the float; and d) directed the Secretariat to comply with regulations on Staff Recruitment, ensuring that there is budgetary provision for the emoluments.
8.	Procurement of Motor Vehicles	The Council approved the purchase of one mini-bus and one four-wheel drive vehicle at a total cost of US\$60,000.
9.	East Africa Culture and Sports Council	The Council approved a US\$ 99,000 budget to facilitate the Task Force activities for the establishment of the East Africa Culture and Sports Council.
10.	Accounts Assistant - Payroll	The Council approved the recruitment of the Accounts Assistant – Payroll at G4 level.
11.	Human Resources and Administration	The Council confirmed the appointment of Mr. Charles Kadonya, Senior Research Officer (P2).
		The Council appointed: a) Mr. Mtesigwa O. Maugo as the Executive Director of Civil Aviation Safety and Security Oversight Agency (CASSOA); and b) Mr. Robert F. O. Mwesigwa as the Technical Co-ordinator, CASSOA.
		The Council: a) approved the re-designation of the position of Senior Civil Engineer to Principal Civil Engineer and that of Principal Transport Economist to Senior Transport Economist; b) approved that the Principal Civil Engineer position be advertised for filling immediately in view of the workload currently being co-ordinated by the Transport and Works Section of the EAC

		<p>c) Secretariat; and noted that there are no additional budgetary implications from the above recruitment.</p>																																																																		
		<p>The Council:</p> <p>a) directed the Secretariat to freeze the employment of General Staff until the employment policy is considered and approved by the next Council;</p> <p>b) directed the Secretariat that newly recruited General Staff should not be confirmed in their appointment until the policy on recruitment of General Staff is in place; and</p> <p>c) urged the Ministers responsible for Foreign Affairs to conclude the EAC Protocol on Immunities and Privileges taking into account the need to address all inconsistencies in the Headquarters Agreements.</p>																																																																		
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13.	Office of the Counsel to the Community	<p>The Council:</p> <p>a) reiterated its decision that the Office of the Counsel to the Community be maintained at professional level;</p> <p>b) decided that the following posts be immediately recruited:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) Two (2) Principal Legal Officers at P3 level; and ii) One (1) Senior Legal Officer at P2 																																																																		

		<p>level;</p> <p>c) directed the Secretariat to prepare a job description for the Principal Legal Officer at P4 level and refer it to the Finance and Administration Committee before the next meeting of the Council scheduled to take place in Kampala in June 2007.</p>
14.	EAC Organizational Structure	<p>The Council directed the Secretariat to appoint a Consultant to prepare a comprehensive paper and advise the Council on the new Community organization structure with the joining of the Republic of Burundi and the Republic of Rwanda, taking into account the following factors among others:</p> <p>a) the two new Partner States' sense of belonging;</p> <p>b) the Treaty's requirement for Partner States' equal contributions to the budget of the Community; and</p> <p>c) the two new Partner States' different legal and other systems.</p>
15.	Health Sector	<p>The Council:</p> <p>a) approved 10% of the proposed five-year budget of USD 648,274.80 for the Integrated Regional Emergency Preparedness and Response to Trans-Boundary Human and Animal Diseases in East Africa to be catered for as follows:</p> <p>i) for the first year, the Secretariat to draw the required US\$129,654 from the float;</p> <p>ii) for the remaining period of the project, funding should be included in the annual budget of the Community; and</p> <p>b) reiterated its decision that whenever decisions which have financial implications are made by Sectoral Councils, the source of funding should always be stated.</p>
16.	East African Federation	<p>The Council:</p> <p>a) took note of the progress in the National Consultations towards Fast Tracking the Political Federation;</p> <p>b) extended the submission of completed reports by the respective National Consultative Committees by a further period of one month up to 30th June 2007;</p> <p>c) directed the Secretariat to prepare a status report on other stages of the integration process, examine ways of expediting them and give the Council a time-frame; and</p> <p>d) decided that it will seek guidance from the Summit on the Consultative Process in the Republic of Burundi and the Republic of Rwanda at the next Extraordinary Summit of Heads of State.</p>
17.	EAC Anthem	<p>The Council:</p> <p>a) took note of the decisions of the Sectoral Council on Education, Culture and Sports;</p> <p>b) recommended the three EAC Anthem proposals to</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> c) the Summit of Heads of State for consideration; directed the Secretariat to develop a strategy for disseminating and popularizing the EAC Anthem once adopted by the Summit; and d) recommended the establishment of the positions of Principal Culture Officer and that of Principal Sports Officer within the EAC Structure and prioritize the recruitment of the two positions in the 2008/09 EAC Budget.
18.	New Deputy Secretary General	<p>The Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) took note of the developments in regard to nomination of a person for appointment as Deputy Secretary General in replacement of Dr. Kipyego Cheluget by the Republic of Kenya; and b) urged the Republic of Kenya to submit a nominee as soon as possible.
19.	Signing of Protocols	<p>The following tripartite documents were signed during the 13th Extra-Ordinary Council of Ministers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Protocol on the Establishment of the East African Science and Technology Commission (EASTEKO); b) Protocol on the Establishment of the East African Civil Aviation Safety and Security Oversight Agency (CASSOA); c) Protocol on the Establishment of the East African Kiswahili Commission (EAKC); and d) Protocol on the Establishment of the East African Health Research Commission (EAHRC).
20.	Ministers responsible for Social Development	<p>The Council urged Partner States to initiate consultations towards the establishment of the Forum to provide a platform for East African Ministers of Social Development to share experiences and to harmonize policies and approaches in management of cross-cutting social concerns, such as poverty eradication and overall management of Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).</p>

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DECISIONS OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

At its 14th Extraordinary Meeting held on 4 May 2007 in Arusha, Tanzania, the Council of Ministers of the East African Community made the following Decisions/Directives: -

S/N	Area of Co-operation	Decision/Directive
1	Legal and Judicial Affairs	<p>The Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) took note and adopted the Report of the Sectoral Council on Legal and Judicial Affairs (Ref EAC/SG/03/2007) held on 3 May 2007 in Arusha, Tanzania; b) directed the Secretary General to bring the Report before the Summit expeditiously.
2.	Appointment of a new Deputy Secretary General	<p>The Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Recommended to the Summit the candidature of Dr. Julius Tangus Rotich as nominated by the Republic of Kenya;

		b) Directed the Secretary General to communicate the recommendation of the Council to the Summit by a Circular Resolution to enable the candidate take up his office at the earliest. The Instrument of Appointment shall be executed at the time the candidate is sworn in at the next Summit to be held in June, 2007 in Kampala, Uganda.
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DECISIONS OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

