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**DECISIONS AND DIRECTIVES OF THE 13TH SUMMIT OF HEADS OF STATE
30TH NOVEMBER 2011**

CONSIDERATION OF THE ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT OF THE COUNCIL

1.0 The Summit—

- (a) took note of the Annual Progress Report of the Council with commendation to the Council for monitoring and keeping under constant review the implementation of the Community's projects and programmes;
(*EAC/SHS 13/ Decision 01*)
- (b) approved—
 - (i) the Protocol on Prevention and Combating of Corruption;
 - (ii) the Protocol on Immunities and Privileges for East African Community, Its Organs and Institutions for conclusion; and
 - (iii) the Protocol on Co-operation in Defence subject to amendment of this Protocol's Article 17 to provide that the Partner States shall negotiate and conclude within one year hence a mutual defence pact;
(*EAC/SHS 13/ Decision 02*)
- (c) approved the EAC Industrialisation Policy and Strategy;
(*EAC/SHS 13/ Decision 03*)
- (d) proclaimed that the second East African Legislative Assembly will come to an end on 5th June 2012 and the third East African Legislative Assembly will commence on 5th June 2012 (copies of the proclamations are attached hereto as Annexes V and VI respectively); and
(*EAC/SHS 13/ Decision 04*)
- (e) expressed support for the Kampala Accord regarding the regional political peace initiative in Somalia.
(*EAC/SHS 13/ Decision 05*)

2.0 CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON THE PROPOSED ATTAINMENT OF A SINGLE CUSTOMS TERRITORY

The Summit—

- (a) took note of this Report; and
(*EAC/SHS 13/ Decision 06*)
- (b) directed the Council to present recommendations on the Single Customs Territory at an Extraordinary Summit to be held in April 2012.
(*EAC/SHS 13/ Decision 07*)

3.0 CONSIDERATION OF A REPORT OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS ON THE REPORT OF THE TEAM OF EXPERTS ON FEARS, CONCERNS AND CHALLENGES ON THE POLITICAL FEDERATION

The Summit—

- (a) took note of this Report ;
(*EAC/SHS 13/ Decision 08*)
- (b) mandated the Secretariat to—
 - (i) produce a road map for establishing and strengthening the institutions identified by the Team of Experts as critical to the functioning of a Customs Union, Common Market, and Monetary Union;
(*EAC/SHS 13/ Decision 09*)
 - (ii) formulate an action plan for purposes of operationalising the other recommendations contained in the Report of the Team of Experts; and

- (ii) propose an action plan on, and a draft model of the structure of the East African Political Federation for consideration by the Summit at its 14th Ordinary Meeting.
(*EAC/SHS 13/ Decision 09*)

4.0 CONSIDERATION OF AN APPLICATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF SUDAN TO JOIN THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY

The Summit—

- (a) observed that the application by the Republic of Sudan does not meet the criterion on geographical proximity and contiguity; and
- (b) cannot be considered at this point in time.
(*EAC/SHS 13/ Decision 10*)

5.0 CONSIDERATION OF A PROGRESS REPORT ON THE EADB/BLUELINE ENTERPRISES LITIGATION

The Summit—

- (a) took note of the Council's report on the EADB/Blueline Enterprises litigation; and
(*EAC/SHS 13/ Decision 11*)
- (b) directed—
 - (i) the Attorneys General of the Partner States to meet with lawyers of East African Development Bank and the Counsel to the Community by 31st December 2011 to formulate a specific legal position on the way forward on this matter;
 - (ii) the East African Development Bank to explore the possibility of making a reference to East African Court of Justice on this matter;
 - (iii) the East African Development Bank to appeal against the order of attachment made by the High Court of Tanzania;
 - (iv) the Council to initiate a Bill that will protect assets and properties of the Community and its institutions and introduce it in the East African Legislative Assembly; and
 - (v) the Partner States to uphold their collective and individual duties and obligations under the Treaty, the Charter of the East African Development Bank, 1980 and established state practice to guarantee privileges and immunities as contained in the treaties and undertake to uphold the inviolability and sanctity of the assets, property, archives of the EAC and its institutions to ensure that the EAC mandate is accomplished
(*EAC/SHS 13/ Directive 01*)

6.0 CONSIDERATION OF ANY OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 Application by the Republic of South Sudan to join the East African Community

The Summit directed the Council to—

- (a) verify this application on the basis of the Criteria for Admission of Foreign Countries into the East African Community; and
- (b) submit recommendations to the Summit at its next Extraordinary Meeting in April 2012.
(*EAC/SHS 13/ Decision 12*)

7.2 Report on the Achievement of the East African Court of Justice

The Summit commended the East African Court of Justice for its service to the people of East Africa.
(*EAC/SHS 13/ Decision 13*)

7.3 Launching of the East African Community Development Strategy 2011/12—2015/16

The Summit launched the East African Community Development Strategy 2011/12- 2015/16 whose theme is *Deepening and Accelerating Regional Integration*. The Strategy lays down the projected milestones for achievement in the integration process s postulated in the Treaty for the Establishment of the East African Community.

7.4 Award of EAC Schools Essay Competition 2010 Prizes

On behalf of the Summit, the Chairperson of the Summit awarded prizes to the following students who emerged winners in the EAC Schools Essay Competition 2010:-

- (a) Victor Okoth, St Mary's College Kisubi, Republic of Uganda -1st Prize;
- (b) Mercy Nyambura Ikuri, Achiambe Girls' High School, Republic of Kenya – 2nd Prize;
- (c) Neema John, Jangwani Secondary School, The United Republic of Tanzania - 3rd Prize;
- (d) Nomugisha Hellen Anthony, Fawe Girls School, Republic of Rwanda - 4th Prize; and
- (e) Christabella Bizimana, Lycee SOS HG, Republic of Burundi – 5th Prize.

DECISIONS AND DIRECTIVES OF THE 23RD MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS**PART I****1.0 REPORT ON THE STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF PREVIOUS DECISIONS OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS**

The Council

- (a) prescribed clear time frames for implementation of Council decisions and directives
(EAC/CM 23/Decision 01);
- (b) directed Partner states to adhere to the agreed time frame to submit comments
(EAC/CM 23/Directive 01);
- (c) decided that all information related to the implementation of Council decisions shall be channelled through the Ministries of East African Community Affairs
(EAC/CM 23/Decision 02);
- (d) directed the Secretariat in liaison with the focal point officers to review the compendium of Council decisions by 30th October 2011
(EAC/CM 23/Directive 02);
- (e) directed the Secretariat to develop similar matrices for Sectoral Councils
(EAC/CM 23/Directive 03); and
- (f) directed the Secretariat and Partner States to expeditiously implement all previous outstanding decisions and directives of the Council
(EAC/CM 23/Directive 04).

PART II**2.0 REPORT OF THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL****2.1 SECRETARY GENERAL'S PROPOSALS ON KEY SPECIFIC MATTERS****2.1.1 Proposed Council Bills**

The Council –

- (a) deferred consideration of the proposed East African Private Funded Infrastructure Bill 2009 until the ongoing study on the Regional Framework for Public Private Partnership is considered and adopted
(EAC/CM 23/Decision 03);
- (b) directed the Sectoral Council on Trade, Industry, Finance and Investment to finalize outstanding sectoral work on the East African Community Anti-Counterfeit Bill, 2010 and submit a report at the 24th Meeting of the Council
(EAC/CM 23/Directive 05); and
- (c) adopted The East African Community HIV and AIDS Prevention and Management Bill, 2010 and referred it to the Sectoral Council on Legal and Judicial Affairs for legal input
(EAC/CM 23/Decision 04).

2.1.2 Meetings of the Sectoral Council on Legal and Judicial Affairs

The Council –

- (a) urged the Attorneys General to agree on a convenient date and meet to clear the back log
(EAC/CM 23/Directive 07); and
- (b) directed the Sectoral Council on Legal and Judicial Affairs to meet by 31st October 2011 to clear all pending work
(EAC/CM 23/Directive 08).

2.1.3 Proposed USA /EAC Trade Investment Agreement

The Council –

- (a) directed the Secretariat to submit the US Proposal on the EAC-US Trade and Investment Initiative and the Report of Experts to the next meeting of the Sectoral Council of Trade, Industry, Finance and Investment for consideration (*EAC/CM 23/Directive 09*); and
- (b) directed the Secretariat to develop the TORS of the study which will inform the region on the cost and benefits as well as the issues to include harmonization with other investment and trade agreements / initiatives and submit the same to Sectoral Council on Trade, Industry Finance and Investment (*EAC/CM 23/Directive 10*).

2.2 NEW PROPOSALS FOR THE AMENDMENT OF THE TREATY FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY

The Council noted the developments and decided to maintain the status quo (*EAC/CM 23/Decision 06*).

2.3 REPORT OF THE 14TH MEETING OF THE SECTORAL COUNCIL OF MINISTERS RESPONSIBLE FOR EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS AND PLANNING

The Council –

- (a) adopted decisions of the 14th Meeting of the Sectoral Council of Ministers Responsible for EAC Affairs and Planning (*EAC/CM 23/Decision 07*);
- (b) referred those decisions and directives with financial, legal and policy implication for consideration by the Finance and Administration Committee and the Sectoral Council on Legal and Judicial Affairs respectively (*EAC/CM 23/Decision 08*);
- (c) approved the Terms of Reference for the study on equitable sharing of benefits and costs of EAC integration (*EAC/CM 23/Decision 09*);
- (d) directed the Secretariat to undertake the study on equitable sharing of benefits and costs of EAC integration (*EAC/CM 23/Directive 11*); and
- (e) directed the Secretariat to convene a dedicated session of the Sectoral Council of Ministers Responsible for EAC Affairs and Planning but provide adequate time for informal consultations for the Ministers to discuss the Institutional Review, Quota System and the Proposed Roadmap on the Integration of the Republic of Burundi and the Republic of Rwanda by end of October 2011 (*EAC/CM 23/Directive 12*).

