



Eritrean Foreign Minister's Successful Official Visit to Russia

An Eritrean delegation led by Foreign Minister Osman Saleh conducted a 4-day official visit to the Russian Federation at the invitation of the Foreign Minister of Russia, Mr. Sergei Lavrov. During the visit that took place from 16 to 19 February 2014, the delegation held meetings with several Russian Government officials and representatives of Russian firms.

Minister Osman Saleh and Minister Sergei Lavrov, in the meeting they held, asserted that Eritrea and Russia share similar views and stances regarding major regional and international issues. They agreed to work jointly to ensure peace and stability in the Horn of Africa, as well as to combat all forms of terrorism and acts of extremism.

The two Ministers also signed a protocol on consultation mechanism that will further deepen the existing diplomatic, political, trade and economic interactions between the two countries.



In a Press Conference held after the meeting, Mr. Lavrov expressed his Government's appreciation of the regular contacts and the desire to intensify them. "I am sure that we should turn our political dialogue into searching for specific spheres of interaction, first of all, in trade and the economy," the Russian Foreign Minister stated. *(contd to page 2)*



Advisor to the President of Eritrea Visited Finland

Eritrean Presidential Advisor, Mr. Yemane Ghebreab, undertook a working visit to Finland from 21 to 22 February 2014.

During the visit, Mr. Yemane held meetings with Finland's Minister for

Foreign Affairs, Mr. Erkki Tuomioja and the Minister for International Development, Mr. Pekka Haavisto. The two sides discussed the enhancement of cooperation in the education sector, and exchanged views on the current developments in the Horn of Africa region.

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Minister Osman Saleh also met with Mr. Mikhail Margelov, Special Presidential Representative for Cooperation with African countries and with Mr. Alexandr Romanovich, the Deputy Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the State Duma (Lower House of the Russian Parliament). Mr. Romanovich conveyed to Minister Osman that he will do his level best to consolidate and promote his country's relations and partnership with Eritrea in the domains of investment and trade.

In another meeting where Mr. Valery Pak, Deputy Minister of Natural Resources and Environment, the Head of Federal Institute of Underground Resources of the Russian Federation, and representatives of the Russian Ministry of Economic Development participated, Minister Osman Saleh gave briefings on Eritrea's natural resources, especially minerals, and the investment opportunities in the mining sector.

The Eritrean delegation also met with the Russian Deputy Minister

of Education and Science, Mr. Benjamin Kaganov, and discussed the potential for partnership between the two countries in the spheres of education, science and culture. The Russian side expressed readiness to collaborate with the Eritrean Ministry of Education.

During its stay in Moscow, the Eritrean delegation also held discussions with representatives of Russian firms focusing on trade and investment.

Turkish Trade Unions Confederation Leaders Visited Eritrea

A Turkish delegation headed by the President of the country's Trade Unions Confederation, Mr. Mahmut Arslan, conducted a 3-day working visit in Eritrea from 17 to 19 February 2014.

The visit aimed at strengthening ties and sharing experiences between the two Confederations.

The delegation met with the Secretary General of the National Confederation of Eritrean Workers (NCEW), Mr. Tekeste Baire, and a number of government officials. They also visited some factories and the Port City of Massawa.

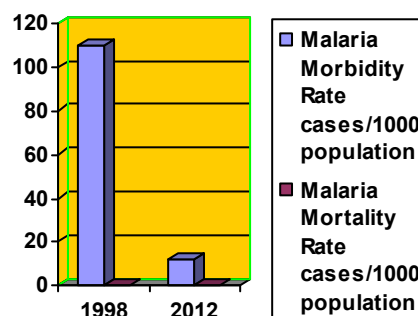


The Turkish Delegation meeting with Mr. Tekeste Baire

Malaria Control Success Story in Eritrea

Eritrea has surpassed the internationally set target of reducing malaria prevalence by 75%. Between 1998 and 2012, malaria morbidity and mortality rates in Eritrea declined by **90% and 96%**, respectively.

This was achieved due to the Government's commitment and the active participation of the people at the grassroots and community levels.



Source: National Malaria Programme-Performance Review (MPR), 2013

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ERITREAN AMBASSADOR BIDS FAREWELL TO AUC DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON

Addis Ababa Ethiopia, 24 February 2014– The outgoing Permanent Representative of Eritrea to the Africa Union, Ambassador Girma Asmerom Tesfay paid a farewell call on the AU Commission's Deputy Chairperson, Mr Erastus Mwencha on the 4th of February 2014.

