



Eritrea Participated in the EU-Horn of Africa Ministerial Conference on Migration and Human Trafficking

A Delegation led by Mr. Osman Saleh, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Eritrea, participated in the EU-Horn of Africa Ministerial Conference on Migration and Human Trafficking, held in Rome, Italy on 28 November 2014.

The Conference was attended by representatives of the 28 EU member states and 10 African states, namely Eritrea, Sudan, Egypt, South Sudan, Ethiopia, Djibouti, Somalia, Kenya, Libya, and Tunisia.

During its stay in Rome, the Eritrean delegation held talks with Ms. Federica Mogherini, the EU Foreign Policy Chief; the Italian Minister for Internal Affairs and the country's Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs; as well as the Vice Ministers for Justice

of UK and Norway. The discussions focused on development and enhancing cooperation in combating human trafficking.



The full text of the Statement delivered at the Conference by Foreign Minister Osman Saleh is available in page 2.

Eritrea Took Part in 2nd Africa-Turkey Summit

An Eritrean Delegation participated in the 2nd Africa-Turkey Summit held in Malabo, Equatorial Guinea from 19-21 November 2014, under the theme 'New Model of Partnership for the Strengthening of Sustainable Development and Integration.'

The Summit was attended by Heads of State and Government as well as representatives from 30 African countries, and President Recep Tayyip Erdogan of Turkey.

The Summit adopted a Declaration,

list of Major Priority Projects and an Implementation Plan. These projects aim at promoting relations and cooperation in the domains of trade and investment; peace and security; culture, tourism and education; youth empowerment and technology transfer; rural economy and agriculture; and energy, ICT and transport infrastructure.

Eritrea was represented at the Summit by Mr. Biniam Berhe, First Secretary in the Permanent Mission of Eritrea to the African Union and the UN Economic Commission for Africa.

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**Statement by H.E. Mr. Osman Saleh,
Minister of Foreign Affairs of the State of Eritrea,
at the EU-Horn of Africa Ministerial Conference on Migration and Human
Trafficking, Rome, 28 November 2014**

Mr. Chairman,
Your Excellencies,

On behalf of the people and government of Eritrea, I wish to thank the African Union, the European Union and the Italian Presidency for taking this timely initiative to address the critical issue of migration and the crime of human trafficking, which is profoundly affecting millions of people and nations throughout the world.



I wish to make four main points and I will be very brief.

- 1) Conferences, like this one in Rome, as well as those that preceded it and those to follow, are important to highlight the critical nature of the issue and to create a broader understanding and a sense of urgency. Eritrea, however, wishes to focus on and stress the crucial need to take concrete measures and within specified timeframes to make a positive difference for irregular migrants and victims of human trafficking as well as address the legitimate concerns of the countries of origin, transit and destination.
- 2) We in Eritrea are determined, and are already taking appropriate action, to develop the political, economic, social and cultural environment that would provide opportunities for our young people to live and thrive in their own country. We are engaged in a sustained and promising effort to transform our economy and develop our human resources, specially the education, health, skills, fortitude and initiative of our youth. We have a specific program to bring tangible change in the lives of our people within three to five years, positive change which will also have a significant impact on current migration patterns.
- 3) Eritrea has embarked on and is determined to work in, close and mutually beneficial, partnership with regional countries to address the problems of irregular migration and the crime of human trafficking. More broadly and importantly, Eritrea is actively engaged in promoting regional cooperation and integration, as a strategically-located, maritime country, it stands to gain from regional peace, stability and cooperation.
- 4) Eritrea values its partnership with the European Union and is determined to work with the EU and all European countries to tackle irregular migration and human trafficking and to address their root causes. We call for an urgent review of European migration policies towards Eritreans, as they are, to say the least, based on incorrect information, something that is being increasingly acknowledged. Crucially, we call on the EU and all European countries to increase their all-sided engagement and cooperation with Eritrea and the entire Horn of Africa region, in a partnership focused on peace, security, trade and investment that will benefit both the region and Europe.

Those are my four points. Let me conclude by thanking everyone present here today and reaffirming that you will find in Eritrea an effective and hugely constructive partner.

I thank you!

Eritrean Delegation Participated in the AU Specialized Technical Committee Meeting held in the Republic of Congo

An Eritrean delegation led by Ambassador Araya Desta, Permanent Representative of Eritrea to the African Union and UN Economic Commission for Africa, participated in the First Session of the African Union Specialized Technical Committee on Public Service, Local Government, Urban Development and Decentralization, held from 24-26 November 2014 in Brazzaville, Republic of Congo.

In accordance with the Decision of the AU Assembly of Heads of State and Government, starting from the current year the numerous sectoral Ministerial Conferences will be replaced by 14 Specialized Technical Committees (STCs). The STC that held its meeting in Brazzaville brings to its fold three sectoral Ministerial Conferences.

The Eritrean delegation expressed its support to the new arrangement stating that it will play a



significant role in reducing the number of meetings and related expenditures as well as in creating synergy within the various organs of the Union.

The Meeting which was attended by Ministers and Representatives from the Member States of the African Union adopted its Rules of Procedure and the Work Plan for 2015-2016.

AUC Lauds Eritrea's Achievements in Improving Maternal and Infant Health

The AU Commissioner for Social Affairs, Dr. Mustapha Sidiki Kaloko, in a Statement he made at the commemoration of the 4th Annual CARMMA (Campaign on Accelerated Reduction of Maternal, Newborn and Child Mortality in Africa) Week held on 26 November 2014, at the AU Headquarters, identified Eritrea as one of the success stories in significantly reducing maternal and infant mortality rates.

The Commissioner stated that “Eritrea has witnessed a fall in its maternal death rate from 880 per 100,000 live births to 240; representing an increase in the life chances of Eritrean mothers and their babies.”

It is to be recalled that Eritrea has already achieved the three health-related MDGs and is on-track on the other goals.

Eritrean Delegation Took Part in the 1st Extraordinary Session of the AU CAMRMRD held in Zambia and Zimbabwe

An Eritrean Delegation led by Ambassador Salih Omer, Ambassador of Eritrea to the Republic of South Africa and SADC countries, participated in the 1st Extraordinary Session of the AU Conference of Ministers Responsible for Mineral Resources Development (CAMRMRD) held from 22-26 Nov-

ember 2014, in Livingstone, Zambia and Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe. The session focused on finding appropriate solutions to the institutionalization and sustainability of the African Minerals Development Centre (AMDC).