2.4 APPLICATION BY THE REPUBLIC OF SUDAN TO JOIN THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY

The Council took note of the application of the Republic of Sudan to join the EAC and referred the matter to the Summit for guidance (*EAC/CM 23/Decision 10*).

2.5 REPORT ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND

The Council –

- (a) took note of the progress made in the development of the draft Protocol on the establishment of the EACDF and the Policy Framework and adopted it (*EAC/CM 23/Decision 11*);
- (b) directed the Secretariat to refer it to the Sectoral Council on Legal and Judicial Affairs for legal input and ensuring among others, that the draft Protocol on the Establishment of the EACDF stipulates clearly the relationship between EACDF and the EAC Council of Ministers and also ensure there are no inconsistencies (*EAC/CM 23/Directive 13*); and

- (c) directed the Secretariat to expedite the process of developing the following operational instruments—
 - (i) Management Contract between EACDF and EADB;
 - (ii) a resource mobilization framework to operationalize the EACDF.
(*EAC/CM 23/Directive 14*)

2.6 PROPOSAL FOR IMPROVEMENT IN COUNCIL'S DECISION-MAKING ON INSTITUTIONAL MATTERS AND THE CONCLUSION OF EAC POLICY INSTRUMENTS

The Council—

- (a) decided that the Sectoral Council on Legal and Judicial Affairs and the Finance and Administration Committee maintain their reporting procedures
(*EAC/CM 23/Decision 12*);
- (b) deferred consideration of this proposal to the 26th Meeting of the Council
(*EAC/CM 23/Decision 13*).

2.7 DRAFT EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY COMMUNICATION POLICY AND STRATEGY

The Council –

- (a) adopted the EAC Communication Policy and Strategy
(*EAC/CM 23/Decision 14*); and
- (b) directed the Secretariat to prepare an operational plan for the EAC Communication Policy and Strategy and submit it to the next Meeting of the Finance and Administration Committee for consideration
(*EAC/CM 23/Directive 15*).

2.8 REPORT ON CO-OPERATION IN DEFENCE

The Council -

- (a) adopted the decisions of the Sectoral Council on Co-operation in Defense
(*EAC/CM 23/Decision 15*); and
- (b) referred the matter on establishment of a standing committee of the Summit to the joint meeting of the Sectoral Councils on Defense, Inter-State Security and Foreign Policy Co-ordination to deal with cross-cutting security issues
(*EAC/CM 23/Decision 16*).

2.9 REPORT ON OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

The Council –

- (a) took note of the outreach activities of the Secretariat undertaken during the period April – August 2011
(*EAC/CM 23/Decision 17*); and
- (b) urged the Secretariat to source more resources for Partner States to undertake outreach and sensitization activities
(*EAC/CM 23/Directive 16*).

PART III

3.0 REPORT ON PLANNING AND INFRASTRUCTURE

The Council –

- (a) took note of the progress made on fiscal, monetary and financial matters
(*EAC/CM 23/Decision 18*); and
- (b) approved the Terms of Reference for the studies on pension and insurance
(*EAC/CM 23/Decision 19*).

3.1.1 PROGRESS ON THE NEGOTIATIONS OF THE EAC MONETARY UNION PROTOCOL

The Council took note of the progress made on fiscal, financial and monetary matter
(*EAC/CM 23/Decision 20*).

3.1.1.1 Report of the 1st Meeting of the Sectoral Council on Monetary Union

The Council—

- (a) adopted decisions of the 1st Meeting of the Sectoral Council on Monetary Union;
(*EAC/CM 23/Decision 21*); and
- (b) approved the revised Terms of Reference for the Sectoral Council on Monetary Union
(*EAC/CM 23/Decision 22*).
- (c) directed the Secretariat to ensure that all future meetings of the Sectoral Council on Monetary Union should be in accordance with its revised Terms of Reference.
(*EAC/CM 23/Directive 17*).

3.1.1.24th EAC Development Strategy 2011/12 – 2015/16

The Council adopted the 4th EAC Development Strategy 2011/12 – 2015/16
(*EAC/CM 23/Decision 23*).

3.1.2 STATISTICS

The Council took note of the progress made on Statistics (*EAC/CM 23/Decision 24*).

3.1.3 Investment Promotion

The Council—

- (a) took note of the progress made on investment promotion
(*EAC/CM 23/Decision 25*); and
- (b) directed the Secretariat to submit final reports on the studies on investment promotion to the 24th Meeting of the Council
(*EAC/CM 23/Directive 18*).

3.2 INFRASTRUCTURE

The Council –

- (a) adopted decisions of the 8th Meeting of Sectoral Council on Transport, Communications and Meteorology
(*EAC/CM 23/Decision 26*).
- (b) directed The United Republic of Tanzania and the Republic of Kenya to-
 - (i) mobilize funds to finance the gaps to meet the full cost of the Namanga OSBP reconstruction (US\$ 4.3 million for Kenya and US\$ 5.3 million for Tanzania);
 - (ii) implement the Resettlement Action Plan for the Namanga One Stop Border Post by mid October 2011; and ensure completion of the outstanding works on the Arusha – Namanga – Athi River Road Project by end of March 2012.
(*EAC/CM 23/Directive 19*).
- (c) decided that the launch of the completed Arusha – Namanga – Athi River Road Project be done at the end of May 2012 (*EAC/CM 23/Decision 27*);
- (d) referred the draft Protocol on Cooperation in Meteorological Services to the Sectoral Council on Legal and Judicial Affairs for legal input (*EAC/CM 23/Decision 28*);

- (e) referred the matter of the enhancement of the capacity of the Meteorological Unit at the Secretariat to the Task Force on the Institutional Review for consideration
(EAC/CM 23/Decision 29);
- (f) further directed the Republic of Burundi, Republic of Kenya, Republic of Rwanda and the Republic of Uganda to write to the AfDB on the proposed financial support for the EAC- Broadband Infrastructure Network and the Maritime Communications for Safety on Lake Victoria project by 30th September 2011
(EAC/CM 23/Directive 20); and
- (g) encouraged Partner States to actively participate in the Tripartite/IGAD Infrastructure Investment Conference taking place from 28th - 29th September 2011 in Nairobi in line with the 2nd Tripartite Summit directive
(EAC/CM 23/Decision 30).

PART IV

4.0 REPORT ON PRODUCTIVE AND SOCIAL SECTORS

The Council –

- (a) adopted the decisions of the Multi-Sectoral Meeting on Food Security and Climate Change
(EAC/CM 23/Decision 31);
- (b) directed the Secretariat to convene a Multi-Sectoral Meeting of all relevant Sectoral Councils at least once in a year given the cross-cutting nature of food security and adverse impacts of climate change
(EAC/CM 23/Directive 21); and
- (c) referred decisions with financial implications to the Finance and Administration Committee for consideration
(EAC/CM 23/Decision 32).

4.1.1 AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SECURITY SECTOR

The Council –

- a) adopted the decisions of the Sectoral Council on Agriculture and Food Security
(EAC/CM 23/Decision 33);
- b) directed the Secretariat to develop a regional CAADP compact
(EAC/CM 23/Directive 22);
- c) directed the Secretariat and Partner States to expedite the implementation of the decisions of the Sectoral Council on Agriculture and Food Security
(EAC/CM 23/Directive 23);
- d) directed the Sectoral Council on Legal and Judicial Affairs to expedite the finalisation of the SPS Protocol
(EAC/CM 23/Directive 24);
- e) directed the Secretariat to fast track the finalisation of the pending work and mobilisation of financial support to the activities of the Farm Inputs Working Group
(EAC/CM 23/Directive 25); and
- f) referred decisions with financial implication to the Finance and Administration Committee for consideration
(EAC/CM 23/Decision 34).

4.1.2 ENERGY SECTOR

The Council—

- a) adopted the decisions of the Sectoral Council on Energy that do not relate to recruitment
(EAC/CM 23/Decision 35);
- b) referred decisions with financial implications to the Finance and Administration Committee
(EAC/CM 23/Decision 36);

- c) directed the Secretariat to convene a meeting of the Sectoral Council on Energy before 30th October 2011 to urgently devise ways of—
 - (i) addressing the persistent power shortages; and
 - (ii) fast tracking the implementation of the projects and activities stipulated in the Regional Power Master Plan. (*EAC/CM 23/Directive 26*).

4.1.3 INDUSTRY AND SME DEVELOPMENT SECTOR

The Council –

- (a) adopted the decisions of the Sectoral Council on Trade, Industry, Finance and Investments pertaining to industry and SME development (*EAC/CM 23/Decision 37*);
- (b) directed the Republic of Rwanda, the Republic of Burundi and the Republic of Uganda to submit comments on the draft EAC Industrialization Policy and Strategy by 30th September 2011 (*EAC/CM 23/Directive 27*);
- (c) directed the Secretariat and Partner States to expedite the implementation of the decisions of the CAMI 19 (*EAC/CM 23/Directive 28*);
- (d) referred decisions with financial implications to the Finance and Administration Committee for consideration (*EAC/CM 23/Decision 38*); and
- (e) took note that the Republic of Kenya has offered to host the 20th Conference of Ministers of Industry (CAMI-20) in 2013 (*EAC/CM 23/Decision 39*).

