EAC WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

DEEPENING INTEGRATION, WIDENING COOPERATION

6TH FEBRUARY , 2023

Latest from the Office of the Secretary General

- EAC Heads of State convene in Burundi to deliberate on the restoration of peace and security in Eastern DRC
- 20th Extra-Ordinary Summit of EAC Heads of State Resolutions
- Pictorial

EAC HEADS OF STATE CONVENE IN BURUNDI TO DELIBERATE ON THE RESTORATION OF PEACE IN EASTERN DRC

EAC Heads of State arriving at Burundi's State House, Ntare Rushatsi House for the 20th Extra-Ordinary Summit of EAC Heads of State. (L-R; H.E. Yoweri Museveni, President of the Republic of /uganda; H.E. Paul Kagame, President of the Republic of Rwanda; H.E. Félix Antoine Tshisekedi, President of the Democratic Republic of Congo; H.E Samia Suluhu Hassan, President of the United Republic of Tanzania; H.E. William Ruto, President of the Republic of Kenya and Hon. Deng Alor Kuol, Minister responsible for East African Affairs , representing South Sudan's President H.E. Salva Kiir, President.

20TH EXTRA- ORDINARY SUMMIT OF EAC HEADS OF STATE- RESOLUTIONS

- The Summit received reports on the current security situation in the Eastern DRC from the Facilitator Of The EAC-Led Nairobi Process and the Force Commander Of The East African Community Regional Force.
- The Summit observed that the security situation in Eastern DRC is a regional matter that can only be sustainably resolved through a political process and emphasized the need for enhanced dialogue among all the parties.
- The Heads Of state directed that the political process should be strengthened and escalated to involve all stakeholders.
- The Heads Of State directed:

(i) Immediate **Ceasefire** by all Parties;

(ii) **Withdrawal** including all Foreign Armed Groups and directed the Chiefs of Defence Forces to meet within one week and set new timelines for the withdrawal and recommend an appropriate deployment matrix;

(iii)That this process be accompanied by **Dialogue**;

(iv)Violations be reported to the Chairperson of the Summit for Immediate **Consultation** with Members of the Summit.

- The Summit directed all troop-contributing Countries to immediately deploy and urged the Democratic Republic Of Congo to immediately facilitate the deployment of troops from The Republic of South Sudan and the Republic of Uganda to the East African Regional Force.
- The Heads of State reiterated their decisions at the high-level consultative meeting of the summit on the peace process in the Eastern DRC held in Sharm El Sheikh in Egypt:

(i)Commending The Facilitator of the EAC-Led Nairobi Process for his leadership and efforts on re-energising the Peace Process.

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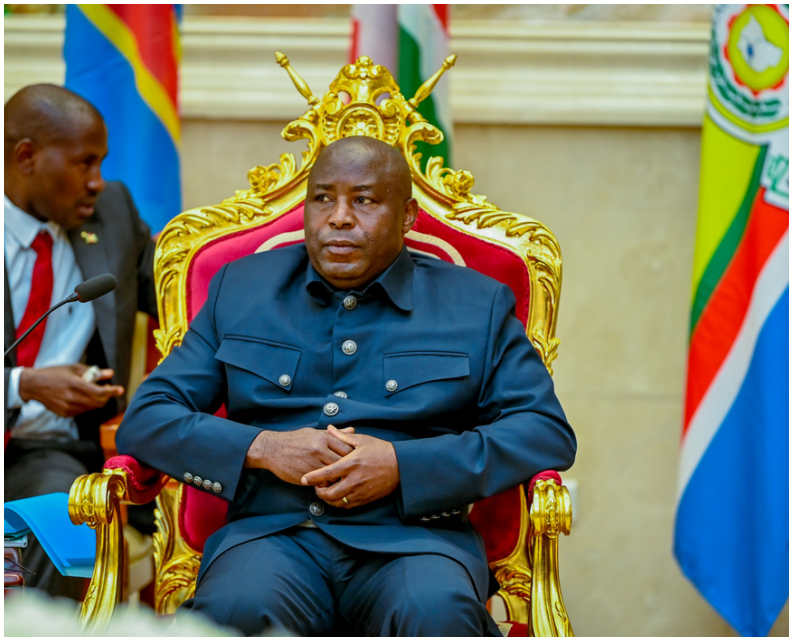

ii)Commending the African Union Peace and Security Council, the UN Security Council and the International Community for Political and financial support towards the implementation of the EAC-Led Nairobi Process and the Luanda Process.

(iii) Commending the Republic of Angola and the Republic of Senegal for the financial contribution which largely facilitated the Political process which is ongoing.

