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BUJUMBURA DECLARATION OF THE CONFERENCE OF AFRICAN ANTI-CORRUPTION AUTHORITIES

We, the Heads of African Anti-Corruption Authorities have held the first Conference from 20th to 22nd June 2011 in Bujumbura Burundi in the spirit of Article 19 of the African Union Convention on Preventing and Combating Corruption which calls on States Parties to cooperate and assist one another in areas such as mutual legal assistance, law enforcement, joint investigations, tracing and recovery of ill-gotten assets;

NOTING that the objective of the conference was to discuss and come up with modalities of preventing and combating corruption on the African continent specifically by strengthening dialogue and mutual cooperation between African anti corruption Authorities/ Agencies;

RECOGNISING that corruption impedes national efforts for poverty eradication, and delivery of essential services such as health care, Education, Security and undermines the Rule of law and is generally an impediment to the realisation of the Millennium Development Goals and overall social, economic and political development;

RECOGNISING further that, corruption raises the cost of doing business, encourages neglect of contractual obligations, facilitates the misallocation and wastage of resources, discourages foreign investment and retards economic growth and development;

COGNISANT of the existence of Regional Associations, Forums of Anti Corruption Authorities;

RECOGNISING that African countries need a common African platform for tackling issues of corruption and to strengthen and reinforce good governance in the whole continent;

COGNISANT of the fact that the corrupt are becoming sophisticated and that corruption cannot be successfully prevented and combated without political will of highest leaders at all levels of society;

EMPHASISING the importance of ratification of African Union Convention on Preventing and Combating Corruption for all States Parties and Government to take this matter seriously;

ACKNOWLEDGING the importance of Public awareness in the prevention and combating of corruption;

HAVING been addressed by H.E. Pierre Nkurunziza, the President of the Republic of Burundi, received and discussed presentations and contributions by Heads and Representatives of Anti-Corruption Authorities/Agencies of countries represented in the Conference;

HAVE RESOLVED as follows:

1. That an African Association of Anti Corruption Authorities (AAAA) be established.
2. That the African Anti-Corruption Authorities shall strengthen their cooperation with each other in detecting, tracing and recovering assets and investigating corruption cases;
3. That the Anti-Corruption Authorities should vigorously sensitise and engage Political leaders, media, civil society, public, and private sector in their respective countries to appreciate the importance to prevent and combat corruption in the Continent;
4. That the Anti-Corruption Authorities shall provide Mutual Legal and Technical Assistance to the fullest measure possible under the National laws of the Partner States;
5. That the Anti-Corruption Authorities shall develop strategies for establishing research and training centres in the areas of prevention and investigation of corruption cases, and prosecution;
6. That the twenty two (22) countries that have not yet ratified the African Union Convention for Preventing and Combating Corruption should be called upon to do so;
7. That as way forward:
 - The Secretariat of the Interim Steering Committee of the African Association of Anti Corruption Authorities be hosted by the Special Brigade Anti Corruption of Burundi;
 - The Interim Steering Committee composed of the following representatives of Regional Anti Corruption bodies: Prof. PLO Lumumba (EAAACA), Dr. Jean Baptiste Elias (ECOWAS), Dr Edward G. Hoseah (SAFAC), Christopher Leba Gakehmi (Central

Africa), Sherif Badawy (North Region) and Habonimana Leonidas (Special Brigade Anti Corruption Burundi) be constituted.

- The Interim Steering Committee shall within three (3) months develop a Constitution, Code of Conduct and Strategic Plan of the Association.
- Special Brigade Anti Corruption of Burundi shall facilitate the Interim Steering Committee with local logistics in Burundi.
- The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission of Nigeria offered to host the next Conference of the African Association of Anti Corruption Authorities in November 2011 to validate the Association documents and launch the Association.

We, the heads and representatives of the Anti-corruption Authorities in Africa, therefore agree, declare and reaffirm our commitment and cooperation towards the prevention and the combating of corruption by forming the African Association of Anti-Corruption Authorities.

DECLARED and **SIGNED** at the Source du Nil Hotel, Bujumbura, in the Republic of Burundi this Tuesday 21st day of June 2011 by:

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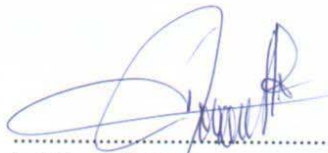
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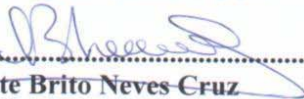
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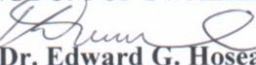


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