4.1.4 SOCIAL SECTORS

4.1.4.1 Education, Science and Technology, Culture and Sports

The Council –

- (a) adopted the decisions of the Sectoral Council on Education, Science and Technology Culture and Sports (*EAC/CM 23/Decision 40*);
- (b) approved the establishment of a Technical Committee to operationalize the harmonization process of the Education systems and training curricula (*EAC/CM 23/Decision 41*);
- (c) directed the Secretariat to mobilize the necessary resources to facilitate the operations of the Technical Committee (*EAC/CM 23/Directive 29*);
- (d) adopted Sectoral Council Decisions regarding the implementation of the Council Directives on the Mutual Recognition of Academic and Professional Qualifications (*EAC/CM 23/Decision 42*).
- (e) directed all Sectoral Councils to urge the professionals under their sectors to develop Mutual Recognition Agreements (MRAs) (*EAC/CM 23/Directive 30*);
- (f) directed Partner States to take inventory of professional regulatory bodies (*EAC/CM 23/Directive 31*);
- (g) adopted the Sectoral Council decision to hold EAC Arts and Culture Festival and Sports Tournaments by Partner States on rotational basis (*EAC/CM 23/Decision 43*); and
- (h) referred decisions with financial implications to the Finance and Administration Committee for consideration (*EAC/CM 23/Decision 44*).

4.1.5 HEALTH SECTOR

The Council directed the Secretariat to ensure that the ongoing EAC Institutional Review takes into consideration and incorporates the decisions of the Sectoral Council of Health into its final report before tabling it for adoption (*EAC/CM 23/Directive 32*).

4.1.5.1 Operationalization of the East African Community Health Research Commission

The Council directed The United Republic of Tanzania to expedite the ratification of the Protocol on the establishment of the East African Community Health Research Commission (EACHRC) before 30th May 2012 (*EAC/CM 23/Directive 33*).

4.1.5.2 Funding of the Annual East African Health and Scientific Conference

The Council referred the issue on the funding for the EAC Health and Scientific Conferences to the Finance and Administration Committee for consideration (*EAC/CM 23/Decision 45*).

4.1.6 GENDER, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CIVIL SOCIETY

The Council—

- a) took note of the recommendations of the 3rd Meeting of the Forum of Ministers Responsible for Social Development (*EAC/CM 23/Decision 46*);
- b) directed the Secretariat to take the specific recommendations of the 3rd Meeting of the Ministers Responsible for Social Development to the relevant Sectoral Councils for adoption and implementation (*EAC/CM 23/Directive 34*); and
- c) directed the Secretariat to develop clear Terms of Reference for the forum and distinguish them from the Sectoral Council on Gender, Youth, Children, Social Protection and Community Development (*EAC/CM 23/Directive 35*).

4.1.7 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECISIONS OF THE 22ND MEETING OF THE COUNCIL ON THE PROTOCOL ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY COMMON MARKET

The Council –

- a) adopted Procedures for Partner States to Deposit Additional Commitments under the Schedule on the Free Movement of Workers (*EAC/CM 23/Decision 47*).
- b) adopted the directive on the modalities for additional commitments on Free Movement of Services (*EAC/CM 23/Decision 48*); and
- c) took note that a comprehensive report on the progress of implementation of the Common Market Protocol will be submitted to the 15th Meeting of the Sectoral Council of Ministers Responsible for EAC Affairs and Planning (*EAC/CM 23/Decision 49*).

PART V REPORT ON POLITICAL MATTERS

5.1 POLITICAL AFFAIRS

5.1.1 The Draft East African Community Protocol on Good Governance

The Council –

- (a) took note of the progress made in the development of the Protocol on Good Governance (*EAC/CM 23/Decision 50*); and
- (b) directed the Secretariat to submit the draft Protocol on Good Governance to the Sectoral Council of Ministers Responsible for EAC Affairs and Planning for consideration and submission to the 24th Meeting of the Council (*EAC/CM 23/Directive 36*).

5.2 INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

The Council –

- a) adopted the decisions and directives of the Meeting of the Sectoral Council on Foreign Policy Coordination held on 14th April 2011
(*EAC/CM 23/Decision 51*);
- b) directed the Partner States to expedite the ratification of the Protocol on Foreign Policy Coordination, pursuant to the directive of the 12th EAC Summit of Heads of State, and to deposit the instruments of ratification with the EAC Secretary General by 30th September 2011
(*EAC/CM 23/Directive 37*); and
- c) adopted the Draft EAC Protocol on Immunities and Privileges and refer it to the Sectoral Council on Legal and Judicial Affairs for legal input in preparation for its signature
(*EAC/CM 23/Decision 52*).

5.3 PEACE AND SECURITY

5.3.1 Meeting of the Sectoral Council on Inter-State Security

The Council –

- a) took note and adopt the decisions and directives made by the Sectoral Council on Interstate Security
(*EAC/CM 23/Decision 53*);
- b) directed Partner States to involve the Interstate Security Sector in the meetings of other Sectoral Councils where security matters relating to facilitating the implementation of the Common Market Protocol are to be discussed
(*EAC/CM 23/Directive 38*); and
- c) decided that the position of the Police Liaison Officer be considered under the ongoing EAC Institutional Review
(*EAC/CM 23/Decision 54*).

5.3.2 Concept Paper on Nyerere Centre for Peace Research

The Council directed the Secretariat to circulate the Concept Paper on the status of the Nyerere Centre for Peace Research to the Partner States for comments and thereafter submit it to the 24th Meeting of the Council for consideration by 30th September 2011
(*EAC/CM 23/Directive 39*).

PART VI REPORT ON CUSTOMS AND TRADE MATTERS

The Council –

- (a) adopted the decisions of the Sectoral Council on Trade, Industry, Finance and Investment
(*EAC/CM 23/Decision 55*);
- (b) referred the establishment of an EAC Customs Academy to the Finance and Administration Committee for consideration
(*EAC/CM 23/Decision 56*);
- (c) considered the draft EAC Customs Management (Compliance and Enforcement) Regulations 2011 and refer them to the Sectoral Council on Legal and Judicial Affairs for legal inputs
(*EAC/CM 23/Decision 57*);
- (d) referred the draft regulations and proposed amendment of the EAC CMA new Section 250A to the Sectoral Council on Legal and Judicial Affairs for legal input
(*EAC/CM 23/Decision 58*);
- (e) directed the Secretariat to develop and implement an EAC Work Plan by 30th September 2011 and Budget for implementation of Tripartite activities for the period July 2011 to June 2012
(*EAC/CM 23/Directive 40*);

- (f) directed the Secretariat to convene a Multi-Sectoral Committee of Experts Meeting by 30th September 2011 to endorse the EAC Tripartite Work Plan and Budget as well as agree on an EAC strategy for the negotiations of the Tripartite FTA (*EAC/CM 23/Directive 41*);
- (g) directed the Secretariat to mobilise resources to facilitate implementation of the EAC Tripartite Work Plan (*EAC/CM 23/Directive 42*);
- (h) took note of the EAC Regulations for Designating Testing Laboratories, 2010 and refer them to the Sectoral Council on Legal and Judicial Affairs for legal inputs (*EAC/CM 23/Decision 59*);
- (i) considered the EAC Regulations for Implementation of Technical Regulations in Partner States, 2010 and refer them to the Sectoral Council on Legal and Judicial Affairs for legal inputs (*EAC/CM 23/Decision 60*);
- (j) considered the EAC Regulations for Product Certification in Partner States 2010 and refer them to the Sectoral Council on Legal and Judicial Affairs for legal inputs (*EAC/CM 23/Decision 61*); and
- (k) took note of the progress of the EPA negotiations (*EAC/CM 23/Decision 62*).

PART VII—REPORT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

7.1 FINANCIAL MATTERS

7.1.1 STATUS OF PARTNER STATES CONTRIBUTIONS

The Council—

- (a) took note of the status of Partner States contributions as at 2nd September 2011 (*EAC/CM 23/Decision 63*); and
- (b) directed Partner States to remit their full contribution by end of December 2011 as per the Council directive (*EAC/CM 23/Directive 43*).

7.1.3 STATUS OF GENERAL RESERVES

The Council took note of the status of the General Reserve Account as at 2nd September 2011 (*EAC/CM 23/Decision 64*).

7.1.4 STATUS OF INVESTMENT IN FIXED DEPOSITS

The Council took note of the status of investment in Fixed Deposits as at 2nd September 2011 (*EAC/CM 23/Decision 65*).

7.1.5 SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET AND BUDGET RE-ALLOCATION FOR PROJECTS

7.1.5.1 Supplementary Budget – USD 4, 463,992

The Council –

- (a) deferred the supplementary budget request to the 24th Meeting of the Council (*EAC/CM 23/Decision 66*);
- (b) directed the Secretariat to prepare a policy and criteria to guide application and approval of supplementary budgets and budget reallocations by the 24th Meeting of the Council (*EAC/CM 23/Directive 44*); and
- (c) directed the Secretariat to ensure that there is adequate planning of resources in every financial year (*EAC/CM 23/Directive 45*).

7.1.5.2 Budget Re-allocation – USD 1,625,710

The Council directed the Secretariat to submit the matter to the next meeting of the Finance and Administration Committee (*EAC/CM 23/Decision 67*).

7.1.5.3 Rockefeller Foundation financial Grant No 2008 DSN 312 for the “Regional Project to Strengthen Cross-Border Human and Animal Disease Prevention and Control in the East African Community Partner States” – USD 269,410

The Council approved re-allocation amounting to USD 269,410 for the Rockefeller Foundation Grant as indicated in Table V above (*EAC/CM 23/Decision 68*).

7.1.6 FINANCING OPTIONS FOR THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY

The Council adopted the Terms of Reference for financing options for EAC and the Roadmap (*EAC/CM 23/Decision 69*).

7.1.7 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2010

The Council –

- (a) took note of the issues and recommendations raised by the Audit Commission (*EAC/CM 23/Decision 70*);
- (b) directed Partner States and Secretariat to implement the Audit recommendations contained in the matrix annexed to the report (*EAC/CM 23/Directive 46*);
- (c) adopted the Audited Accounts of East African Community Organs and Institutions for the Financial Year ended 30th June 2010 (*EAC/CM 23/Decision 71*); and
- (d) tabled the Audited Financial Statements of EAC to the East African Legislative Assembly for debate and such other consultations and action as the Assembly may deem necessary (*EAC/CM 23/Decision 72*).