- The Summit noted with appreciation the financial contributions by the Republic of Kenya and the United Republic of Tanzania and thanked the Republic of Rwanda and the Republic of Uganda for their commitment to contribute to the EAC peace facility fund and urged other partner states to contribute towards the peace fund.

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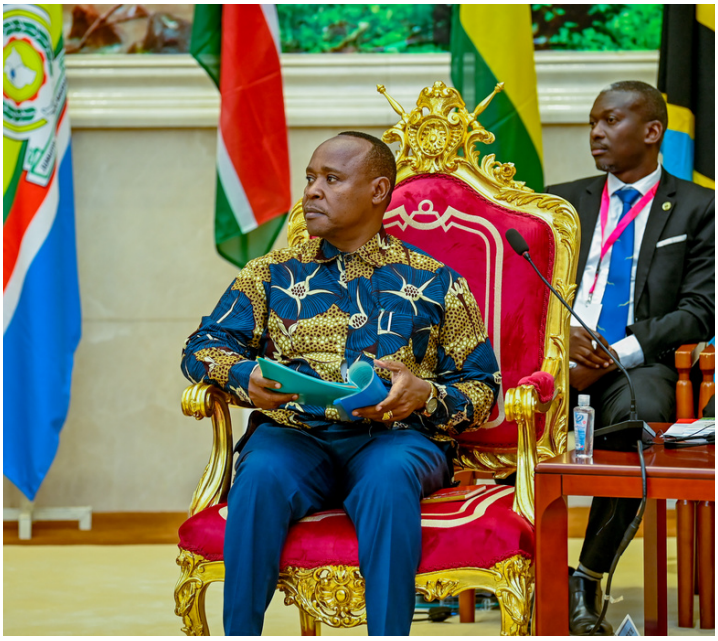

- The Heads of State called upon all parties to respect and implement the decisions of the Summit and obligations agreed upon in previous meetings of Heads of State and other established instruments on the restoration of peace and security in Eastern DRC.
- The Summit reiterated its call to all parties to de-escalate tensions and to use established regional, continental and international mechanisms to resolve any disputes in the implementation of peace Eastern DRC.
- The Summit reiterated the need for implementation of the decisions and directives of the 22nd meeting of the summit of the EAC Heads of State on the security situation in eastern DRC and directed all local armed groups in eastern DRC to embrace dialogue, lay down their arms and join the political process as a path towards unconditional disarmament and creation of an enabling environment for participation in upcoming democratic processes.

PICTORIAL

The European Union delegation led by H.E. Amb. Manfredo Fanti held a meeting with the EAC team on enhancing engagement and collaboration between EAC & EU.

***L:** The EAC verification team assessing Somalia's readiness to join the Community concluded the mission by holding discussions with the Chief Justice of Somalia, Hon. Bashe Yusuf Ahmed in Mogadishu.*

***R:** EALA Speaker, Rt. Hon Joseph Ntakirutimana and EAC Secretary General pose for a picture with EALA Committee Chairs and various EALA members following an induction workshop in Arusha*

***L:** Kenya's High Commissioner to Namibia, H.E Michael Sialai, paid a courtesy visit to EAC Secretary General Hon.Dr. Peter Mathuki in Arusha.*

***R:** A delegation from Makueni County Assembly, Kenya, led by Speaker Hon. Douglas Mbilu paid a courtesy call on EAC Secretary General Hon. Dr. Peter Mathuki.*

NEWS HIGHLIGHTS

- Nine key resolutions from EAC leaders' Summit on DR Congo crisis
- EAC Summit Orders Foreign Armed Groups Out of Eastern DRC
- East African leaders urge ceasefire in eastern DR Congo
- State of affairs as EAC leaders discuss DRC
- Burundi calls meeting for East African leaders amid tensions over DRC conflict
- Expensive skies: EAC cited for high levies at its airports
- Pope Francis to meet war victims on South Sudan peace pilgrimage
- Dollar shortage hinders Kenyan firms' expansion capacity
- UN to advise South Sudan on best practice for polls preparations
- Ease of China travel ban a welcome relief for East African tourism
- Tanzanian motorists, households get marginal relief at the fuel pump
- Low trade among African countries a worrying signal
- IMF sees global economy growing faster than expected

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 23rd Ordinary Meeting of the Sectoral Council of Health; 6th -10th February, 2023- Bujumbura, Burundi.
- 18th Sectoral Council on Transport, Communication and Meteorology; 6th-10th February, 2023 - Bujumbura, Burundi.

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