At its 15th Extraordinary Meeting held from 15 to 17 June 2007, in Kampala, Uganda, the Council of Ministers of the East African Community made the following Decisions/Directives: -

S/N	Area of Co-operation	Decision/Directive
1	Re-constituted East African Court of Justice	The Council: (a) adopted the proposals for the operationalization of the re-constituted Court of Justice; (b) decided that 1 st July, 2007 be the date for the operationalisation of the re-constituted Court of Justice; (c) decided that the operationalization of the re-constituted Court of Justice will be catered for within the current Budget of the East African Community for the Financial Year 2007 /2008 which provides for ten Judges; (d) decided that pending its full operationalization, the re-constituted Court of Justice will have five Judges in each of the Divisions; (e) decided that the re-designation of the re-constituted Court of Justice and appointment of Judges be tabled at the next meeting of the Council for consideration and presentation to the Summit for approval.
2.	Partner States' Contributions	The Council: a) took note of the status of the Partner States' contributions to the East African Community Budget; b) congratulated the Partner States for having effected their contributions for 2006/07 within the Financial Year; c) urged the Partner States to always effect their contributions to the East African Community Budget during the first half of the financial year; d) directed the Secretariat to always finalise the budgetary proposals by 30 th November each year in order to ensure that the same are addressed by the Partner States in time.
3.	Revenue Float	The Council: (a) established a team of experts from Ministries of Finance, Planning, East African Community, and Justice and Constitutional Affairs / Attorneys General Chambers of the Partner States to formulate new guidelines for the management of the Revenue Float, drawing examples from

		<p>other regional and international organizations and make appropriate recommendations to the Council;</p> <p>(b) directed that the exercise be completed by end of September 2007.</p>
4.	Human Resource Management	The Council directed the Secretariat to convene a meeting of the Finance and Administration Committee to consider the Draft Employment Policy for General Staff as soon as the Protocol on Immunities and Privileges is finalized by Partner States' Ministries of Foreign Affairs.
5.	EAC Organization Structure	<p>The Council:</p> <p>(a) decided that a team of experts from the five Partner States be constituted to consider a wholistic structure of the Community from a long term perspective;</p> <p>(b) directed the Co-ordination Committee to formulate terms of reference for the team of experts during this Meeting of the Council;</p> <p>(c) directed the team of experts to finalize its work and submit a report by end of August 2007;</p> <p>(d) decided that the approved 19 staff positions be reserved for the Republic of Burundi and Republic of Rwanda to be filled on a competitive basis.</p>
6.	Principal Legal Officer (P4)	<p>The Council:</p> <p>(a) deferred consideration and approval of the proposed job description for the Principal Legal Officer (P4) pending provision of the current job description for the Counsel to the Community and the other Principal Legal Officers to avoid duplication of duties and responsibilities being proposed;</p> <p>(b) directed the Secretariat to table this matter at the 16th Extraordinary Meeting of the Council scheduled to take place in July 2007.</p>
7.	Staff Contracts	<p>The Council:</p> <p>(a) deferred consideration and approval of renewal of employment contracts for Mr. Alphaxard K. N. Lugola (Senior Sergeant at Arms (P2)) and Mr. Kenneth N. Madete (Principal Clerk Assistant (P3)) until the required information has been provided;</p> <p>(b) directed the Secretariat to table this matter at the 16th Extraordinary Meeting of the Council scheduled to take place in July 2007.</p>
8.	Staff of EALA	<p>The Council:</p> <p>(a) appointed</p> <p>(i) Mr. Alex Obatre Lumumba to the position of Senior Clerk Assistant; and</p> <p>(ii) Mr. Joseph A. Malesi to the position of Accountant</p> <p>in the Legislative Assembly;</p> <p>(b) decided that the process of recruitment of staff should be reviewed to let the role of the Council be limited to senior positions while the handling of other positions should be left to the Secretary General; this matter should be considered within the context of the</p>

		amendment of the Treaty.
9.	Upgrading of General Staff to Professional Level	The Council directed the Secretariat to ensure that the new senior positions which were approved by the Council should be filled through advertisement and on a competitive basis.
10.	Audited accounts for the FY 2005 / 2006	The Council: (a) adopted the Audited Accounts of East African Community for the Financial Year 2005/2006; (b) took note of the responses of the Community on the issues raised and recommendations made by the Audit Commission; (c) adopted the recommendations reflected in the last column of the Matrix as decisions of the Council for immediate follow up action; (d) directed the Secretariat to take immediate action to strengthen the internal audit and to expeditiously implement all the recommendations of the Audit Report; and (e) submit the Audit Report to the East African Legislative Assembly.
11.	Candidature of Amb. Mchumo	The Council: (a) supported the candidature of Amb. Ali S. Mchumo for re-election as Managing Director of the Common Fund for Commodities; and (b) urged the five EAC Partner States to submit Amb. Mchumo's nomination for re-election to the Governing Council of The Common Fund of Commodities.
12.	Accelerating other stages of integration	The Council: (a) took note of the report on accelerating other stages of integration; (b) directed that the report and the timeframes be presented to the next Meeting of the Council.
13.	Implementation of the EAC Customs Union	The Council took note of the decisions of the Sectoral Council on Trade, Finance and Investment, which met on 31 May, 2007 and considered the following: Report on Trade and Investment Framework Agreement (TIFA) between the USA and EAC; Report on the outcome of consultations with EAC Heads of States on EPAs; and a paper by the EAC Secretariat on benefits and implications of EAC-EU-EPAs.
14.	Pre-budget Consultative Meetings	The Council: (a) adopted the decisions of the Ministers of Finance made during their Consultative Meeting, held on 31 May, 2007, in regard to status of implementation of Budget Proposals for 2006/07 Fiscal Year; status of implementation of fiscal, monetary and capital markets development affairs and the Budget Proposals for 2007/08 submitted by the Partner States; and (b) endorsed the decision of the Ministers of Finance on the adoption of the EAC CET 2007 Version and submitted the same to the Summit for approval as required under Article 42 of the Protocol on the Establishment of the East African Community Customs Union.
15.	Calendar of EAC activities	The Council: (a) adopted the Calendar of EAC Activities for the period July – December, 2007; (b) urged the Partner States, Organs and Institutions of the

		Community to adhere to the Rules of Procedure and the Calendar of Activities; and (c) noted reports by the Republic of Kenya, the Republic of Uganda and the United Republic of Tanzania that they will be respectively involved in political, CHOGM and SADC schedules and activities during the last part of the year 2007; in this regard the Secretariat should accommodate appropriate flexibility in the handling of the Calendar
16.	Decisions of Ministers of Foreign Affairs	The Council adopted the decisions of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs made during their meeting held in Kampala on 16 June, 2007, in regard to the revised draft Protocol on Immunities and Privileges, candidatures for international jobs and related matters.

