



JOINT COMMUNIQUE

ISSUED AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE

**STATE VISIT OF H.E. YOWERI KAGUTA MUSEVENI, PRESIDENT OF
THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA TO THE STATE OF ERITREA**

(29th - 30st MAY, 2012)

- 1- At the invitation of H.E. ISAIAS AFWERKI, President of the State of Eritrea , the President of The Republic of Uganda, H. E. PRESIDENT YOWERI KAGUTA MUSEVENI and the First Lady Hon. JANET K. MUSEVENI paid a two day State visit to Asmara, Eritrea from 29th – 30st May 2012.
- 2- President Isaias warmly welcomed President Museveni, the First Lady and the accompanying Ugandan delegation upon their arrival in Asmara. President Isaias hosted a State Banquet in honour of his brother President MUSEVENI, the First Lady and the Ugandan delegation.
- 3- During their stay in Eritrea, President Museveni and the First Lady toured institutions and enterprises that display Eritrea's efforts in building national capacity and economic development.

- 4- President ISAIAS AFWERKI and President YOWERI MUSEVENI, held tete a tete discussions, in a cordial spirit of fraternal cooperation and understanding, on bilateral cooperation, regional peace and security, regional integration as well as other issues, including the revitalization of the African Union.
- 5- The two sides discussed in depth the situation in the Horn of Africa and focused on the strategic objectives of achieving regional peace, security and integration. They agreed to work together to resolve conflicts, prioritize economic and social development and promote trade and infrastructural links among the countries of the region.
- 6- The two sides reaffirmed their commitment to the independence, unity, sovereignty and territorial integrity of Somalia and agreed to work together to foster the establishment of a national government capable of ensuring peace, security and development.
- 7- The two sides reconfirmed their determination to strengthen their cooperation in trade, investment, education, health, civil aviation and communication and signed a Framework Agreement to promote this bilateral cooperation.
- 8- The two sides expressed grave concern about the tension between Sudan and South Sudan and urged them to resolve their differences through good-faith dialogue and lay the basis for solid and mutually beneficial relations, which is indispensable for the success of both countries as well as the region.
- 9- The two sides reaffirmed their commitment to the struggle of Africa and its people to end marginalization and achieve

sustainable economic development. In this regard, they agreed to work together to strengthen the African Union and consolidate the sub-regional organizations, including IGAD.

10- President ISAIAS AFWERKI thanked President MUSEVENI for accepting his invitation to visit Eritrea.

11- President MUSEVENI expressed gratitude to President ISAIAS and the Government and People of Eritrea for the warm welcome and the hospitality extended to him and his delegation.

Issued on the 30th of May, 2012 at Asmara, Eritrea.