7.1.8 PROPOSAL FOR AUDIT FACILITATION

The Council –

- (a) approved the proposed audit facilitation (*EAC/CM 23/Decision 73*); and
- (b) directed the Secretariat to make a provision of the expenditure in the budget for the financial year 2012/13 (*EAC/CM 23/Directive 47*).

7.2 HUMAN RESOURCES MATTERS

7.2.1 APPOINTMENT OF CHEF DE CABINET—MR. STEVE MACHAGE

The Council—

- (a) appointed Mr. Steve Machage as Chef de Cabinet with effect from 1st September, 2011 (*EAC/CM 23/Decision 74*); and
- (b) noted that his contract period will be tied to the tenure of the current Secretary General (*EAC/CM 23/Decision 75*).

7.2.2 PROGRESS REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PERFORMANCE CONTRACTS IN THE EAC

The Council—

- (a) took note of the progress made in implementing Performance Contracts in the EAC by the Secretariat (*EAC/CM 23/Decision 76*);

- (b) commended the Secretariat, Court of Justice and Legislative Assembly for signing Performance Contracts (*EAC/CM 23/Decision 77*); and
- (c) directed EAC Institutions to implement Performance Contracts (*EAC/CM 23/Directive 48*).

7.3 REPORT ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE EAC HEADQUARTERS

The Council—

- (a) took note of the request for a waiver and the fact that the United Republic of Tanzania was unable to accept it (*EAC/CM 23/Decision 78*);
- (b) took note of the progress made in the construction of EAC Headquarters (*EAC/CM 23/Decision 79*);
- (c) approved the request of supplementary budget amounting to USD 2,606,193 and allow the secretariat to source for the same (*EAC/CM 23/Decision 80*); and
- (d) directed the Secretariat to provide detailed information on the actual utilisation of the supplementary budget to the 24th Meeting of the Council (*EAC/CM 23/Directive 44*).

7.4 OTHER HUMAN RESOURCES MATTERS

7.4.1 Lake Victoria Basin Commission

7.4.1.1 Staff Matters

- (i) Renewal of Staff Contracts
 - i) Mr. Gerson Fumbuka - Maritime Safety and Security Officer (P3) - W.e.f 1st February 2012; and
 - ii) Mr. Ally Said Matano - Project Development Officer (P3) - W.e.f 22nd January 2012.
 - iii) Dr. Raymond Mngodo - Regional Project Coordinator (P4) w.e.f 19th October 2011;
 - iv) Ms. Lily Kisaka - Senior Operations Officer (P3) w.e.f 15th October 2011);
 - v) Mr. John Kamweti- Project Accountant (P2) w.e.f. 19th October 2011); and
 - vi) Ms. Mary Mwangi - Librarian (P1) w.e.f. 3rd November 2011).
 - vii) Dr. Doreen A.M. Othoro, HIV/AIDS Technical Specialist (P3) w.e.f. 20th June 2011; and
 - viii) Mr. Robert Ndieka, Monitoring and Evaluation Officer (P2) w.e.f 1st July 2011.

The Council—

- (a) took note that the LVBC Executive Secretary reported and assumed duty with effect from 1st June 2011 (*EAC/CM 23/Decision 81*);
- (b) considered renewal of contracts for Officers listed above with effect from the due dates (*EAC/CM 23/Decision 82*);
- (c) deferred the approval for the renewal of the contracts of staff under MERCEP Programme pending confirmation of availability of funds for the Phase II (*EAC/CM 23/Decision 83*); and

- (d) directed the Secretariat to develop a proposal on how to handle professional staff contracts working under various projects/programmes in line with EAC Staff Rules and Regulations (*EAC/CM 23/Directive 45*).

- (iii) Recruitment of Monitoring and Evaluation Officer (P2) for LVEMPII Project

The Council approved recruitment of the Monitoring and Evaluation Officer under LVEMPII project (*EAC/CM 23/Decision 84*).

- (iv) Lake Victoria Water and Sanitation Project (LVWATSAN)

The Council—

- (a) approved the appointment of Eng. Dan Owore as the Regional Program Coordinator for LVWATSAN Programme for one year with effect from 1st November, 2011 (*EAC/CM 23/Decision 85*); and

- (b) directed the Secretariat to subsequently advertise the position in line with the EAC Staff Rules and Regulations (*EAC/CM 23/Directive 46*).

- (v) Staff Confirmation

The Council confirmed Mr. Richard Kezimana in employment with effect from 10th January 2011 (*EAC/CM 23/Decision 86*).

7.4.1.2 Proposed Enhancement of LVBC's Institutional Capacity

- (a) Principal Resource Mobilization Officer (P3)
(b) Senior Procurement Officer (P2)

The Council established the above positions to be considered in the on-going EAC Institutional Review Process (*EAC/CM 23/Decision 87*).

7.4.2 Inter-University Council for East Africa

7.4.2.1 Financial Matters

The Council—

- a) took note of the status of the Partner States contributions as at 2nd September 2011 (*EAC/CM 23/Decision 88*);
b) directed Partner States in arrears to clear their outstanding balances (*EAC/CM 23/Directive 47*); and
c) directed Partner States to meet their financial obligations for the financial year 2011/2012 as per Council directive (*EAC/CM EX/15/Decision 08*) (*EAC/CM 23/Directive 48*).

7.4.2.2 Human Resource Matters - IUCEA

The Council took note of human resource matters of the Inter-University Council for East Africa (*EAC/CM 23/Decision 89*).

PART VIII—TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SECTORAL COUNCIL ON FINANCE AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

The Council—

- (a) approved the establishment of the Sectoral Council on Finance and Economic Affairs (*EAC/CM 23/Decision 90*);

- (b) approved the revised Terms of Reference for the Sectoral Council on Finance and Economic Affairs (*EAC/CM 23/Decision 91*);
- (c) directed the Secretariat to revisit and rationalize Terms of Reference of all Sectoral Councils to ensure that there are no overlaps of roles amongst them and report to the 24th Meeting of the Council (*EAC/CM 23/Directive 50*); and
- (d) directed the Secretariat to submit all Terms of Reference to the Sectoral Council on Legal and Judicial Affairs for rationalization (*EAC/CM 23/Directive 51*).

PART IX—REPORTS OF OTHER EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY ORGANS

9.1 EAST AFRICAN COURT OF JUSTICE

The Council took note of the report of the East African Court of Justice (*EAC/CM 23/Decision 92*).

9.2 EAST AFRICAN LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

The Council –

- (a) took note of the report of the East African Legislative Assembly (*EAC/CM 23/Decision 93*); and
- (b) directed Partner States to study the resolutions and update it on the status of implementation by 30th September 2011 (*EAC/CM 23/Directive 52*).

PART X—REPORTS OF EAC INSTITUTIONS

10.1 EAST AFRICAN CIVIL AVIATION AND SAFETY AND SECURITY OVERSIGHT AGENCY

The Council—

- (a) took note of —
 - i) the CASSOA reviewed and rationalised FY2011/2012 Budget;
 - ii) the Agency's FY2009/2010 Audit Commission's report and the status of implementation of the Board directives to the Agency to implement the recommendations;
 - iii) the Agency Annual Report of activities as approved by the Board for F/Y 2009/10;
 - iv) the progress for the issuance of title deed to Plot 41/43 Circular Road Entebbe and the grant to the Agency and its professional staff of the diplomatic status as per Headquarters Agreement; and
 - v) the process for the recruitment of the Agency's second Executive Director as approved by the Board. (*EAC/CM 23/Decision 94*);
- (a) directed—
 - i) the United Republic of Tanzania to conclude consultations on the proposed CASSOA funding mechanism and inform the Secretariat and CASSOA by 30th September 2011; and
 - ii) the Partner States to expedite the publication of the amended harmonised Regulations by 30th September 2011 and as directed by the Sectoral Council on Transport, Communication and Meteorology at its 8th Meeting in order to close the ICAO USOAP/USAP findings related to the regulatory deficiencies. (*EAC/CM 23/Directive 53*)

10.2 EAST AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

The Council –

- (a) took note of the report regarding the EADB's operations during the year to commencement of the third quarter of 2011 (*EAC/CM 23/Decision 95*); and
- (b) took note of the status of litigation between the Bank and Blue Line Enterprise (*EAC/CM 23/Decision 96*).

10.3 LAKE VICTORIA FISHERIES ORGANIZATION

The Council –

- (a) took note of the status of the LVFO Partner States contributions as of 31 July 2011 (*EAC/CM 23/Decision 97*);
- (b) directed Partner States to fulfil their obligations to support normative operations of the LVFO by 30th September 2011 (*EAC/CM 23/Directive 54*); and
- (c) directed the United Republic of Tanzania and the Republic of Uganda to honour their pledges towards the 'Operation Save Nile perch' (OPSN) program (*EAC/CM 23/Directive 55*).

10.4 INTER-UNIVERSITY COUNCIL FOR EAST AFRICA

The Council took note of the Report of the Inter-University Council for East Africa (*EAC/CM 23/Decision 98*).

10.25 LAKE VICTORIA BASIN COMMISSION

The Council –

- (a) took note of decisions and directives of the 9th Meeting of the Sectoral Council of Ministers for Lake Victoria Basin (*EAC/CM 23/Decision 99*); and
- (b) directed the Secretariat to work with the LVBC to design a logo that is consistent with the EAC Emblems Act, 2004 (*EAC/CM 23/Directive 56*).