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At its 5th Extraordinary Summit held on 18 June 2007 in Kampala, Uganda, the Heads of State of the East African Community made the following Decisions/Directives: -

S/N	Area of Co-operation	Decision/Directive
1.	Admission of Burundi and Rwanda	The Summit:- (a) considered and approved the Treaties of Accession with each of the Republic of Burundi and the Republic of Rwanda; (b) decided that following the admission of the Republic of Burundi and the Republic of Rwanda into the Community, the principle of rotation, which is applied in the staffing process at the Community, shall be applied with a view to addressing the needs occasioned by the enlargement of country membership of the Community; (c) decided that each of the Republic of Burundi and the Republic of Rwanda be requested to:- (i) nominate two qualifying persons for appointment as Judges of the Court of Justice; (ii) second an officer to the Defence Liaison Unit at the Secretariat; (iii) elect nine members to the Legislative Assembly once the relevant provisions of the Treaty had been amended to cater for increased membership.
2.	Re-Constituted East African Court of Justice	The Summit decided that: (a) 1 st July, 2007 be the date for commencement of the re-constituted Court of Justice; (b) during the interim period, pending its full operationalization, the re-constituted Court of Justice will have five judges in each of the divisions; in this regard, each Partner State shall re-designate and appoint one of the current Judges of the Court of Justice to the Appellate Division; (c) the re-designation of the re-constituted Court of Justice and appointment of judges be tabled at the next Meeting of the Council for consideration and presentation to the Summit for approval.
3.	Terms and Conditions of Service for Members of EALA and EACJ	The Summit considered and approved the revised emoluments for:- (a) Members of the Legislative Assembly; and (b) Judges of the Court of Justice, respectively.
4.	Ex-Gratia Payments	The Summit considered and approved US\$60,000 ex gratia payment to each of:

		(a) Hon. Mr. Justice Joseph S. Warioba; and (b) Hon. Lady Justice Solomy B. Bossa, for their dedicated service to the East African Community.
5.	Appointment of Dr. Julius Tangus Rotich	The Summit considered the recommendation by the Council and appointed Dr. Julius Tangus Rotich, Deputy Secretary General.
6.	Constitution of the 2nd EALA	The Summit: (a) took note that the Speaker and Members of the 2 nd East African Legislative Assembly were sworn in on 5 June, 2007; (b) congratulated the Members of the Legislative Assembly upon their assumption of office and urged them to effectively discharge their functions as provided in the Treaty.
7.	East African Community Customs Union	The Summit: (a) approved the decision of the Council to adopt the EAC CET 2007 Version in accordance with Article 42 of the Protocol on the Establishment of the EAC Customs Union; (b) directed that the Ministers responsible for Trade and the Ministers responsible for EAC Affairs urgently meet to prepare a position paper on the EPA position for consideration by the Summit in August 2007.
8.	Fast Tracking Political Federation	The Summit: (a) took note of the progress in the National Consultations towards Fast Tracking the Political Federation; (b) endorsed a recommendation by the Council to extend the deadline given to the National Consultative Committees up to 30 th June, 2007 during which the respective National Committees would complete and submit their final reports to the EAC Secretariat; (c) directed that an Extraordinary Summit be convened to take place in August 2007 to receive reports on the National Consultations on Fast Tracking the process towards the East African Political Federation; (d) stayed making a decision on the involvement of the Republic of Burundi and the Republic of Rwanda in the consultations on the process towards Fast Tracking the Political Federation until a Report on the ensuring National Consultations has been considered; this will sustain the momentum of the already ongoing consultations.
9.	Establishment of Institutions of the Community	The Summit: (a) established:- (i) The East African Science and Technology Commission; (ii) The East African Civil Aviation Safety and Security Oversight Agency; (iii) The East African Kiswahili Commission; and (iv) The East African Health and Research Commission; (b) directed that these institutions commence operations immediately.
10.	EAC Anthem Proposals	The Summit deferred consideration of the proposals for an East African Community Anthem to the next ordinary Summit to enable the Republic of Burundi and the Republic of Rwanda to make inputs into the process.
11.	EAC Transportation Policy	The Summit directed the Council of Ministers to undertake a study on the formulation of a comprehensive East African Community Transportation Policy.
12.	Establishment of an African Union Government	The Summit decided that at the 9 th Ordinary Session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government, the East African

		Community Heads of State will emphasize the strengthening of existing regional economic blocs as the immediate pursuit for economic and political federation.
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**6TH EXTRAORDINARY SUMMIT OF THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY HEADS OF STATE
JOINT COMMUNIQUÉ**

The 6th Extraordinary Summit of the East African Community Heads of State was held in a warm and cordial atmosphere at the Ngurdoto Mountain Lodge in Arusha, Tanzania on 20^h August 2007.

The Summit was attended by the following Heads of State and Government:

- H.E. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, President of the Republic of Uganda;
- H.E. Mwai Kibaki, President of the Republic of Kenya;
- H.E. Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete, President of the United Republic of Tanzania;
- H.E Paul Kagame, President of the Republic of Rwanda; and
- H.E. Gabriel Ntisezerana, Second Vice President of the Republic of Burundi.

In attendance was H.E. Amani Abeid Karume, President of the Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar.

The following represented EAC Organs and Institutions: Hon. Mr. Justice Moijo M. ole Keiwua, Judge President of the East African Court of Justice; Rt. Hon. Abdirahin Haithar Abdi, Speaker of the East African Legislative Assembly; Mr. Godfrey Tumusiime, Director General of the East African Development Bank; Prof. Chacha Nyaigotti-Chacha, Executive Secretary of the Inter-University Council for East Africa; Mr. Meraji Msuya, Deputy Executive Secretary of the Lake Victoria Fisheries Organization; Dr. Tom Okia Okurut, Executive Secretary of the Lake Victoria Basin Commission.

