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## **COMMUNIQUÉ OF THE 42<sup>nd</sup> EXTRAORDINARY ASSEMBLY OF IGAD HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT Entebbe, Republic of Uganda**

The 42<sup>nd</sup> Extraordinary Assembly of the IGAD Heads of State and Government was held on Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> January 2024, in Entebbe, Republic of Uganda, on the situation in the in the Republic of the Sudan and recent developments regarding the relation between the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and the Federal Republic of Somalia;

The Assembly was chaired by **H.E. Ismail Omar Guelleh**, President of the Republic of Djibouti and the Chairperson of the IGAD Heads of State and Government and was attended by: **H.E. Dr. William Ruto**, President of the Republic of Kenya; **H.E. Dr. Hassan Sheikh Mohamud**, President of the Federal Republic of Somalia; **H.E. Salva Kiir Mayardit**, President of the Republic of South Sudan; **H.E. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni**, President of the Republic of Uganda;

Also in attendance were: **H.E. Dr. Workneh Gebeyehu**, the Executive Secretary of IGAD; **H.E. Moussa Faki Mahamat**, Chairperson of the African Union Commission; **H.E. Ramtane Lamamra**, Personal Envoy of the UN Secretary General for Sudan; **H.E. Eng. Waleed M. Alkhuraji**, Deputy Minister of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia; **H.E. Kalifa Shaheen Al Marart**, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of the United Arab Emirates; **H.E. Annette Weber**, European Union Special Envoy

for the Horn of Africa; **H.E. Ambassador Michael Hammer**, US Special Envoy for the Horn of Africa; **H.E. Hossam Zaki**, Assistant Secretary General of the League of Arab States; **H.E. Mohamed Abdi Ware**, IGAD Deputy Executive Secretary; **Ambassador Ismail Wais (PhD)**, IGAD Special Envoy for South Sudan and IGAD representative for the Sudan Peace Process; **Ambassador Mohamed Ali Guyo (PhD)**, IGAD Special Envoy for the Red Sea, Gulf of Aden and Somalia; and **Mr. Tutku İnam**, Deputy Director General for East Africa, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Türkiye; Cheikh Conde, Chief-of-Staff of the Office of the UN Special Envoy to the Horn of Africa.

Arising from statements and subsequent deliberations on the situation in the Republic of the Sudan and recent developments in the relation between the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and the Federal Republic of Somalia;

### **The Assembly,**

**Congratulated** the people and President of the Republic of Uganda, **H.E. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni**, for hosting and successfully organizing the 42<sup>nd</sup> Extraordinary IGAD Assembly of Heads of State and Government and also the Non-Aligned Movement and the G77 + China Summits as well as the courtesies and warm welcome extended to delegates;

**Deeply concerned** by the recent developments regarding the relation between the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and the Federal Republic of Somalia;

**Reaffirmed** the cardinal principles of respect for the sovereignty, unity and territorial integrity of the Federal Republic of Somalia; and any engagement should uphold the above cardinal principles, and any agreement or arrangement should be with the consent of the Federal Government of Somalia;

**Called upon** the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and the Federal Republic of Somalia to de-escalate tensions and instead engage in constructive dialogue;

**Concerned by** the continued fighting in the Republic of the Sudan and the dire security and humanitarian situation occasioned by the war, **reiterated** its call for the parties to the conflict to commit to dialogue and negotiation; and in this regard, expressed IGAD's continued readiness to offer its good offices to facilitate an all-inclusive peace process to end the conflict in close collaboration with all Sudanese stakeholders, AU, and regional and international actors;

**Emphasized** that the Republic of the Sudan does not belong to the parties to the conflict only but the Sudanese people and **reiterated** their call for an immediate and unconditional ceasefire as well as cessation of hostilities to end this unjust war affecting the people of the Sudan to pave way for a political dialogue;

**Underscored** the primary responsibility of IGAD Member States to ensure the will of the people of the Sudan prevails;

**Recalled** the commitment of the parties to the conflict for a face-to-face meeting within 14 days and **called upon** the parties to meet within two weeks;

**Stressed** that IGAD Member States will utilize all means and capabilities to ensure the conflict in the Sudan is resolved peacefully and **directed** the IGAD Secretariat to provide an update to the Assembly;

**Directed** the IGAD Secretariat in coordination with the AUC to revise the Roadmap for the Resolution of the Conflict in the Republic of the Sudan that was adopted at the 14<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session of the IGAD Heads

of State and Government with clear timelines; and within one month to convene a Sudanese-owned and Sudanese-led process towards a democratic Government in the Sudan;

**Called upon** IGAD in coordination with AU and international community to mobilize support for the peace process with the aim to resolve the conflict in the Republic of the Sudan;

**Welcomed** the Chairperson of the African Union Commission for appointing members of a High-Level Panel for Sudan and called on the Panel to work closely and collaboratively with IGAD and other stakeholders in facilitating the peace process in the Sudan; and

**Decided** to remain actively seized of these matters.

**Done on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2024**