DECISIONS AND DIRECTIVES OF THE 24TH MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS**PART I****1.0 REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PREVIOUS DECISIONS OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS****1.1 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECISIONS AND DIRECTIVES OF THE 23RD MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

The Council -

- (a) took note of the status of implementation of its previous decisions and directives, (*EAC/CM 24/Decision 01*);
- (b) directed the Secretariat and Partner States to expeditiously implement all outstanding decisions marked in Red and Yellow as per the implementation matrix, (*EAC/CM 24/Directive 01*);
- (c) reiterated its earlier decision issued at its 23rd Meeting that all Council decisions should have prescribed implementation timeframes; (*EAC/CM 24/Decision 02*);
- (d) directed the Secretariat and Partner States to make budgetary provisions in the 2012/2013 Financial Year for all Council decisions that cannot be implemented this Financial Year due to lack of resources (*EAC/CM 24/Directive 02*);
- (e) reiterated its earlier decision for the Secretariat to develop similar matrices for the Sectoral Councils (*EAC/CM 24/Decision 03*); and
- (f) reiterated its earlier directive to the Secretariat to always communicate to Partner States through the Ministries Responsible for EAC Affairs (*EAC/CM 24/Decision 04*).

PART II**2.0 REPORT OF THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL****2.1 REVIEW OF NATURE OF SERVICE OF JUDGES OF THE EAST AFRICAN COURT OF JUSTICE**

The Council directed –

- (a) that the Judge President and Principal Judge be full time residents at the seat of the Court with effect from July 2012 (*EAC/CM 24/Directive 03*);
- (b) the Secretariat to submit a proposal on the remuneration of the Judge President and Principal Judge on full time basis to the Finance and Administration Committee for consideration (*EAC/CM 24/Directive 04*); and
- (c) the Secretariat to circulate to the Partner States the Road Map for determination that the East African Court of Justice is fully operational for comments by 30th April, 2012 (*EAC/CM 24/Directive 05*).

2.2 REPORT OF THE COUNCIL TO EALA ON PROGRESS MADE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF COMMON FOREIGN AND SECURITY POLICIES

The Council –

- (a) considered and submitted the Report on progress made in developing the Community's foreign and security policies to EALA, (*EAC/CM 24/Decision 05*); and
- (b) directed Partner States to fast track the process of ratification of the Protocol on Foreign Policy Co-ordination and submit instrument of ratification to the Secretary General by March 2012 (*EAC/CM 24/Directive 06*).

2.3 REPORTS OF THE 10TH, 11TH AND 12TH MEETINGS OF THE SECTORAL COUNCIL ON LEGAL AND JUDICIAL AFFAIRS

The Council –

- (a) took note of the decisions of the Sectoral Council on Legal and Judicial Affairs, (*EAC/CM 24/Decision 06*);
- (b) concluded the EAC Protocol on Preventing and Combating Corruption, (*EAC/CM 24/Decision 07*);
- (c) referred the draft Protocol on the Establishment of the East African Culture and Sports Commission to the Sectoral Council of Education, Science and Technology, Sports and Culture to comprehensively address, among other issues, the institutional matters, scope, objectives and mechanisms of cooperation, (*EAC/CM 24/Decision 08*);
- (d) concluded the EAC Protocol on Co-operation in Defence, (*EAC/CM 24/Decision 09*);
- (e) referred the draft Protocol on Peace and Security to a joint meeting of the Sectoral Council on Cooperation in Defence, Sectoral Council on Inter-State Security and the Sectoral Council on Foreign Policy Co-ordination for policy guidance on such matters as they are cross-cutting on different areas of co-operation, issues of prison and correctional services, counter terrorism, combating piracy and peace support operations by 30th April, 2012, (*EAC/CM 24/Decision 10*);
- (f) concluded the Protocol on Immunities and Privileges of the East African Community, its Organs and Institutions, (*EAC/CM 24/Decision 11*);
- (g) amended the draft East African Community Emblems (Amendment) Bill, 2011 by—
 - (i) deleting the provisions creating an offence on translation of the Anthem in view of the provisions of Articles 119 (d) and 137 of the Treaty;
 - (ii) providing in the schedule that the Anthem be sung in full at all specified occasions given the fact that each stanza carries a different message; and thereafter introduce the Bill in the Legislative Assembly for consideration, (*EAC/CM 24/Decision 12*);
- (h) concluded the East African Community Customs Management (Amendment) Bill, 2011, which creates a new Section 249A (on prevention of money laundering, drug trafficking, anti-counterfeit, terrorism and infringement of Intellectual Property rights) and introduced it in the East African Legislative Assembly, (*EAC/CM 24/Decision 13*);
- (i) concluded the East African Community Customs Management (Compliance and Enforcement) Regulations, 2011, (*EAC/CM 24/Decision 14*);
- (j) directed the Secretariat to develop a Bill for the establishment of the East African Community Development Fund in order to ensure a statutory basis for the Fund (*EAC/CM 24/Directive 07*);
- (k) directed the Secretariat—
 - (i) to develop a framework for harmonization of national laws on HIV/AIDS; and
 - (ii) expedite the conclusion of the Protocol on Cooperation in Health before a proposed Bill is further developed; (*EAC/CM 24/Directive 08*).

2.4 REPORT OF THE DEDICATED SESSION OF THE SECTORAL COUNCIL OF MINISTERS RESPONSIBLE FOR EAC AFFAIRS AND PLANNING

The Council adopted recommendations (i) to (xiii) of the Dedicated Session of the Sectoral Council of Ministers Responsible for EAC Affairs and Planning on the Quota System, (*EAC/CM 24/Decision 15*).

2.4.1 Proposed Road Map for the Integration of the Republic of Burundi and the Republic of Rwanda

The Council —

- (a) adopted the decision of the Sectoral Council that the integration of the Republic of Burundi and the Republic of Rwanda with regard to staff recruitment be governed by the application of the quota system (*EAC/CM 24/Decision 16*); and
- (b) approved immediate filling in of twenty-three (23) vacant positions listed in Table I above (*EAC/CM 24/Decision 17*).

2.4.2 Hosting of EAC Organs and Institutions

The Council—

- (a) decided that the hosting of the three newly established institutions be as follows—
 - (i) the East African Kiswahili Commission be hosted by the United Republic of Tanzania;
 - (ii) the East African Science and Technology Commission be hosted by the Republic of Rwanda; and
 - (iii) the East African Health Research Commission be hosted by the Republic of Burundi (*EAC/CM 24/Decision 18*);
- (b) directed the Secretariat to carry out a verification for purposes of advising the Republic of Burundi on the details of the requirements for hosting the EAC Health Commission (*EAC/CM 24/Directive 09*); and
- (c) directed the Secretariat to undertake a review of the existing criteria for hosting EAC Organs and Institutions to ensure, among others, an equitable distribution of Organs and Institutions of the Community and that such criteria shall guide all future hosting and submit it to the 26th Meeting of the Council for consideration (*EAC/CM 24/Directive 10*).

2.4.3 Final Report on the Institutional Review of EAC Organs and Institutions

The Council took note of this development (*EAC/CM 24/Decision 19*).

2.5 REPORT ON RATIONALIZATION OF TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR ALL EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY SECTORAL COUNCILS

The Council –

- (a) took note of the above development (*EAC/CM 24/Decision 20*); and
- (b) directed the Secretariat to finalize the assignment and submit the revised Report to the 25th Meeting of the Council for consideration (*EAC/CM 24/Directive 11*).

2.6 REPORT ON CO-OPERATION IN DEFENCE

The Council –

- (a) took note of the work done in the area of regional security and commend the Military Intelligence Chiefs for forming the Regional Defense Counter Terrorism Centre (RDCTC); and direct Partner States to fully support and utilize it, (*EAC/CM 24/Decision 21*);
- (b) commended the Defense Liaison Office, the United Republic of Tanzania and the Republic of Rwanda for the Successful conduct of Command Post Exercises “*Natural Fire II*” and “*Ushirikiano Imara*”, and the Republic of Burundi for the successful conduct of the EAC Military Games and Culture Event 2011, (*EAC/CM 24/Decision 22*); and
- (c) directed the Secretariat to expedite the process of acquisition of the Secure Communications System for the EAC Defense Chiefs, (*EAC/CM 24/Directive 12*).

2.7 REPORT ON THE LITIGATION BETWEEN EAST AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK AND THE BLUE LINE ENTERPRISES

The Council recommends to the Summit to direct—

- (a) the Attorneys General of the Partner States to urgently convene a meeting with lawyers of East African Development Bank and the Counsel to the Community to formulate a specific legal position on the way forward on this matter
(*EAC/CM 24/Recommendation 01*);
- (b) East African Development Bank to explore the possibility of making a reference to East African Court of Justice on this matter
(*EAC/CM 24/Recommendation 02*);
- (c) EADB to appeal against the order of attachment made by the High Court of Tanzania
(*EAC/CM 24/Recommendation 03*); and
- (d) the Council to initiate a Bill that will protect assets and properties of the Community and its institutions and introduce it in the East African Legislative Assembly (taking into account the provisions of Article 138 of the Treaty
(*EAC/CM 24/Recommendation 04*).

PART III—REPORT ON PLANNING

The Council –

- (a) took note of the above progress (*EAC/CM 24/Decision 23*); and
- (b) directed the Secretariat to complete the impact assessment of EAC investment conferences and submit it to the 25th Meeting of the Council for consideration
(*EAC/CM 24/Directive 13*).

PART IV—REPORT ON PRODUCTIVE SECTORS

4.1 PRODUCTIVE SECTORS

4.1.1 Tourism and Wildlife Management

The Council –

- (a) adopted the decisions of the Sectoral Council on Tourism and Wildlife Management,
(*EAC/CM 24/Decision 24*);
- (b) directed the Secretariat to prepare guidelines on the establishment of Sub-Committees and Task Forces and submit the same to the 26th Meeting of the Council
(*EAC/CM 24/Directive 14*); and
- (c) referred those with financial implications to the Finance and Administration Committee
inv(*EAC/CM 24/Decision 25*).

4.1.2 Environment and Natural Resources

The Council—

- (a) adopted the decisions of the 1st Meeting of the Sectoral Council on Environment and Natural Resources,
(*EAC/CM 24/Decision 26*); and
- (b) directed the Secretariat to refer decisions with financial and institutional implications to the Finance and Administration Committee for consideration,
(*EAC/CM 24/Directive 15*).