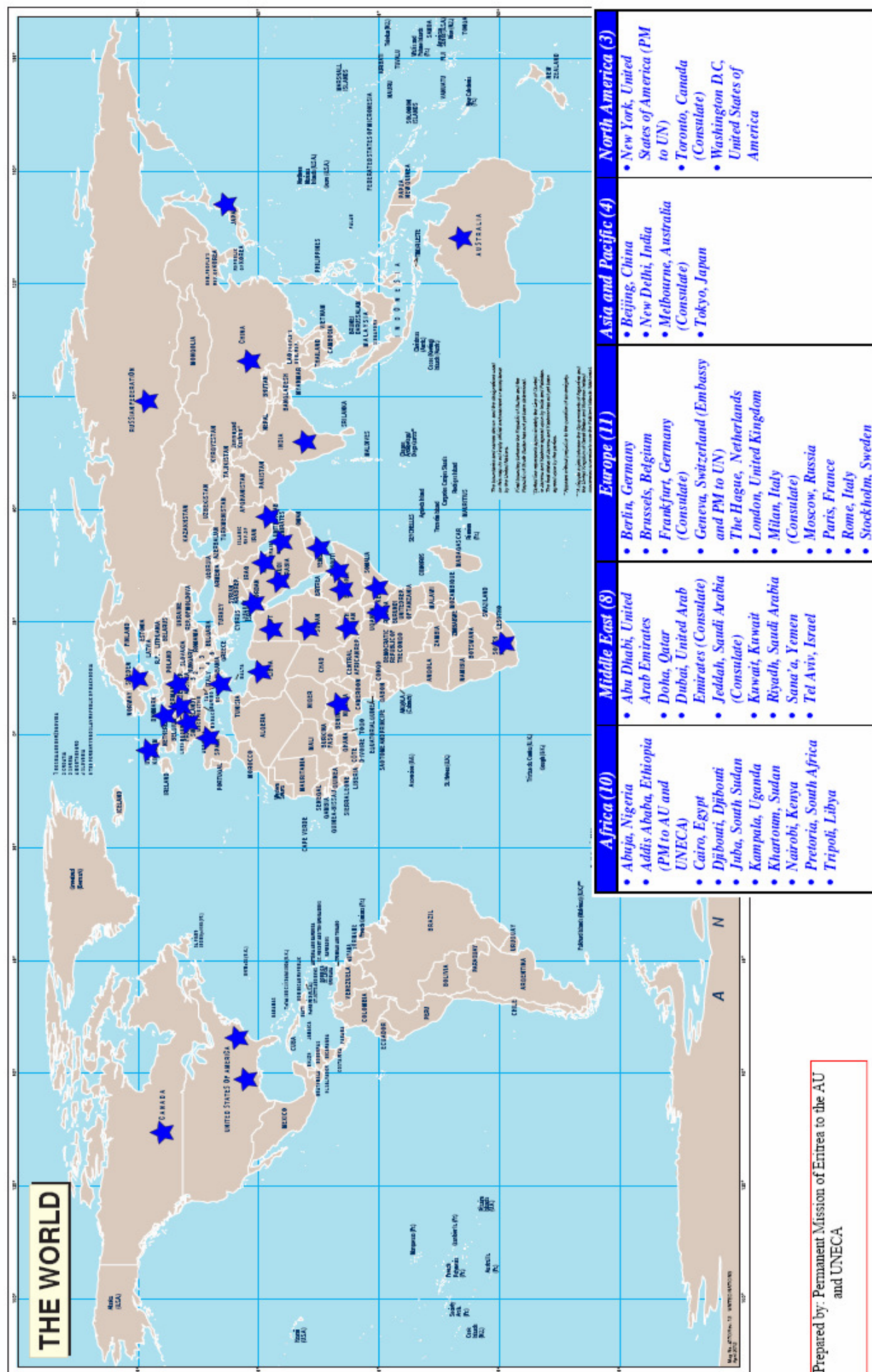
In the meeting, Ambassador Girma expressed his deep appreciation to the Deputy Chairperson for his leadership and cooperation during his tenure in Addis Ababa. He also called on the African Union to fulfil its responsibility as the Guarantor of the Algiers Agreement signed between Eritrea and Ethiopia in 2000.

In turn, the Deputy Chairperson praised Ambassador Girma for his excellent diplomatic skills and the commitment which he brought to the work of the Permanent Representatives Committee (PRC). Mr. Mwencha also called on Ambassador Girma to remain in the service of Africa's integration and development in his new post as Eritrea's Permanent Representative to the United Nations in New York.



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