The Secretary General of COMESA, Mr. Erastus Mwencha represented COMESA.

The following represented the Private Sector in East Africa: Mr. Arun Devani, Chairperson of the East African Business Council and Mr. Charles Mbogori, Executive Secretary of the East African Business Council.

The Chairperson of the EAC Council of Ministers, Rt. Hon. Eriya Kategaya presented an outline of the Reports that had been tabled for consideration at this 6th Extraordinary Summit of EAC Heads of State. The Summit deliberated and decided on the following issues:

1.0 NATIONAL CONSULTATIONS ON FAST TRACKING THE PROCESS TOWARDS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A POLITICAL FEDERATION

RECALLING its decision during the 5th Extraordinary Summit Meeting held in Kampala on 18th June 2007 that an Extraordinary Summit Meeting be convened in August 2007 to consider the Reports of the national consultations on fast tracking the process towards the East African Political Federation.;

APPRECIATED the excellent work done by the National Consultative Committees of the United Republic of Tanzania, the Republic of Uganda and the Republic of Kenya in producing the Reports containing the views of nationals on the process;

HAVING CONSIDERED the Reports of the National Consultative Committees:

NOTED WITH APPRECIATION the overwhelming support of East Africans in the Partner States of Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda for the establishment of a Political Federation;

FURTHER NOTED the need to mobilize and deepen sensitization on political integration, stimulate greater political will to promote deeper economic integration and to lock-in gains achieved from economic cooperation;

NOTED THAT the Republic of Rwanda and the Republic of Burundi shall commence, at the earliest, a consultation process on the establishment of a Political Federation.

NOTED FURTHER that the Republic of Rwanda and the Republic of Burundi shall speed up the process of integrating fully in the EAC Customs Union.

DECIDED that there is need to move expeditiously towards establishing a Common Market and a Monetary Union by 2012 as the EAC moves on to the Political Federation.

FURTHER DIRECTED that the Secretariat first explores the possibility of achieving the threshold of the Customs Union sooner; and second, develops a strategic framework to fast track the establishment of the Common Market and the Monetary Union for the consideration by the Council and the next Summit.

CALLED UPON the Secretariat to urgently formulate an East African Community Industrial and Investment Strategy supported by an effective institutional decision-making framework with a view to promoting equitable industrial development in East Africa.

2.0 EAC-EPA CONFIGURATION

RECALLING the April 2002 Summit decision that EAC should negotiate as a bloc in matters of ACP, EU and WTO trade arrangements;

FURTHER RECALLING the directive of the Summit at its Extraordinary Meeting held in Kampala on 18th June 2007 that the Ministers responsible for Trade and the Ministers responsible for East African Community Affairs meet urgently to consider and propose the way forward for EAC to negotiate an Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) with the European Union (EU) for consideration at this Extraordinary Summit Meeting;

HAVING CONSIDERED the proposal jointly made by the aforementioned Ministers;

AGREE that the EAC explores the possibility of negotiating an EPA with the EU.

3.0 AMENDMENTS TO THE TREATY FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY

RECALLING its earlier decision of 30th November 2006 to admit the Republic of Burundi and the Republic of Rwanda as full Members of the East African Community effective from 1st July, 2007 after the conclusion of Treaties of Accession;

FURTHER RECALLING that the Treaties of Accession with the Republic of Burundi and the Republic of Rwanda were signed at the 5th Extraordinary Summit held in Kampala on 18th June 2007;

NOTING that the Republic of Burundi and the Republic of Rwanda had finalized the accession process by each depositing the instruments of ratification of the Accession Treaties with the Secretary General;

FURTHER NOTING the need to amend some provisions of the Treaty establishing the East African Community with a view to facilitating the effective participation of the two new Partner States in EAC Organs and Institutions;

APPROVE the amendments as proposed to Articles 13, 17, 19, 48, 62 and 65 of the Treaty for the Establishment of the East African Community subject to the following amendment to Article 62(3) which should read ***“enacted by the East African Community and assented to by the Heads of State”***.

DONE AT ARUSHA, THIS 20TH DAY OF AUGUST 2007

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H.E. YOWERI K. MUSEVENI
PRESIDENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF UGANDA

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H.E. JAKAYA MRISHO KIKWETE
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED
REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA

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H.E. MWAI KIBAKI
PRESIDENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF KENYA

.....
H.E. PAUL KAGAME
PRESIDENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF RWANDA

.....
H.E. GABRIEL NTISEZERANA
SECOND VICE PRESIDENT OF
THE REPUBLIC OF BURUNDI

LEGAL NOTICE NO. ? EAC/0?/2007

At its 16th Extraordinary Meeting held on 17 August 2007 in Arusha, Tanzania, the Council of Ministers of the East African Community made the following Decisions/Directives: -

S/N	Area of Co-operation	Decision/Directive
1.	Fast Tracking Political Federation	The Council took note of the developments in regard to fast tracking the establishment of the East African Political Federation.
2.	Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA)	The Council took note of the progress being made in the Economic Partnership Agreement with the European Union.
3.	Amendment of the Treaty	The Council approved amendments of Articles 13, 17, 19, 48, 62 and 65 of the Treaty for the Establishment of the East African Community for submission to the 6 th Extraordinary Summit for consideration and adoption.
	Other Recommendations	The Council: (a) decided that a proposal to amend the Treaty to include Deputy Attorneys General or persons serving in that capacity in the Partner States within the membership of the Council be included in the main proposals to be

