



## JOINT COMMUNIQUÉ

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The **7<sup>th</sup> IGAD Ministerial Facilitation Committee Meeting** on the Somali National Reconciliation Conference was held in Nairobi on **Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2004**, at the KCCT, Mbagathi, Kenya.

The meeting was attended by **Hon. Stephen Kalonzo Musyoka**, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kenya and Chairman of the IGAD Ministerial Facilitation Committee on Somali Peace Process; **Hon. Augustine Nshimye**, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Uganda and acting Chairman of the IGAD Council of Ministers; **Hon. Seyoum Mesfin**, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia; **Hon. Ali Abdi Farah**, Minister for Foreign Affairs, International Cooperation and In-charge of Parliamentary Relations, Republic of Djibouti; **Ambassador Mohammed Ali Omaro** representing the State of Eritrea; Embassy of the Republic of Sudan was represented by **Mr. Omar Tatai**. **Col. Peter Marwa** represented the Executive Secretary of IGAD while **Ambassador Mohamed Ali Fom**, African Union's (AU) Special



Envoy for Somalia, represented the Chairperson of the African Commission.

The following members of the IGAD Partners Forum also attended the meeting: Canada, Egypt, Finland, France, Italy, Japan, Germany, Denmark, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, the United States of America, the United Nations, the European Union, the League of Arab States and the World Bank,.

### **The Ministers**

**Expressed concern** at the unacceptable absence of certain Somali leaders from the Third and Final Phase of the Conference and reiterated that these leaders must come to the Conference without further delay.

**Warned** that no Somali leader should impose any conditionalities on the Somali National Reconciliation Conference. Spoilers and those who obstruct the Process from within and outside the SNRC will be named publicly and subjected to targeted International sanctions.



**Called upon** Somali delegates to honour and be fully committed to the deadline set by the IGAD Ministerial Facilitation Committee of 31<sup>st</sup> July 2004, as the end of Phase III. They encouraged the delegates to speed up the process to meet this deadline.

**Re-inforced** further the robust mandate given to the IGAD Facilitation Committee (IFC) to remove all bottlenecks in the Distribution of seats among sub-sub clans and in the subsequent Selection of Members of Parliament and use its discretion to progress the peace process to its conclusion.

**Noted** that all Political groupings were dissolved at the end of Phase II and called upon delegates to be committed to the clan based formula used as the basis for reconciliation and formation of the proposed Transitional Federal Government.

**Called Further** for transparency in the Selection process of Members of Parliament and asked Political Leaders, Politicians and Traditional Leaders to play their role.

**Congratulated** and commended those clans, which have nominated members of the Arbitration Committee and officially endorsed those nominated.



**Expressed** satisfaction in the International Community's resolve to work on the way forward and endorsed the effort jointly undertaken by the IFC and International Observers under the peace-building framework. They noted that the formation of a Transitional Federal Government for Somalia and adequate diplomatic, financial and technical support for it is a precondition for any meaningful long term process of peace building in Somalia.

**Endorsed** the engagement of the Somali Business Community in Peace Making and Peace Building efforts as part of Phase III.

**Approved** the mode of selection of the Members of Parliament process annexed to this communiqué and called on Somali delegates to strictly follow these procedures in the interest of transparency and speedy completion of the process to establish the Transitional Federal Parliament of the Somali Republic.

**Reiterated** further the resolve by IGAD member states to maintain regional cohesion and solidarity to see this process to a successful conclusion.

**Welcomed** the decision by the African Union to dispatch a Reconnaissance Mission to prepare the ground for the deployment of



military monitors to Somalia and called upon Somali leaders to cooperate with this initiative.

**Urged** the IGAD Facilitation Committee to speed up the process and take it beyond the selection of Arbitration Committees into the Distribution of seats and the Selection of Members of Parliament.

**Acknowledged** financial support from all the IGAD member countries, in particular the Government of the Republic of Kenya, as a sign of solidarity with Somalia and the early formation of a working Government in that country.

**Re-affirmed** their decision to visit the AU and the United Nations Security Council to brief them on the progress of the Peace Process.

**Appealed** to Partners and the International Community to continue giving financial support particularly addressing debt settlement of the Conference.

**Urged** better coverage of the conference by both the print and electronic media and by so doing raise the profile of the conference



**Thanked** the Kenya Government for according them warm hospitality and cordial reception and for hosting and organizing yet another successful meeting.

**Agreed** to meet again in Nairobi on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2004.**

**Done in Nairobi on this 22<sup>nd</sup> Day of June, 2004**