



**REPUBLIC OF UGANDA**



**FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF SOMALIA**

**JOINT COMMUNIQUE**

**ON THE**

**OCCASION OF THE OFFICIAL VISIT TO UGANDA BY HIS EXCELLENCY HASSAN SHEIKH MOHAMUD PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF SOMALIA**

1. At the invitation of His Excellency Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, President of the Republic of Uganda, His Excellency Hassan Sheikh Mohamud President of the Federal Republic of Somalia paid a one-day Official Visit to the Republic of Uganda on 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2024. His Excellency Hassan Sheikh Mohamud was accompanied by Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation and Minister of Defence as well as other Senior Government Officials.
2. His Excellency Yoweri Kaguta Museveni congratulated His Excellency Hassan Sheikh Mohamud upon Federal Republic of Somalia becoming a new member of the East African Community which marks a new era of regional integration, wider regional market and trade cooperation. Also, congratulated Somalia being an- incoming non-Permanent Member of United Nations Security Council for year 2025-2026.
3. The Heads of State held official talks at Nakasero State Lodge, Kampala, in a cordial atmosphere and reviewed bilateral, regional and international issues of mutual interest.
4. The two Heads of State exchanged views on the security situation in Somalia and the region and underscored the need to maintain peace, security and stability in the Horn of Africa and in the African continent as a whole. They commended sacrifices made by the African Union Transition Mission in Somalia (ATMIS) and Somali Security Forces in pacifying the country and the fight against Al -Shabaab.

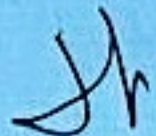
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5. The Heads of State welcomed the establishment of the new Mission of the African Union Support and Stabilization Mission in Somalia (AUSSOM) and build up on the achievements made by its predecessor ATMIS. The mission should also leverage from the lessons learnt and implement a strategy that meets the specific capabilities required by the Somali Security Sector. They emphasized that its crucial to explore all funding options including UN resolution 2719 and AUSSOM must have predictable and sustainable funding, and called upon for the support of the International Community.
6. The Heads of State emphasized the need to adequately support the implementation of the Somali Security Development Plan and building the capabilities of the Somali Security Forces (SSFs) and called upon the international community to support in building capabilities to ensure smooth exit of AUSSOM.
7. At bilateral level, their Excellencies welcomed the signing of the Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA) which is an integral part of the Memorandum of Understanding on Defence Cooperation and noted the readiness by the respective Ministers to sign Memoranda of Understanding on Education and Sports, Immigration Management, and directed for the convening of the second Session of the Joint Permanent Commission and Investment and Business Summit as soon as possible.
8. Their Excellencies noted the submission of the draft Bilateral Labour Agreement from the Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development of the Republic of Uganda to the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs of the Federal Republic of Somalia.
9. The Heads of State reiterated their commitment to deepen integration through East African Community (EAC), Inter- Governmental Authority on Development (IGAD) and the wider African Union.
10. Their Excellencies called upon the international community to continue supporting the Government of the Federal Republic of Somalia in building its institutions, especially Somali Security Forces (SSFs), to ensure that the progress and gains made are consolidated as well as support for climate action and humanitarian assistance.
1. Their Excellencies welcomed the Lifting of the Arms Embargo on Somalia which presents an opportunity to the Federal Government of Somalia to expedite transition process and ensure the phased implementation of the Somali Security Development Plan and enable the country to shoulder her security responsibilities.

His Excellency Yoweri Kaguta Museveni commended His Excellency Hassan Sheikh Mohamud, the Government and Peoples of the Federal Republic of Somalia for the commitment, resilience and efforts made in stabilization of Somalia. His Excellency Hassan Sheikh Mohamud commended His Excellency President Yoweri Museveni,





the Government and people of Uganda for the sacrifice made and commitment since 2007 to peace, security and stability in Somalia and the region at large.

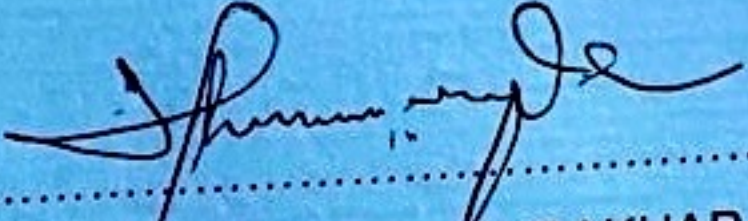
13. The two Heads of State underscored the need to further increase the volumes of bilateral trade between the two countries by bringing together the respective private sectors to identify opportunities for investment, trade and tourism. They directed for the convening of the second Joint Investment and Business Summit.

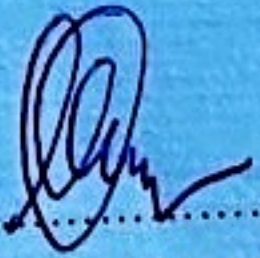
14. His Excellency Yoweri Kaguta Museveni expressed gratitude to His Excellency Hassan Sheikh Mohamud for honouring his invitation and for the fruitful discussions held. His Excellency Hassan Sheikh Mohamud expressed appreciation to His Excellency Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, the Government and the People of the Republic of Uganda for the warm hospitality accorded to him and his delegation during the Visit.

15. His Excellency Hassan Sheikh Hassan extended an invitation to His Excellency Yoweri Kaguta Museveni to visit the Federal Republic of Somalia. The invitation was gladly accepted and the dates will be agreed upon through diplomatic channels.

**DONE at NAKASERO on this 19<sup>TH</sup> day of OCTOBER of the Year 2024**

**FOR THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA      FOR THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF SOMALIA**

  
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