



**EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY**

## **COMMUNIQUE OF THE 18<sup>TH</sup> EXTRA-ORDINARY SUMMIT OF THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY HEADS OF STATE**

1. THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY HEADS OF STATE, THEIR EXCELLENCIES PRESIDENT UHURU MUIGAI KENYATTA OF THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA; PRESIDENT YOWERI KAGUTA MUSEVENI OF THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA; PRESIDENT PAUL KAGAME OF THE REPUBLIC OF RWANDA; PRESIDENT SAMIA SULUHU HASSAN OF THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA; E. PROSPER BAZOMBANZA, VICE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BURUNDI REPRESENTING PRESIDENT ÉVARISTE NDAYISHIMIYE OF THE REPUBLIC OF BURUNDI; AND HON. DENG ALOR KUOL, MINISTER FOR EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, REPUBLIC OF SOUTH SUDAN, REPRESENTING PRESIDENT SALVA KIIR MAYARDIT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH SUDAN HELD THE 18<sup>TH</sup> EXTRA-ORDINARY SUMMIT OF THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY HEADS OF STATE VIRTUALLY ON 22<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER, 2021. THE HEADS OF STATE MET IN A WARM AND CORDIAL ENVIRONMENT.
2. THE SUMMIT OBSERVED A MINUTE OF SILENCE IN HONOUR OF THE LATE H.E DR. JOHN POMBE JOSEPH MAGUFULI, THE FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA, WHO PASSED ON THE 17<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2021 IN DAR ES SALAAM, TANZANIA. THE SUMMIT PAID GLOWING TRIBUTE TO THE LATE PRESIDENT FOR HIS COMMITMENT TO THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY(EAC) INTEGRATION PROCESS, INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT AND STEERING ECONOMIC GROWTH.
3. THE SUMMIT CONGRATULATED H.E. PRESIDENT SAMIA SULUHU HASSAN WHO WAS ATTENDING THE SUMMIT FOR THE FIRST TIME AS THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA.
4. THE SUMMIT RECALLED THAT AT ITS 21<sup>ST</sup> ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 27<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2021, IT CONSIDERED THE APPLICATION BY THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO (DRC) TO JOIN THE EAC AND DIRECTED THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS TO

EXPEDITIOUSLY UNDERTAKE A VERIFICATION MISSION TO THE DRC IN ACCORDANCE WITH EAC PROCEDURES FOR ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS INTO THE EAC AND REPORT TO THE 22<sup>ND</sup> SUMMIT.

5. THE SUMMIT RECEIVED AND CONSIDERED THE REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON THE VERIFICATION MISSION ON THE ADMISSION OF THE DRC TO JOIN THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY AND DIRECTED THE COUNCIL TO EXPEDITIOUSLY COMMENCE AND CONCLUDE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE DRC FOR ADMISSION TO THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY AND REPORT TO THE NEXT SUMMIT.
6. THE SUMMIT CONSIDERED THE PROPOSAL TO AMEND RULE 11 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR THE SUMMIT OF THE HEADS OF STATE OR GOVERNMENT AND DIRECTED THE SECRETARIAT TO CONVENE AN EXTRA-ORDINARY MEETING OF THE SECTORAL COUNCIL ON LEGAL AND JUDICIAL AFFAIRS TO DELIBERATE AND ADVISE ON THIS PROPOSAL FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE NEXT SUMMIT WHICH SHALL CONSIDER AND CONCLUDE ON THIS MATTER.
7. THEIR EXCELLENCIES PRESIDENT YOWERI KAGUTA MUSEVENI OF THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA; PRESIDENT PAUL KAGAME OF THE REPUBLIC OF RWANDA; PRESIDENT SAMIA SULUHU HASSAN OF THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA; H.E. PROSPER BAZOMBANZA, VICE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BURUNDI REPRESENTING H.E. PRESIDENT ÉVARISTE NDAYISHIMIYE OF THE REPUBLIC OF BURUNDI; AND HON. DENG ALOR KUOL, MINISTER FOR EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, REPUBLIC OF SOUTH SUDAN, REPRESENTING H.E. PRESIDENT SALVA KIIR MAYARDIT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH SUDAN, THANKED THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE SUMMIT, PRESIDENT UHURU MUIGAI KENYATTA OF THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA FOR CONVENING THE 18<sup>TH</sup> EXTRA-ORDINARY SUMMIT OF THE EAC HEADS OF STATE.

**DONE, THIS 22<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER, 2021.**

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| <b>H.E. UHURU<br/>KENYATTA</b>                                                      | <b>H.E. YOWERI<br/>KAGUTA<br/>MUSEVENI</b>                                          | <b>H.E. PAUL<br/>KAGAME</b>                                                         | <b>H.E. SAMIA<br/>SULUHU HASSAN</b>                                                 | <b>H.E. PROSPER<br/>BAZOMBANZA</b>                                                    | <b>HON. DENG ALOR<br/>KUOL</b>                                                        |
| <b>PRESIDENT</b>                                                                    | <b>PRESIDENT</b>                                                                    | <b>PRESIDENT</b>                                                                    | <b>PRESIDENT</b>                                                                    | <b>VICE-<br/>PRESIDENT</b>                                                            | <b>MINISTER FOR<br/>EAST AFRICAN<br/>COMMUNITY<br/>AFFAIRS</b>                        |
| <b>REPUBLIC OF<br/>KENYA</b>                                                        | <b>REPUBLIC OF<br/>UGANDA</b>                                                       | <b>REPUBLIC OF<br/>RWANDA</b>                                                       | <b>UNITED REPUBLIC<br/>OF TANZANIA</b>                                              | <b>REPUBLIC OF<br/>BURUNDI</b>                                                        | <b>REPUBLIC OF<br/>SOUTH SUDAN</b>                                                    |
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