4.1.3 Energy Sector

The Council—

- (a) adopted the decisions of the Sectoral Council on Energy, (*EAC/CM 24/Decision 27*); and
 - i. directed the Secretariat to refer decisions with financial and institutional implications to the Finance and Administration Committee for consideration, (*EAC/CM 24/Directive 16*).

4.1.4 Industry and Small and Medium Enterprise Development Sector

The Council—

- (a) adopted decisions of the Sectoral Council on Trade, Industry, Finance and Investment relating to Industry and SME Development Sector, (*EAC/CM 24/Decision 28*);
- (b) approved the EAC Industrialization Policy and Strategy and submitted it to the Summit, the approved Policy and Strategy for adoption, (*EAC/CM 24/Decision 29*); and
- (c) referred decisions with financial implications to the Finance and Administration Committee for consideration, (*EAC/CM 24/Decision 30*).

PART V—REPORT ON POLITICAL MATTERS

5.1 POLITICAL AFFAIRS

5.1.1 Report of the Team of Experts on Addressing Fears, Concerns and Challenges on the EAC Political Federation

The Council recommends to Summit to—

- (a) consider and adopt the report of the Team of Experts (*EAC/CM 24/Recommendation 05*);
- (b) take note that negotiating new Treaties for the Establishment of the Monetary Union and Political Federation as recommended by the Team of Experts is not necessary; amendment of the existing Treaty would suffice (*EAC/CM 24/Recommendation 06*);
- (c) take note that some of the recommendations in the Report of the Team of Experts touch on processes that are on-going and need harmonization (*EAC/CM 24/Recommendation 07*);
- (d) appoint a Committee of Experts:—
 - (i) to define the model and structure of the proposed model for the Political Federation; and
 - (ii) propose an action plan for purposes of operationalizing the recommendations in the report; and
- (e) pronounce itself on the way forward on Political Federation (*EAC/CM 24/Recommendation 08*).

5.1.2 Draft Protocol on Good Governance

The Council directed the Secretariat to submit the Draft Protocol on Good Governance to the Sectoral Council of Ministers Responsible for EAC Affairs and Planning for consideration (*EAC/CM 24/Directive 17*).

5.1.3 Proposal and Concept Paper on Establishment of a Sectoral Council on Co-operation in Political Matters

The Council took note of the Concept Paper and directed the Secretariat to consider it in the rationalization of existing Sectoral Councils. (*EAC/CM 24/Decision 31*).

5.1.4 Rule of Law and Access to Justice

The Council took note of the above development, (*EAC/CM 24/Decision 32*).

5.1.5 Comments on the EAC Draft Policy Instruments

The Council directed the Secretariat to consolidate and incorporate the comments into the instruments and present them to the 25th Meeting of the Council for consideration, (EAC/CM 24/Directive 18).

5.1.5 Report on the Regional Political Integration and Human Security Support Programme

The Council took note of the progress in implementing the Regional Political Integration and Human Security Programme, (EAC/CM 24/Decision 33).

5.1.6 Concept Paper on EAC—Nyerere Centre for Peace Research

The Council directed the Secretariat to consolidate comments from Partner States into a Matrix and submit the same to the 25th Meeting of the Council for consideration (EAC/CM 24/Directive 19).

5.2 ENGAGEMENT OF THE EAC IN THE SOMALIA POLITICAL PROCESSES

The Council –

- (a) took note of the above development, (EAC/CM 24/Decision 34); and
- (b) recommended to the Summit to approve the contents of the Kampala Accord that relates to Somalia. (EAC/CM 24/Recommendation 09).

PART VI—REPORT ON CUSTOMS AND TRADE MATTERS

The Council –

- (a) adopted the decisions of the Sectoral Council on Trade, Industry Finance and Investment, (EAC/CM 24/Decision 36);
- (b) referred the Anti-Counterfeit Bill to the Sectoral Council on Legal and Judicial Affairs for legal input, (EAC/CM 24/Decision 37);
- (c) requested the Summit to allow the Council to present recommendations on a Single Customs Territory at the 10th Extra-Ordinary Summit in April 2012, (EAC/CM 24/Recommendation 10);
- (d) directed the Secretariat to budget for proposed US-EAC Trade and Investment initiative in the EAC Secretariat budget for Financial Year 2012/13 (EAC/CM 24/Directive 20);
- (e) adopted the Proposed EAC Tripartite Strategy, Work Plan and Budget for Negotiating the COMESA-EAC-SADC Tripartite FTA, (EAC/CM 24/Decision 39); and
- (f) directed the Secretariat to convene a Multi Sectoral Committee of Experts Meeting before end of January, 2012 to embark on the process of developing regional negotiating positions on Trade in Goods and Movement of Business Persons, (EAC/CM 24/Directive 21).

PART VII—REPORT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

7.1 PARTNER STATES' CONTRIBUTIONS

7.1.1 Status of Partner States Contributions as at 25th November, 2011

The Council was informed that as at 25th November 2011, EAC had received 55.69% of the total contributions for the financial year 2011/2012, as shown in Table IV below —

Table IV: Status of Partner States Contribution

The Council—

- (a) took note of the status of Partner States' contributions as of 25th November, 2011
(*EAC/CM 24/Decision 40*);
- (b) directed Partner States to meet their financial obligations as per the directive of the Council
(*EAC/CM 24/Directive 22*); and
- (c) directed the Secretariat to explore the possibility of mainstreaming the IUCEA budget in the EAC budget framework
(*EAC/CM 24/Directive 23*).

7.1.2 Status of General Reserves

The Council took note of the status of the General Reserve Account as at 25th November, 2011
(*EAC/CM 24/Decision 41*).

7.1.3 Status of Investment in Fixed Deposits

The Council took note of the status of investment in Fixed Deposits as at 25th November, 2011
(*EAC/CM 24/Decision 42*).

7.1.4 Requests for Re-allocation for the Financial Year 2011/12**7.1.4.1 Financial Sector Development and Regionalization Project**

The Council—

- (a) approved a budget reallocation amounting to US\$ 1,356,300 for the Financial Sector Development and Regionalization Project for the financial year 2011/12
(*EAC/CM 24/Decision 43*);
- (b) directed the Secretariat to fast-track development of guidelines for requests on supplementary budgets and re-allocation and submit to the 25th Meeting of the Council
(*EAC/CM 24/Directive 24*); and
- (c) directed that planning and budgeting for each Financial Year be done in advance factoring in donor funding
(*EAC/CM 24/Directive 25*).

7.1.4.2 EAC HIV and AIDS Programme

The Council approved re-allocation of funds amounting to US\$ 815,695 for the HIV and AIDS programme as indicated above
(*EAC/CM 24/Decision 44*).

7.1.4.3 Reallocation of US\$ 16,120 Under Partner States funding for various activities in the Health Sector for the Financial Year 2011/2012

The Council approved a budget reallocation amounting to US\$ 16,120 from Partner States fund to support the review and validation of the Draft Regional Health Sector Strategic Plan during the financial year 2011/2012
(*EAC/CM 24/Decision 45*).

7.1.4.4 East African Medicines Regulation Harmonization Project

The Council approved reallocation amounting to US\$ 269,410 from the World Bank fund to support the EAC Medicines Regulation and Harmonization Project
(*EAC/CM 24/Decision 46*).

7.1.4.5 Request for Re-Allocation to Facilitate EALA Plenary Work

The Council—

- (a) took note of the action taken by Secretary General (*EAC/CM 24/Decision 47*); and
- (b) approved re-allocation to Facilitate EALA Plenary Work (*EAC/CM 24/Decision 48*).

7.1.4.6 Observations on the Request for Budget Re-Allocations

The Council directed the Secretariat to always identify priorities during budgeting processes to requests for budget re-allocations (*EAC/CM 24/Directive 26*).

7.1.5 Request for Supplementary Budget for Financial Year 2011/2012

7.1.5.1 Projects funded by Development Partners

7.1.5.2 The Financial Sector Development and Regionalization Project

The Council approved Financial Sector Development and Regionalization Project Supplementary Budget for 2011/12 amounting to US\$ 1,280,000 and referred the Supplementary budget to EALA for debate and approval (*EAC/CM 24/Decision 49*).

7.1.5.3 Regional Political Integration and Human Security Support Programme- Phase I

The Council approved the Regional Political Integration and Human Security Support Programme Supplementary Budget for 2011/12 amounting to US\$ 1,666,122 and referred the Supplementary Budget to EALA for debate and approval (*EAC/CM 24/Decision 50*).

7.1.5.4 Regional Strategy on Scaling Up Access to Modern Energy Services

The Council approved Supplementary Budget for the Modern Energy Service for 2011/12 amounting to US\$ 83,366 and referred the Supplementary budget to EALA for debate and approval (*EAC/CM 24/Decision 51*).

7.1.5.5 Inter-Regional Coordinating Committee

The Council approved the Inter Regional Coordinating Committee Supplementary Budget for 2011/12 amounting to US\$ 445,000 and referred the Supplementary budget to EALA for debate and approval (*EAC/CM 24/Decision 52*).

7.1.5.6 Africa Peace and Security Architecture Support Program

The Council approved the Africa Peace and Security Architecture Supplementary Budget for 2011/12 amounting to US\$ 1,042,047 and referred the Supplementary Budget to EALA for debate and approval (*EAC/CM 24/Decision 53*).

7.1.5.7 Partnership Fund

The Council approved the Partnership Fund Supplementary Budget for 2011/12 amounting to US\$ 2,154,376 and referred the Supplementary Budget to EALA for debate and approval (*EAC/CM 24/Decision 54*).