		<p>considered by the High Level Task Force;</p> <p>(b) directed the Secretary General to submit the proposed amendments on Articles, 1, 13, 17, 19, 48, 62 and 65 of the Treaty to the 6th Extraordinary Summit scheduled to be held on 20 August, 2007, through the Council, for consideration and adoption;</p> <p>(c)(i) directed the Secretary General to communicate, by 19 August, 2007, the Council's other proposed amendments to the Republic of Burundi and the Republic of Rwanda for consideration and comments;</p> <p>(ii) urged the Republic of Burundi and the Republic of Rwanda to submit comments on the other proposed amendments within ninety days from the date of dispatch of the amendments by the Secretary General;</p> <p>(iii) directed the Secretariat to convene a Meeting of the High Level Task Force in November 2007 to consider the proposed amendments and Partner States' comments to enable the Secretary General submit them (through the Council) to the Heads of State at the next ordinary Summit;</p> <p>(d) directed the Secretary General to bring a proposal to amend Article 26(3) of the Treaty, which refers to "the Commonwealth of Nations" to which Burundi and Rwanda do not belong, to the attention of the Partner States for comments before the next meeting of the High Level Task Force;</p> <p>(e) took note of a Report that the Republic of Burundi would require additional time to establish a Ministry solely responsible for EAC affairs.</p>
4.	Partner States' Contributions	The Council urged the Partner States to abide by the decision taken by the Council at its 15 th Extraordinary Meeting that Partner States should always honor their commitments on the EAC budget within six months after the reading of the Partner States' budgets.
5.	Human Resource Management	<p>The Council:</p> <p>(a) approved the proposed job description for the position of Principal Legal Officer (P4); the Secretariat should add this position to the already approved 19 positions reserved for the Republic of Burundi and the Republic of Rwanda;</p> <p>(b) directed the Secretariat to expedite the process of recruitment of the Principal Legal Officer (P4) mentioned above immediately.</p>
6.	Staff Contracts	The Council approved the renewal of contracts for Mr. A. K. N Lugola w.e.f 4 th November 2007; and Mr. K. N. Madete w.e.f 11 th November 2007 for a period of five (5) years respectively.
7.	Draft Protocol on Immunities and Privileges and Draft Employment Policy for General Staff	<p>The Council:</p> <p>(a) directed the Secretariat to convene the meeting of experts on the Draft Protocol on Immunities and Privileges by October, 2007 and that the meeting should conclude the matter in readiness for presentation to the next Council;</p>

		(b) directed that the Draft Employment Policy for General Staff would be presented to the Council for consideration as soon as the Protocol on Immunities and Privileges is finalized.
8.	EAC Organization Structure	The Council: (a) took note of the decision of the Summit; (b) took note of the communication by the Chairperson of the Council to the ministers responsible for EAC; (c) directed the Secretariat to operationalize the Summit decisions and to provide a roadmap for the implementation of the decision; (d) deferred the recruitment of all new Staff, except for the 19 approved positions reserved for the Republic of Rwanda and the Republic of Burundi and the Principal Legal Officer (P4), until the Secretariat undertakes the exercise and the Council decides on the matter in September, 2007.
9.	HIV/AIDS Work Place Policy	The Council referred the proposed EAC HIV/AIDS Workplace Policy to the Sectoral Council on Health for consideration.
10.	Health Department at the Secretariat	The Council: (a) considered and approved the position of Principal Health Officer as a priority position subject to the Secretariat's sourcing of the required funds within the current budget for filling it; and (b) urged the Partner States to expedite the ratification of the Protocol for the Establishment of the East African Health Research Commission.
11.	Resident Status for the Rt. Hon. Speaker of EALA	The Council took note of the financial implications of establishing a resident status of the Rt. Hon. Speaker and deferred consideration of the proposal to such a time when the Calendar of the Assembly justifies the establishment of a residence status for Rt. Hon. Speaker.
12.	Civil Aviation Safety and Security Oversight Agency	The Council: (a) took note of the approved annual programme of activities and budget; (b) urged the Partner States to expedite the ratification of the Protocol for the Establishment of the Civil Aviation Safety and Security Oversight Agency.
13.	EAC Common Market	The Council: (a) took note of the draft final report on the Study on the Establishment of an East African Community Common Market; (b) noted that the Report will be considered at the Regional Workshop scheduled for 23 to 24 August 2007; (c) noted that negotiations on the EAC Common Market Protocol will commence in September 2007; (d) urged each Partner State to designate experts who will constitute the High Level Task Force that will handle technical negotiations of all aspects of the Common Market Protocol as specified in Article 76 of the Treaty and submit the names of experts to the Secretariat by 31 st August 2007; and (e) directed the Secretariat to develop a roadmap for the fast achievement of all the stages of integration process as provided under the Treaty and report to the Council at its next meeting.

LEGAL NOTICE NO. EAC/07/2007

At its 16th Extraordinary Meeting held on 27 September 2007 in Arusha, Tanzania, the Council of Ministers of the East African Community made the following Decisions/Directives: -

S/N	Area of Co-operation	Decision/Directive
1.	Status of implementation previous decisions for the period November 2006 to August 2007.	<p>The Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) took note of status of the implementation of previous decisions as presented in the Report; (b) directed the Secretariat to send the study proposal on the Establishment of East African System of Early Warning to monitor food shortage to the Partner States for consideration and inputs; (c) directed the Secretariat to closely follow up on the implementation of all outstanding decisions; (d) urged the Partner States to expedite the ratification of amendments of Articles 1, 13, 17, 19, 48, 62 and 65 of the Treaty and to deposit their respective Instruments of Ratification with the Secretary General by November 2007.
2.	Legal and Judicial Affairs	<p>The Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) took note of the decisions taken by the Sectoral Council on Legal and Judicial Affairs at its meeting on 16 March 2007 in Zanzibar; (b) directed that the following Bills be considered by the Sectoral Council on Legal and Judicial Affairs for legal input: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) a Bill for an Act entitled the East African Science and Technology Commission, Act 2007; (ii) a Bill for an Act entitled the East African Civil Aviation Safety and Security Oversight Agency; Act 2007; (iii) a Bill for an Act entitled the East African Kiswahili Commission, Act 2007; and (iv) a Bill for an Act entitled the East African Health Research Commission Act 2007; (c) directed the Secretariat to refer the Bill for an Act entitled the East African Science and Technology Commission Act 2007, the Bill for an Act entitled the East African Kiswahili Commission Act 2007, and the Bill for an Act entitled the East African Health Research Commission Act 2007 to the Sectoral Council on Education, Culture and Sports for consideration and advice on the institutional framework; a Meeting of the Sectoral Council on Education, Culture and Sports to address this matter should be held before the next Meeting of the Sectoral Council on Legal and Judicial Affairs scheduled to take place in November 2007.
3.	Lake Victoria Basin Commission Bill, 2007	<p>The Council directed that the Lake Victoria Basin Commission Bill, 2007, which was initiated and submitted to the East African Legislative Assembly by the Council of Ministers for consideration and enactment into law and was due for the Second Reading, be withdrawn and referred to the Sectoral Council on Lake Victoria Basin for consideration and appropriate recommendation to the Council.</p>
4.	Court Cases	<p>The Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) took note of the report on the Court Cases; (b) urged the East African Community to always seek to resolve disputes through mediation, conciliation and any other form of settlement to minimise costs; (c) directed the Secretariat to present a proposal on the

