



## JOINT COMMUNIQUE

Issued at the conclusion of a tripartite meeting between **H.E. Mwai Kibaki**, President of the Republic of Kenya, **H.E. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni**, President of the Republic of Uganda and **H.E. Sheikh Sharif Sheikh Ahmed**, President of the Transitional Federal Government of Somalia on the security situation in Somalia held on 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2011 at State House, Nairobi.

The meeting reviewed the political and security developments in Somalia and noted that the protracted conflict had generated numerous problems notably terrorism, organized crime, influx of illegal arms, the refugee crisis, internally displaced persons in Somalia, and continues to threaten peace and security in the Horn of Africa and internationally.

The meeting further discussed the status of the joint Kenya-Somalia security operation in pursuit of Al Shabaab insurgents, and **noted** the gains already made by **TFG , AMISOM and KDF** forces and the need to galvanize international support for this purpose. In this regard, the meeting:-

1. **Reaffirmed** previous commitments made under the Joint Communiqué signed on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2011 in Mogadishu and endorsed by the 41<sup>st</sup> Extra-Ordinary IGAD Council of Ministers on 21<sup>st</sup> October, 2011, as well as the Nairobi Communiqué of 31<sup>st</sup> October 2011, to jointly pursue the objective of defeating Al Shabaab and other militant groups to its logical conclusion;
2. **Expressed** confidence that the joint Kenya-Somali operation presents the region with a historic opportunity to restore stability and security in Somalia and called for regional solidarity to bring to an end the state of lawlessness that has prevailed in much of Somalia over the last two decades. In this regard, the meeting emphasized the need for enhancing coordination between AMISOM, TFG forces and Kenya Defence forces in order to successfully defeat Al Shabaab;
3. **Endorsed** the decisions of the Ministers of Defence and Chiefs of Defence Staff of Troop Contributing Countries (TCCs) and other interested countries at their informal meetings held in Addis Ababa on 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> October, 2011, on the

consolidation, co-ordination and expansion of AMISOM, and endorsed by the meeting of Ministers for Defence and Chiefs of Defence Staff on 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2011;

4. **Paid tribute** to AMISOM and the Troop Contributing Countries (TCC) for their continued sacrifices in the pursuit of peace and security in Somalia which has resulted in the liberation of Mogadishu and its environs;
5. **Stressed** the need for enhanced engagement by IGAD in galvanizing international support for the joint Kenya-Somalia operation with a view to building on the momentum created by the joint operation;
6. **Noted with appreciation** the decision of Djibouti to provide troops to AMISOM by the end of the year, **called** on other African countries which have pledged troops to AMISOM to urgently fulfil their pledges and **welcomed** Kenya's willingness to deploy troops to AMISOM;
7. **Noted with concern** that Kenya had been left to carry the huge refugee burden, and in this regard **called** on the international community to urgently develop modalities for burden-sharing, and encourage humanitarian aid agencies to relocate to the secure parts of Southern Somalia in order to provide humanitarian assistance closer to the famine-stricken communities of Southern Somalia in a more effective manner.

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