7.1.5.8 EAC HIV and AIDS Programme

The Council approved a Supplementary Budget for HIV/AIDS Programme for 2011/12 amounting to US\$ 761,510 and referred the Supplementary Budget to EALA for debate and approval (*EAC/CM 24/Decision 55*).

7.1.5.9 Invest In Adolescents - Building Advocacy Capacity in East Africa

The Council was informed that the EU had granted US\$ 1,061,495 to the EAC Secretariat for the implementation of a project entitled "Invest in Adolescents – Building Advocacy in East Africa".

The Council approved a Supplementary Budget for investment in Adolescent Project 2011/12 amounting to US\$ 1,061,495 and referred the Supplementary Budget to EALA for debate and approval (*EAC/CM 24/Decision 56*).

7.1.5.10 Assistance Agreement for Comprehensive Regional Development" Customs Union by USAID

The Council approved a Supplementary Budget for 2011/12 amounting to US\$ 1,710,391 and referred the Supplementary Budget to EALA for debate and approval (*EAC/CM 24/Decision 57*).

7.1.5.11 East African Medicines Harmonization Project - World Bank Funding

The Council approved a Supplementary Budget for Medicines Harmonization Project for 2011/12 amounting to US\$ 1,103,959 and referred the Supplementary budget to EALA for debate and approval (*EAC/CM 24/Decision 58*).

7.1.5.12 EAC/USAID Regional Project on Aflatoxins Control and Improved Nutrition

The Council approved a Supplementary Budget for Regional Project on Aflatoxins Control and Improved Nutrition 2011/12 amounting to US\$ 350,000 and referred the Supplementary Budget to EALA for debate and approval (*EAC/CM 24/Decision 59*).

7.1.5.13 Sexual, Reproductive, Child and Adolescent Health Programme

The Council approved a Supplementary Budget for Sexual Reproductive, Child and Adolescent Health Programme for 2011/12 amounting to US\$ 80,647 and referred the Supplementary Budget to EALA for debate and approval (*EAC/CM 24/Decision 60*).

7.1.5.14 East and Southern Africa Conflict Prevention Management and Resolution / Small Arms and Light Weapons Component

The Council approved a Supplementary Budget for East and Southern Africa Conflict Prevention Management and Resolution / Small Arms and Light Weapons 2011/12 amounting to US\$ 794,590 and referred the Supplementary Budget to EALA for debate and approval (*EAC/CM 24/Decision 61*).

7.1.5.15 Rolling Out African Ministerial Conference on Environment Communication Strategy on Climate Change

The Council approved a Supplementary Budget for African Ministerial Conference on Environment for 2011/12 amounting to US\$ 179,750 and referred the Supplementary budget to EALA for debate and approval (*EAC/CM 24/Decision 62*).

7.1.5.16 Enhancing Climate Change Adaptation Policy Leadership in East Africa

The Council approved a Supplementary Budget for Climate Change Adaptation for 2011/12 amounting to US\$ 500,000 and referred the Supplementary budget to EALA for debate and approval (*EAC/CM 24/Decision 63*).

7.1.5.17 USAID Support to EAC Agriculture and Food Security Activities

The Council approved a Supplementary Budget for Agriculture and Food Security project for 2011/12 amounting to US\$ 353,100 and referred the Supplementary budget to EALA for debate and approval (*EAC/CM 24/Decision 64*).

7.1.5.18 Enhancing the Capacity of the East African Community to Harmonize Migration Management - US\$ 45,549

The Council approved a Supplementary Budget for Enhancing the Capacity of the EAC to Harmonize Migration Management for 2011/12 amounting to US\$ 45,549 and referred the Supplementary Budget to EALA for debate and approval (*EAC/CM 24/Decision 66*).

7.1.5.19 African Development Bank Support for Payment and Settlement Systems Integration Project

The Council approved a Supplementary Budget for African Development Bank Support for Payment and Settlement Systems Integration Project for 2011/12 amounting to US\$ 500,000 and referred it to EALA for debate and approval (*EAC/CM 24/Decision 67*).

7.1.6.1 Observations on the Request for Supplementary Budgets

The Council directed the Secretariat to always identify priorities during planning and budgeting processes to avoid untimely requests for supplementary budgets (*EAC/CM 24/Directive 27*).

7.1.6.2 Request of US\$ 100,000 for the 4th Annual East African Health and Scientific Conference in the Republic of Rwanda

The Council –

- (a) approved the budget amounting to US\$ 100,000 for the 4th Annual East African Health and Scientific Conference (*EAC/CM 24/Decision 67*);
- (b) directed the Secretariat to draw funds from the EAC-General Reserve Funds to cater for the 4th Annual East African Health and Scientific Conference Budget (*EAC/CM 24/Directive 28*); and
- (c) forwarded the Supplementary Budget to the East African Legislative Assembly for debate and approval (*EAC/CM 24/Decision 68*).

7.1.6.3 Establishment of the Climate Change Programme Management Unit under the Programme on Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA-EAC-SADC) Region – Euros 2,285,323 / US\$ 3,153,746

The Council—

- (a) took note of the progress of the proposal on the COMESA-EAC-SADC Tripartite Program on Climate Change (*EAC/CM 24/Decision 69*);
- (b) approved the establishment of the Climate Change Programme Management Unit to proceed after the signing of the Financing Agreement (*EAC/CM 24/Decision 70*); and
- (c) directed the Secretariat to mainstream project related units into the Community (*EAC/CM 24/Directive 29*).

7.1.6.4 Progress Report on Financing Options for the East African Community

The Council directed the Secretariat to convene a meeting of Experts to finalize the Report on Financing Options for the East African Community by February, 2012 and thereafter circulate the draft Report to the Partner States for comments, (*EAC/CM 24/Directive 30*).

7.1.6.5 Progress Report on the Study on Equitable Distribution of Costs and Benefits of Integration

The Council—

- (a) took note of the progress in respect of the study on Equitable Distribution of Costs and Benefits of Integration (*EAC/CM 24/Decision 71*); and
- (b) directed the Secretariat to submit the report on the study on Equitable Distribution of Costs and Benefits of Integration to the 26th Meeting of the Council (*EAC/CM 24/Directive 31*).

7.1.6.6 Draft EAC Risk Management Strategy

The Council—

- (a) approved the EAC Risk Management Framework, Policy and Strategy (*EAC/CM 24/Decision 72*); and
- (b) directed the Secretariat to commence implementation with effect from Financial Year 2012/13 (*EAC/CM 24/Directive 32*).

7.1.6.7 Proposed Amendments to the EAC Financial Regulations, 2011

The Council—

- (a) took note of the progress on the amendment of the Financial Rules and Regulations (*EAC/CM 24/Decision 73*);
- (b) directed the Secretariat to circulate the document to all EAC Partner States, Institutions and Organs by 7th December, 2011 for further input (*EAC/CM 24/Directive 33*);
- (c) directed the Secretariat to organize an Extra-Ordinary Meeting of the Finance and Administration Committee to consider the document by 15th February 2012 (*EAC/CM 24/Directive 34*); and
- (d) directed that the document should be ready for use at the beginning of the Financial Year 2012/2013 (*EAC/CM 24/Directive 35*).

7.1.6.8 Proposed Establishment of a Department of Animal Resources and Creation of Appropriate Budget Lines

The Council approved—

- (a) creation of the department of Animal Resources in the first phase of the Institutional Review (*EAC/CM 24/Decision 74*);
- (b) creation of budget lines for livestock and fisheries sub-sectors (*EAC/CM 24/Decision 75*); and
- (c) directed the Secretariat to consider the position of Senior Animal Health Officer (P2) in the on-going Institutional Review (*EAC/CM 24/Directive 36*).

7.2 HUMAN RESOURCES MATTERS**7.2.1 Renewal of Employment Contracts for Professional Staff**

Table XIX: Professional Staff whose employment contracts are due for Renewal

<i>SN</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Designation</i>	<i>First Appointment</i>	<i>Date of Current Appointment</i>	<i>Date of Renewal</i>
1.	Ghaniya M. Kadu	Director/Finance	22/09/1996	2/2/2007	3/2/2012
2.	Nyamajeje C. Weggoro	Director/Productive Sectors	20/05/1997	2/2/2007	3/2/2012
3.	Philip W. Wambugu	Director/Infrastructure	02/03/1999	2/2/2007	3/2/2012
4.	David M. Sajjabi	Principal Plan. & Research Officer	21/02/2002	2/2/2007	3/2/2012
5.	Isabelle W. Waffubwa	Principal Political affairs Officer	02/02/2007	2/2/2007	3/2/2012
6.	James Kuleiye	Principal Customs Officer (I)	01/07/2003	2/2/2007	3/2/2012
7.	Charity C. Musiimire	Senior Human Resources Officer	24/02/2002	25/2/2007	26/2/2012
8.	Joseph E. Ochwada	Director, HR & Administration	18/03/2007	18/3/2007	19/3/2012
9.	Lawrence Kamugisha	Legislative Draftsman	18/03/2007	18/3/2007	19/3/2012
10.	Joseph C. Birungi	Principal Intern. Relations Officer	18/03/2007	18/3/2007	19/3/2012
11.	Fredrick O. Owiti	Principal Priv. Sector Dev. Officer	18/03/2007	18/3/2007	19/3/2012
12.	Moses Marwa	Principal Agricultural Economist	18/03/2007	18/3/2007	19/3/2012
13.	Shedrack M. Mashauri	Principal Tourism Officer	18/03/2007	18/3/2007	19/3/2012
14.	Nduati wa Karanja	Principal Trade Officer (Internal)	18/03/2007	18/3/2007	19/3/2012
15.	Michael Lugaiya	Principal Customs Officer (P)	18/03/2007	18/3/2007	19/3/2012

