



**EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY**

## **COMMUNIQUÉ**

**CONSULTATIVE MEETING BETWEEN THE  
CHAIRPERSON OF THE EAST AFRICAN  
COMMUNITY SUMMIT OF HEADS OF STATE  
AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF  
BURUNDI**

**23<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY, 2024  
BUJUMBURA, BURUNDI**

1. THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY SUMMIT OF HEADS OF STATE **HIS EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT SALVA KIIR MAYARDIT** OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH SUDAN AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BURUNDI **HIS EXCELLENCY EVARISTE NDAYISHIMIYE** HELD A CONSULTATIVE MEETING IN BUJUMBURA, REPUBLIC OF BURUNDI ON 23<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY 2024 ALONG WITH THEIR RESPECTIVE DELEGATIONS. IN ATTENDANCE WAS THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY **HON. (Dr) PETER MUTUKU MATHUKI**.
2. THEIR EXCELLENCIES CONSIDERED THE STATUS OF PEACE AND SECURITY IN THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY. THEY NOTED THAT PEACE AND SECURITY IS A PRE-REQUISITE TO SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE COMMUNITY AND VITAL TO THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE OBJECTIVES OF THE COMMUNITY. THEY CALLED UPON PARTNER STATES TO FULFILL THEIR OBLIGATIONS AS ENSHRINED IN THE TREATY FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY.
3. THEIR EXCELLENCIES REAFFIRMED THEIR COMMITMENT TO THE EAC-LED NAIROBI PROCESS AND UNDERScoreD THE NEED FOR EXPEDITIOUS COMPLEMENTARY IMPLEMENTATION WITH THE LUANDA PROCESS TO AVERT FURTHER DETERIORATION OF THE SECURITY SITUATION IN EASTERN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO (DRC) WHICH RISKS SPILLOVER INTO NEIGHBOURING PARTNER STATES.
4. THEIR EXCELLENCIES NOTED THE NEED FOR THE TWO SISTER STATES OF BURUNDI AND RWANDA TO ENSURE IMPLEMENTATION OF ALL PREVIOUSLY AGREED UPON COMMITMENTS IN GOOD FAITH ARISING OUT OF THE BILATERAL DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE TWO PARTNER STATES. THIS WILL ENERGIZE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF EAC INTERGRATION IMPERATIVES THAT INCLUDE THE FREE MOVEMENT OF PERSONS, GOODS AND SERVICES.



5. **HIS EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT SALVA KIIR MAYARDIT** OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH SUDAN THANKED HIS HOST **HIS EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT EVARISE NDAYISHIMIYE** OF THE REPUBLIC OF BURUNDI FOR THE WARM WELCOME ACCORDED TO HIM AND HIS DELEGATION AND HOSTING THE CONSULTATIVE MEETING IN A WARM AND CORDIAL ATMOSPHERE.

DONE AT BUJUMBURA, REPUBLIC OF BURUNDI ON THIS 23<sup>RD</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2024.