		settlement of EACJ Ref. No. 3 of 2007 to the Sectoral Council on Legal and Judicial Affairs for consideration and decision on the way forward.
5.	Procedure for the Establishment of EAC Institutions	The Council: (a) urged the Partner States study the draft Criteria for the Establishment of EAC Institutions and submit comments to the Secretariat by November 2007; (b) directed the Secretariat to present the draft procedure together with Partner States' comments to the Finance and Administration Committee for consideration.
6.	EAC Logo, Colours and Flag	The Council directed the Secretariat to expedite the process of the re-design of the EAC Logo and EAC Flag in order to accommodate the new Partner States.
7.	EAC Branding Project	The Council: (a) noted the activities undertaken in the implementation of the Council Decision of 29 th November 2006 on the EAC Re-Branding Project under the Partnership Fund; (b) referred EAC Re-Branding Project to the Finance and Administrative Committee to consider and make recommendations on the operationalization of the EAC Re-Branding Project.
8.	Common Market and Monetary Union	The Council took note of the 6 th Extra Ordinary Summit Directive on the establishment of the Common Market and the Monetary Union by 2012.
9.	Common Market Protocol	The Council: (a) adopted the final report of the Study on the Establishment of an East African Community Common Market; (b) took note of the 6 th Summit Directive on the Common Market; and (c) urged the Partner States that have not nominated experts to immediately designate experts who will constitute the High Level Task Force (HLTF) that will handle technical negotiations of all aspects of the Common Market Protocol as specified in Article 76 of the Treaty in line with the decision of the 16 th Extraordinary Meeting of the Council of Ministers.
10.	Infrastructure	The Council: (a) took note of the policy decisions made by the Sectoral Council on Transport, Communications and Meteorology at its 4 th Meeting and their implementation progress; (b) directed the Secretariat to commence the process of establishing the hosting for the Maritime Rescue Co-ordination Centre in line with approved criteria.
11.	Energy Sector	The Council took note of the decisions of the Sectoral Council on Energy taken at its 2 nd Meeting which was held on 12 April 2007.
12.	Tourism and Wildlife Management	The Council: (a) approved the specifications for the Certificates and Plaques; (b) directed the East African Community Secretariat to prepare

		<p>2 copies of the agreed samples of the Certificates and Plaques for each Partner State. One sample to be retained at the EAC Secretariat as specimen;</p> <p>(c) directed the Secretariat to ensure that the preparation of samples under (b) be funded from a balance of approved budget of US\$ 53,045 (Fifty Three Thousand and Forty Five Dollars only), which was set aside for classification exercise;</p> <p>(d) directed that a Pre-testing Classification in Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, and Tanzania be undertaken. The Secretariat should solicit for funding of this activity;</p> <p>(e) directed the Secretariat to attend and hold promotional activities at the WTM in November 2007 as part of the continued effort for joint promotion of the EAC at major Travel Markets as per Council decision. This will include the launch of the "EAST AFRICAN VILLAGE" concept. In future, the EAC Secretariat should book for common space for the EAC Partner States;</p> <p>(f) directed the Secretariat to work with Partner States' authorities responsible for tourism and wildlife to formulate a programme for familiarization tours to be undertaken by vital stakeholders.</p>
13.	Health	The Council took note of the decisions of the multi-sectoral meeting of EAC Ministers responsible for Livestock, Wildlife, Tourism, Information and Health that was held from 7 to 9 March 2007 in Arusha, Tanzania.
14.	Foreign Policy Co-ordination	<p>The Council:</p> <p>(a) directed the Secretariat to include reports on the activities of the African Union, the United Nations, World Trade Organization, Anti-Counter terrorism, Human Rights, Human and Trafficking, Millennium Development Goals, Illicit Drug Trafficking and a report on the activities of other Regional Economic Communities on the agenda of all future meetings of the Ministers responsible for Foreign Affairs;</p> <p>(b) mandated the country holding the Chair of the EAC meetings to speak on behalf of the Community at international fora, having agreed and adopted a common EAC position on any issue,</p> <p>(c) decided that the Memorandum of Understanding on Foreign Policy Coordination be upgraded into a Protocol;</p> <p>(d) adopted the decision of the Ministers responsible for Foreign Affairs on the establishment and mandate of the Working Group composed of representatives of Ministries responsible for Foreign Affairs, Attorneys General's Offices/Ministries of Justice and Constitutional Affairs, Office of the President and Ministries for EAC Affairs.</p>
15.	Joint Support of Partner States on International Jobs	<p>The Council:</p> <p>(a) took note of the developments in regard to common support for applications of East African candidates for, and Partner States candidatures, to international posts;</p> <p>(b) adopted the decisions of the Ministers responsible for Foreign Affairs on the establishment of the Sub Committee on Candidatures for International Jobs;</p> <p>(c) adopted the Rules of Procedure for the Sub Committee;</p> <p>(d) adopted the candidature of Mr. Erastus Mwencha as the EAC candidate to the position of Vice Chairperson of the</p>