16.	Willy M. Musinguzi	Principal Standards Officer	18/03/2007	18/3/2007	19/3/2012
17.	James Njagu	Principal Resource Mob. Officer	18/03/2007	18/3/2007	19/3/2012
18.	Alloisius Chebet	Principal Education Officer	18/03/2007	18/3/2007	19/3/2012
19.	Ladislau Matindi	Principal Civil Aviation Officer	18/03/2007	18/3/2007	19/3/2012
20.	John G. Mungai	Senior Meteorologist	18/03/2007	18/3/2007	19/3/2012
21.	Gratian Rutaserwa	Senior Materials Engineer	18/03/2007	18/3/2007	19/3/2012
22.	Robert Maate	Senior Statistician	18/03/2007	18/3/2007	19/3/2012
23.	Timothy O. Wesonga	Senior Livestock Officer	18/03/2007	18/3/2007	19/3/2012
24.	Peter N. Kinuthia	Senior Energy Officer	18/03/2007	18/3/2007	19/3/2012
25.	Julius Birungi	Senior M & E Officer	18/03/2007	18/3/2007	19/3/2012
26.	Phil M. Klerruu	Senior Estates Management Officer	18/03/2007	18/3/2007	19/3/2012
27.	Godfrey Magadu	Senior Accountant	18/03/2007	18/3/2007	19/3/2012
28.	Rovincer Komugisha	Customs Officer (P)	18/03/2007	18/3/2007	19/3/2012
29.	Ally Alexander	Customs Officer (Tariff & Val.)	18/03/2007	18/3/2007	19/3/2012
30.	Stephen Mwilolezi	Budget Assistant	18/03/2007	18/3/2007	19/3/2012
31.	Stanley Mono	Accountant (EACJ)	18/03/2007	18/3/2007	19/3/2012

The Council approved renewal of employment contracts for the above thirty-one (31) Professional Staff in line with the provisions of Regulations 22 (1) (c), (e) and 102 of the Staff Rules and Regulations with effect from the due dates for their final term
(EAC/CM 24/Decision 76).

7.2.2 Renewal of Contract for the Climate Change Coordinator (P2)

The Council approved renewal of contract for Mr. Brian Otiende as Climate Change Coordinator (P2) with effect from 1st January 2012 for one year (EAC/CM 24/Decision 77).

7.2.3 Staff Confirmation

Table XX: Staff Confirmation

SN	Name	Designation	Date of Confirmation
1	Tharcisse Kadede	Director Planning	01/12/2010
2	Mary N. Makoffu	Director Social Sectors	01/12/2010
3	Richard O. Othieno	Principal Information and Public Relations Officer	01/12/2010
4	Bobi Odiko	Senior Public Relations Officer/EALA	10/01/2011
5	Theophile Bazimaziki	Human Resources Officer	10/01/2011
6	Richard Karamagi	Procurement Officer	31/01/2011
7	Emmanuel Niyonkuru	Protocol/Conference Officer	01/02/2011

The Council confirmed the above seven (7) Professional Staff in their respective appointments with effect from the due dates
(EAC/CM 24/Decision 78).

7.2.4 Lake Victoria Basin Commission Staff Matters

7.2.5 Expiry of Deputy Executive Secretaries Contracts

The Council—

- (a) took note of the expiry of contracts of Mr. Samuel Kerunyu Gichere and Mr. Stanley Matowo and commend the two Deputy Secretaries for the outstanding service to the Commission
(EAC/CM 24/Decision 79); and
- (b) directed Lake Victoria Basin Commission Secretariat to commence the process of recruitment of the two Deputy Executive Secretaries in accordance with Article 40(1) of the Protocol for Sustainable Development of Lake Victoria Basin and the Staff Rules and Regulations
(EAC/CM 24/Directive 37).

7.2.6 Report of the Team of Experts on the Institutional Review

The Council -

- (a) adopted the decisions of the Dedicated Session of the Ministers Responsible for EAC Affairs and Planning relating to the Institutional Review (*EAC/CM 24/Decision 80*); and
- (b) directed the Secretariat to engage a consultant to undertake a detailed review of the Institutional Review in the next Financial Year 2012/2013. The consultant should be guided by (a) above. (*EAC/CM 24/Directive 38*).

7.3 REVIEW OF EAC PER DIEM RATES

The Council –

- (a) approved the increase in per diem rates for the Community by US\$ 100 for all other levels and US\$ 80 for General Staff Category starting in the next Financial Year 2012/2013, provided it does not lead to significant budget increase on the same item (*EAC/CM 24/Decision 81*); and
- (b) directed the Secretariat to undertake a detailed analysis to guide future increase of per diem rates, (*EAC/CM 24/Directive 39*).

7.4 ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS - PROGRESS REPORT ON EAC HEADQUARTERS

The Council -

- (a) took note of the progress made on the construction of the Headquarters and commend the Secretariat for efficient supervision of the construction of the EAC Headquarters (*EAC/CM 24/Decision 82*);
- (b) took note of the action taken by the Secretariat on the payment of registration fees (*EAC/CM 24/Decision 83*); and
- (c) directed the Secretariat to follow up the request to the United Republic of Tanzania regarding construction of access roads to the new Headquarters (*EAC/CM 24/Directive 40*).

7.5 LIBRARY AND DOCUMENTATION MATTERS

The Council –

- (a) took note of the status of Information Resource Centres in Partner States and the recommendations of the meeting of the Heads of Information Resource Centres (*EAC/CM 24/Decision 84*);
- (b) directed Partner States to put in place the relevant infrastructure for sharing of information resources (*EAC/CM 24/Directive 41*);
- (c) directed Partner States to provide appropriate budget lines and automate the Information Resource Centres (*EAC/CM 24/Directive 42*);
- (d) established the necessary positions and deployed qualified information professionals to manage the Information Resource Centres in Partner States as appropriate (*EAC/CM 24/Decision 86*); and
- (e) directed the EAC Secretariat to develop Terms of Reference for the Technical Working Group for Information Resource Centres (*EAC/CM 24/Directive 43*).

7.5.1 Establishment of Information Resource Centres in EAC Co-ordinating Ministries

The Council –

- (a) took note of the progress made in establishing Information Resource Centres in Partner States (*EAC/CM 24/Decision 86*); and

- (b) directed the Secretariat to provide funding in the next financial year's budget to facilitate establishment of the remaining Information Resource Centres in the Republic of Rwanda and the Republic of Uganda (*EAC/CM 24/Directive 44*).

7.6 EAC COMMUNICATION POLICY AND STRATEGY OPERATIONAL PLAN

The Council –

- (a) took note that the Draft Operational Plan for the EAC Communication Policy and Strategy has been prepared (*EAC/CM 24/Decision 87*); and
- (b) directed the Secretariat to fine tune the Draft Operational Plan by prioritizing and phasing activities to be implemented and provide annual budgets for each activity and submit the same to the 25th Meeting of the Council (*EAC/CM 24/Directive 45*).

7.7 PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY CUSTOMS ACADEMY

The Council decided that the establishment of the EAC Customs Academy be considered under the Institutional Review process (*EAC/CM 24/Decision 88*).

PART VIII ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS FOR THE PERIOD NOVEMBER 2010 - NOVEMBER 2011

The Council considered the draft Annual Progress Report of the Council for the period of November 2010 – November 2011 and submitted it to the Summit for approval, (*EAC/CM 24/Decision 89*).

PART IX EAC CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES FOR JANUARY – JUNE 2012

The Council –

- (a) approved implementation of the EAC activities planned for January 2012 (*EAC/CM 24/Decision 90*);
- (b) directed the Secretariat to always ensure that the Draft EAC Calendar of Activities is circulated in time to all Partner States for comments (*EAC/CM 24/Directive 46*);
- (c) directed the Sectoral Council of Ministers Responsible for EAC Affairs and Planning to consider the draft calendar and finalize it (*EAC/CM 24/Directive 47*); and
- (d) directed the Secretariat to submit the Draft EAC Calendar of Activities to the 15th Meeting of the Sectoral Council of Ministers Responsible for EAC Affairs and Planning planned to be convened in January 2012 for consideration (*EAC/CM 24/Directive 48*).

PART X REPORTS OF OTHER EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY ORGANS

10.1 EAST AFRICAN COURT OF JUSTICE

The Council took note of the Report of the East African Court of Justice, (*EAC/CM 24/Decision 91*).

10.2 EAST AFRICAN LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

The Council took note of the Report of the East African Legislative Assembly, (*EAC/CM 24/Decision 92*).

PART XI REPORTS OF EAC INSTITUTIONS**11.1 INTER-UNIVERSITY COUNCIL FOR EAST AFRICA**

The Council –

- (a) took note of the progress Report of the Inter-University Council for East Africa, (*EAC/CM 24/Decision 93*);
- (b) directed the Republic of Uganda to work closely with Inter-University Council for East Africa to reach an amicable solution on the matter of Houses at Plot 83-85, Prince Charles Drive in Kololo, Kampala, (*EAC/CM 24/Directive 49*);
- (c) directed the Partner States to fulfil their commitments by fully remitting their financial contributions to the Inter-University Council for East Africa, (*EAC/CM 24/Directive 50*); and
- (d) directed the Secretariat to explore the possibility of mainstreaming the IUCEA budget in the EAC budget framework (*EAC/CM 24/Directive 51*).

The Council –

- (a) took note of the status of the LVFO Partner States contributions as of 31st September 2011, (*EAC/CM 24/Decision 94*);
- (b) reiterated its previous directive to The United Republic of Tanzania and the Republic of Uganda to honour their pledges towards the ‘Operation Save Nile Perch’ (OPSN) program, (*EAC/CM 24/Decision 95*); and
- (c) took note of the need for the integration of the Republic of Burundi and the Republic of Rwanda in the LVFO operations. (*EAC/CM 24/Decision 96*);
- (d) directed the Secretariat to explore the possibility of mainstreaming the LVFO budget in the EAC budget framework (*EAC/CM 24/Directive 52*).

11.2 EAST AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

The Council took note of the report of the East African Development Bank’s operations (*EAC/CM 24/Decision 97*).