



COMMUNIQUE OF THE 15th EXTRA-ORDINARY SESSION OF THE IGAD ASSEMBLY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT ON SOMALIA

ADDIS ABABA, 5th JULY 2010

The IGAD Assembly of Heads of State and Government held its 15th Extra-Ordinary Summit Meeting in Addis Ababa, on 5th July 2010, under the Chairmanship of **H.E. Meles Zenawi**, Prime Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and Chairperson of the IGAD Assembly to consider the political and security situation in Somalia. The Assembly was attended by: **H.E. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni**, President of the Republic of Uganda; **H.E. Omar Hassan El Bashir**, President of the Republic of Sudan; **H.E. Ismael Omar Guelleh**, President of the Republic of Djibouti; **H.E. Mwai Kibaki**, President of the Republic of Kenya, **H.E. Sheikh Sharif Sheikh Ahmed**, President the Transitional Federal Government (TFG) of Somalia;

H.E. Seyoum Mesfin, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ethiopia and Chairperson of the IGAD Council of Ministers briefed the Assembly on the decisions reached by the 36th IGAD Council of Ministers held on 15 June 2010. **Hon. Kipruto Arap Kirwa**, IGAD Facilitator for Somalia briefed the Assembly on the IGAD military expert's mission to Mogadishu that was undertaken pursuant to the decision by the 36th Session of the IGAD Council of Ministers. The Assembly also received briefs from the President of the TFG, **H.E. Sheikh Sharif Sheikh Ahmed** on the current political and security situation in Somalia.

The Summit:

Having taken note of the decisions and recommendations made by the 36th Extra-ordinary Session of the IGAD Council of Ministers as reflected in their Communiqué of 15th June 2010,

Having taken note of the report of the IGAD military expert's mission to Mogadishu,

Considering the brief by the President of the Transitional Federal Government of Somalia and his appeal for urgent support and assistance to build the capacity of the TFG security forces,

Recalling the previous decisions of the IGAD Assembly of Heads of State and Government and the Council of Ministers on Somalia,

1. **Notes with serious concern** the deteriorating security situation in Somalia which poses serious threat to the peace, security and stability to the people and TFG of Somalia , the region and the international community ;
2. **Reiterates** the commitment and resolve of IGAD member states to give unswerving support and assistance to the TFG in its struggle against extremist and terrorist groups;
3. **Underlines** that the conflict in Somalia is not a conflict among the Somalis but between the people of Somalia and international terrorist groups;
4. **Emphasizes** the need for an urgent and robust response by international community led by the UN Security Council, to arrest the escalating danger facing Somalia and the sub-Region and **reiterates** its previous call to the UN to convert AMISOM into a UN peace keeping operation without delay;
5. **Decides** that a sustainable and reliable funding mechanism to be established and managed jointly by AMISOM, UNPOS, IGAD and the TFG for sustainment of the security forces upon development and deployment in Somalia;
6. **Calls upon** the African Union to relocate as soon as possible the civilian and police components of AMISOM to Mogadishu;
7. **Regrets that** the approved level of AMISOM troops has not been achieved thus far; and **decides** to deploy 2000 peacekeepers under AMISOM to Somalia immediately; and further **calls upon** the AU Commission to mobilize the necessary resources, logistics and equipment for the deployment;
8. **Decides** to work with all parties including AMISOM and UN Security Council to raise 20,000 troops to be deployed throughout the country. In this regard, Summit **Embraces** the need to mobilize Somali forces internally with possible intervention by neighboring countries including approaching the East African Community (EAC) and empower them with resources and equipment;

9. **Endorses** the recommendations of the military mission to Somalia as amended; **Directs** the Chiefs of Defense Staff of IGAD Member States to convene an urgent meeting and submit to the AU Commission an action plan to deploy 2000 peace keepers to Somalia to enable AMISOM to reach the authorized strength of 8100, and to review and implement, as appropriate, the recommendations made by the IGAD Military Mission to Somalia;
10. **Directs** the Chairperson of the Council of Ministers and IGAD Secretariat to make the necessary arrangement for the convening of the meeting of the IGAD chiefs of defense staff;
11. **Decides** to render support to the TFG Security institutions by providing inter alia training of troops and trainers , establishment of joint command and providing experts;
12. **Directs** IGAD Secretariat to strengthen its office in Mogadishu within 15 days and **Calls upon** AMISOM, UNPOS and IGAD to establish in Mogadishu an operational level coordination mechanism to strengthen and harmonize their support to the TFG in the areas of training, establishment of command and control structure;
13. **Express** appreciation to the partner Countries and organizations that are currently providing financial, material and technical assistance to the TFG and **calls upon** them to enhance and sustain their support;
14. **Welcomes** the Agreement signed between the TFG and Ahlu Sunna Wal Jamma'a on 15 March 2010 in Addis Ababa and encourages the parties to realize the full implementation of the Agreement;
15. **Encouraged** by the commitment of the leadership of the TFG and **urges** Transitional Federal Institutions (TFIs) to enhance their cohesion and unity in the face of the enormous challenges that Somalia is facing currently and in order to make progress in the accomplishment of the numerous tasks envisaged for the transitional period;
16. **Calls upon** the Chairperson of AUC to appoint an eminent person to lead the campaign for peace in Somalia. The eminent person shall be at the apex of a coordinating mechanism towards reconstitution and building the State of Somalia and to raise the profile of the country internationally;

17. **Calls upon** the international community to continue assisting refugees, internally displaced persons and victims of violence.
18. **Affirms** that the Djibouti process remains the sole basis for the Somalia peace and reconciliation and **Rejects** the proliferation of initiatives inimical to the swift resolution of the crisis in Somalia; **Urges** the TFG to continue the efforts it has been making to broaden its base while ensuring that the process is protected from the threat posed by extremists whose major effort includes the dismantling of the Djibouti process;
19. **Calls upon** AU Member states that have not contributed troops to render financial and material support to Somalia;
20. **Having listened** to a brief by **H.E. Ismael Omar Guelleh**, the President of the Republic of Djibouti on the mediation efforts by Qatar between Djibouti and Eritrea, decides to encourage the positive developments and also underscore the necessity for Eritrea to carry out all its obligations under the UN Security Council Resolution 1907 (2009).
21. **Decides** to remain seized of the matter.

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