		<p>(e) African Union Commission; and urged the Partner States to abide by the procedure for joint support of candidates for international posts and candidatures to international organizations.</p>
16.	Lobbying for International Jobs	<p>The Council directed the Secretariat to:</p> <p>(a) develop strategies for lobbying for international jobs;</p> <p>(b) make budgetary provisions for the mobilization of support for EAC candidates and or candidatures and present them to the Finance and Administration Committee for consideration.</p>
17.	Immunities and Privileges for EAC organs and institutions	<p>The Council:</p> <p>(a) took note of the progress being made in addressing the issue of Immunities and Privileges for EAC organs and institutions developments;</p> <p>(b) adopted the decisions of the Ministers responsible for Foreign Affairs on the establishment of the Task Force to handle the matter of the Protocol on Immunities and Privileges for EAC organs and institutions.</p>
18.	Sectoral Committee on Foreign Policy	<p>The Council:</p> <p>(a) established a Sectoral Committee on Foreign Policy Coordination which shall report to the Council through the meetings of Ministers responsible for Foreign Affairs;</p> <p>(b) directed that the meetings of the Sectoral Committee on Foreign Policy Coordination be conducted in accordance with the EAC Rules of Procedure.</p>
19.	Communication between EAC Secretariat and Partner States' Diplomatic Missions	<p>The Council urged the Partner States' Ministries responsible for Foreign Affairs to disseminate reports of the EAC Meetings to all Partner States' Diplomatic Missions.</p>
20.	Cooperation in Defence	<p>The Council:-</p> <p>(a) took note of the decisions of the Sectoral Council on Cooperation in Defence taken at its meeting held in Kampala on 12th June 2007;</p> <p>(b) directed that all matters pertaining to the structure of the proposed Directorate of Peace and Security including the structure, terms of reference, budgetary implications and other related issues be submitted to the Finance and Administration Committee for consideration.</p>
21.	Interstate Security Cooperation	<p>The Council: -</p> <p>(a) directed the Secretariat to convene a Meeting of the Interstate Security Committee together with Experts on conflict early warning to consider the final draft Protocol on Conflict Early Warning and Response (CEWS) and present to the Policy organ Meetings for further processing;</p> <p>(b) directed that any policy initiatives emanating from the Interstate Security Sector be referred to the Sectoral Council on Defence upon recommendation by the Chiefs of Police; and</p> <p>(c) directed the Finance and Administration Committee to recommend a clear way of harmonizing the activities and</p>

		policy initiatives of the Defence and Interstate Security sectors that are crosscutting.
22.	Directorate of Peace and Security	The Council:- (a) decided that the output of the joint meeting of experts on the Protocol on Peace and Security should be reported back to the Chiefs of Police before any decisions are made by the EAC Policy organs; and (b) directed the Secretariat to refer the proposal to establish a Police Liaison Office at the EAC Secretariat to the Finance and Administration Committee for consideration.
23.	EAC / AU Liaison Office	The Council: (a) took note of the progress being made on the establishment of an EAC / AU Liaison Office based in Addis Ababa and the decisions of the Joint Meeting of Ministers responsible for Foreign Affairs and the Sectoral Council on Defence; (b) directed the Secretariat to ensure that Partner States' Defence and Security Experts are involved in the short-listing and recruitment panels for the consideration of candidates for the post of EAC/AU Liaison Officer.
24.	Crosscutting Security issues	The Council: (a) took note of the developments in regard to the establishment of an institutional forum for handling of crosscutting security issues; (b) directed the Secretariat to present the proposal for the establishment of a Sectoral Council on Interstate Security to the Finance and Administration Committee for: (i) consideration; and (ii) rationalization of the whole institutional set up in the areas of peace, security and defence.
25.	Small Arms and Light Weapons	The Council: (a) established an Experts Group comprising representatives from Ministries of Justice and Constitutional Affairs, Defence, Directors of Police Operations, Revenue Authorities and National Focal Point Coordinators to develop a draft common regional SALW Policy for consideration by the Chiefs of Police at their next Meeting; (b) commissioned a baseline study on the prevalence of SALW in all its aspects in the EAC region within a period of one year.
26.	Motor Vehicles	The Council: (a) urged the Partner States to expedite the harmonisation of age limit of vehicles from the year of manufacture in accordance with the decision of the Sectoral Council on Trade, Finance and Investment of May 18 2007; (b) directed the Secretariat to convene the Meeting of the Legal Committee of EAPCCO and the EAC Committee on Approximation of Laws to harmonise legal positions on laws relating to registration of motor vehicles; (c) decided that Police reports on stolen vehicles should be made to Interpol as much as possible within a period of ONE hour by all available means including cell phones and radio calls;

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (d) urged the Partner States to speed up computerisation of registration systems for registration of motor vehicles and report on the progress at the next meeting of the Interstate Security Committee; (e) urged the Partner States to formulate stringent rules for dealing in scrap metal to ensure that they do not use stolen vehicle parts in their business; (f) urged the Partner States to harmonize registration of motor vehicles and designate one registration agency for all motor vehicles; (f) urged the Partner States to expedite the process of computerization and linkage with the Interpol ASF and I/24/7, a system which flags out stolen vehicles whenever attempts are made to register them again. This requirement should be implemented by December 2007; (h) urged the Partner States to review their regulations to require that motor vehicles are screened through the Interpol data system prior to registration; (i) directed the Secretariat to plan and convene a training workshop on identification trends, sharing of information, profiling of known criminals, surveillance and patrols by December 2007.
27.	Drug Trafficking	<p>The Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) established a position of a Focal Point at the EAC Secretariat to coordinate implementation, evaluation and monitoring of the Protocol on Combating Illicit Drug Trafficking in EAC. (b) directed the Secretariat to convene the Meeting of the Multi-disciplinary Committee to coincide with the EAPCCO meeting so that drug Trafficking and registration of motor vehicles are dealt with in a harmonized manner; (c) decided that all future meetings of Directors of CID and Registrars of Motor vehicles to include Heads of the Anti Narcotic Units, Customs, Immigration and Interpol NCBs as key agencies in matters of drug trafficking and control of crime across the borders; and (d) directed the Secretariat to plan and convene training workshops targeting the customs, immigrations, and the police to build their capacity in surveillance, joint operations, strengthening anti narcotics measures and sharing of information.
28.	Theft of Motorcycles and Security on Lake Victoria	<p>The Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) urged the Partner States through the Ministries of Transport to establish mechanisms for registration of outboard motor engines and report at the next meeting of the Interstate Security Committee; (b) urged the Lake Victoria Fisheries Organization to make a report on the progress on initiatives on regulation of fisheries activities and combating insecurity on the Lake at the next Meeting of the Committee; and (c) urged Uganda and Tanzania to expedite the process of issuing computerised National Identity Cards.
29.	Human Trafficking	The Council:

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) urged Partner States to enhance sharing of intelligence on human trafficking, organise joint operations between immigration departments and other law enforcement agencies and enhance border surveillance; (b) urged the Partner States to involve International Organisation on Migration (IOM) and other relevant agencies in dealing with illegal immigrants as a sustainable way of addressing human trafficking; and (c) decided that the Interstate Security Committee considers harmonisation of ranking and other related issues among the EAC Police and report back to the Chiefs of Police at their next Meeting.
30.	EACJ	<p>The Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) took note of the reported progress on the East African Court of Justice's activities during the period under review; (b) commended Justices Moijo M. Ole Keiwua, Judge President and Augustino S. L. Ramadhani for their able contributions to the activities and development of the Court; (c) urged the Republic of Kenya and The United Republic of Tanzania to take the necessary steps towards nominating judges for appointment at the EAC Court of Justice.
31.	EAC Industrialization Strategy	<p>The Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) took note of the 6th Extra-Ordinary Summit directive on the formulation East African Community Industrialization and Investment Strategy; (b) re-constituted the existing Sectoral Council on Trade, Finance and Investment into a Sectoral Council on Industry, Trade, Finance and Investment; and (c) took note of the attached draft ToRs for a Consultancy Study on EAC Industrialization and Investment Policy and Strategy; and urge Partner States to make comments and forward them to the Secretariat by 11 October 2007.
32.	EAC Calendar of activities	<p>The Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) approved the EAC Calendar of Activities for the period January – June 2008; (b) urged the Partner States, Organs and Institutions of the Community to adhere to the Rules of Procedure and the approved Calendar of Activities; (b) directed the Secretariat to ensure that the approved Calendar of EAC Activities is available on the EAC Website and that any changes to the Calendar are immediately updated on the Website and communicated to the Partner States; (c) requested the Partner States to indicate to the Secretariat by December 2007, those Meetings of the Summit of Heads of State, the Council and Sectoral Meetings which they offer to host; (d) directed the Secretariat to always submit to the Partner States the draft Calendar of Activities three weeks before the meeting of the Council to enable the Partner States make appropriate input.

LEGAL NOTICE NO. EAC/??/2007**HUMAN RESOURCE AND ADMINISTRATION DECISIONS OF THE 13TH MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS**

At its 16th Extraordinary Meeting held on 27 September 2007 in Arusha, Tanzania, the Council of Ministers of the East African Community made the following Decisions/Directives in regard to Human Resource and Administration:

1. Confirmation of appointments for Professional Staff

The Council confirmed the under-listed professional staff in their respective appointments with effect from the due dates:

S/N	NAME OF STAFF	DESIGNATION	GR AD E	DUE DATE
1.	Mrs. Ghaniya Kadu	Director/Finance	P5	1 February 2007
2.	Mr. Joseph Ochwada	Director, Human Resources and Administration	P5	18 March 2007
3.	Dr. Nyamajeje C. Wegorro	Director Productive and Social Sectors	P5	1 February 2007
4.	Mr. Phillip Wambugu	Director Planning and Infrastructure	P5	1 February 2007
5.	Mr. Daudi Mwidu Sajjabi	Principal Planning Officer	P4	1 February 2007
6.	Mr. Lawrence Kamugisha	Principal Legislative Draftsman	P4	18 th March 2007
7.	Ms. Grace Okungu	Principal Human Resource Officer	P3	18 March 2007
8.	Ms. Isabella Waffubwa	Principal Political Affairs Officer	P3	1 st February 2007
9.	Mr. Frederick Onyango Owiti	Principal Economist – Investment and PSP	P3	18 March 2007
10.	Mr. Marwa Moses	Principal Agricultural Economist	P3	18 March 2007
11.	Mr. Aloysus Chebet	Principal Education Officer	P3	18 March 2007
12.	Mr. Ladislaus Evaris Matindi	Principal Aviation Officer	P3	18 March 2007
13.	Mr. Shedrack Mashauri	Principal Tourism Officer	P3	18 March 2007
14.	Mrs. Algresia Akwi	Project Coordinator-EALA	P3	18 March 2007
15.	Mr. James N. Njagu	Principal Resource Mobilization Officer	P3	18 March 2007
16.	Mr. Joseph. C. Birungi	Principal International Relations Officer	P3	18 March 2007
17.	Mr. James Kuleiye	Principal Customs Officer (Procedures and Facilitation)	P3	1 February 2007
18.	Ms. Annette M. Ssemuwemba	Principal Customs Officer (Tariff and Valuation)	P3	18 th March 2007
19.	Mr. Michael Lugaiya	Principal Investigations Officer	P3	18 th March 2007
20.	Mr. Willy Musinguzi	Principal Standards Officer	P3	18 th March 2007
21.	Mr. Gerald C. O. Ajumbo	Principal Trade Officer/International Trade	P3	18 th March 2007
22.	Mr. Nduati Wa Karanja	Principal Trade Officer/Internal Trade	P3	18 th March 2007
23.	Mr. Godfrey Magadu	Senior Accountant	P2	18 th March 2007
24.	Mr. Ponziano Nyeko	Project Accountant	P2	18 th March 2007
25.	Mr. John. G. Mungai	Senior Meteorologist	P2	18 th March 2007
26.	Mr. Rutaserwa Gratian	Senior Materials Pavement Engineer	P2	18 th March 2007
27.	Mr. Oltesh Tobias	Senior Procurement Officer	P2	18 th March 2007
28.	Mr. Maate Robert	Senior Statistician	P2	18 th March 2007
29.	Mr. Timothy Wesonga	Senior Livestock Officer	P2	18 th March 2007

S/N	NAME OF STAFF	DESIGNATION	GR AD E	DUE DATE
30.	Mr. Peter Kinuthia	Senior Energy Officer	P2	18th March 2007
31.	Mr. Julius Birungi	Senior Monitoring and Evaluation Officer	P2	18 th March 2007
32.	Mr. Phil Makini Kleruu	Senior Estates Management Officer	P2	18 th March 2007
33.	Mr. Stanley Mono	Accountant – EACJ	P1	18 th March 2007
34.	Ms. Rovincer Komugisha	Customs Officer/Procedures	P1	18 th March 2007
35.	Mr. Alexander Ally	Customs Officer/Tariff and Valuation	P1	18 th March 2007
36.	Mr. Stephen Mwilolezi	Budget Assistant	P1	18 March 2007

2. Resignation from EAC Employment

The Council:

(a) took note of the resignation of Mr. Ponziano Nyeko-Project Accountant (P2), with effect from 6 November, 2007 and Mr. Enock Yonazi-Senior Engineer (Planner)-Communications (P2), with effect from 31 October 2007, and further noted that both Officers handled specialized one-man sections which would suffer as a consequence of their resignations, hence the need for their urgent replacement;

(b) approved the advertisement of the two positions for recruitment of qualifying persons on a competitive basis.

3. Documentation

The Council directed the Secretariat to:

(a) strictly abide by the EAC Rules of Procedure in the convening of Meetings;

(b) always dispatch the notice, agenda and background papers for ordinary Meetings of the Council three weeks in advance of the Meeting.

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