COMMUNIQUE OF THE 15<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE EASTERN AFRICA ASSOCIATION OF ANTI-CORRUPTION AUTHORITIES HEL.D AT HAILE GRAND, ADDIS ABABA — ETHIOPIA  $2^{ND}$  —  $3^{RD}$  MAY 2024

We, the Heads and Representatives of the member institutions of the Eastern Africa Association of Anti-Corruption Authorities, having held the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2024, Addis Ababa – Ethiopia in accordance with -Article 9 (5) (a) of the EAAACA Constitution which states that the meeting shall be held once every year;

Noting that the theme of the meeting is: "Coordination, Collaboration and corporation in Asset Recovery and the Fight Against Corruption";

Recognizing the importance of collaboration, coordination and corporation in the fight against Corruption and tracing Asset n the Region,

Appreciate the Federal Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission of Ethiopia for hosting the EAAACA 26<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee Meeting and the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting:

Further appreciate the support of the development partners in strengthening regional collaboration to effectively prevent and combat corruption as well as trace and recover illicit Assets:

## Have resolved that:

- 1. Coordination, Collaboration and Cooperation is important in Preventing and Combating Corruption and Asset Recovery;
- 2. The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) will continue to support the EAAACA members to fast-track the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC):
- 3. The Office of the Ombudsman of Rwanda will co-host events to commemorate the International Anti-Corruption Day on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2024 with the Eastern Africa Association of Anti-Corruption Authorities (EAAACA) as part of enhancing visibility of the Association;

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- The Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC) to support EAAACA
  Member Institutions to fully utilize the proposed Regional Research
  Centre on Corruption to be established in Kenya;
- 5. That EAAACA will explore and enter into partnership with International Anti-Corruption Academy (IACA) in Vienna, Austria, to build the capacity of the EAAACA member Institutions;
- 6. That EAAACA will enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with World Bank INT Vice-Presidency in the following four areas: i) sharing information, ii) support to detect and prevent fraud, iii) capacity building and iv) research;
- 7. That EAAACA President will lead a delegation to meet Secretary General of East Africa Community (EAC) in Arusha Tanzania by end of May 2024. EAAACA to fund the visit:
- 8. To consider making the Independent Anti-Corruption Commission of Somalia (IACC) of Somalia a full member of EAAACA after receiving and confirming the status of the anti-corruption institution:
- 9. Resolved to extend the implement the EAAACA Strategic Plan for one year to end of 2024
- 10. To extend the implementation of the EAAACA workplan 2023 to December 2024.
- 11. The EAAACA member institutions to nominate a team of M&E experts to develop the new EAAACA Strategic Plan 2025-2029. EAAACA will fund the process;
- 12. Adopted the Typology Study on Common Cross Border Crimes in the Eastern Africa Region;
- 13. That the new EXCOM will follow up on the status of the Anti-Corruption agency in Burundi;
- 14. Appreciate Ms Munira Ali for holding the position of Acting General Secretary of EAAACA since 2017 to date.
- 15. The Inspectorate of Government to nominate an officer to serve as a temporary General Secretary after 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024 as the recruitment process of a substantive General Secretary is concluded;

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- 16. That EAAACA delegates the Inspectorate of Government to facilitate call for application for the General Secretary position that will be open to all member institutions. The recruitment process will be reviewed by the Executive Committee and approved by the next Annual General Meeting;
- 17. To acknowledge and appreciate the Office of the Auditor General of Uganda for conducting the Financial Audits 2022. It was further resolved that the Office of the Auditor General of Uganda conducts the Audit for the financial year 2023;
- 18. That the new leadership of EAAACA 2024/2025 is as follows:

President - Uganda,

Vice President - Kenya,

Members - Rwanda, Ethiopia and Tanzania

19. That the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting will be held in November 2024 in Uganda

Declared and signed at Haile Grand, Addis Ababa – Ethiopia on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2024

President EAAACA/

Chief Ombudsman

Office of the Ombudsman

Republic of Rwanda

Vice President EAAACA/

Commissioner Federal Ethics and Anti-

Corruption CommissionFederal Democratic

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Chairperson

South Sudan Anti-Corruption Commission

Republic of South Sudan

Deputy Inspector General of Government Inspectorate of Government Republic of Uganda

Member/ Inspectorate General

State Inspectorate General

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Member/CEO/Secretary

Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission

Republic of Kenya

Director General

Prevention and Combating of Corruption Bureau

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