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### **PRESS RELEASE ON THE OUTCOME OF THE AFRICAN UNION SUMMIT HELD IN ADDIS ABABA, 2<sup>ND</sup> – 6<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2022.**

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1. **H.E Uhuru Kenyatta** President of the Republic of Kenya led the Kenyan delegation to the 35th Ordinary Session of the African Union Assembly held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 2nd to 6th February, 2022.
2. Kenya's participation in the Assembly coincided with the country's chairmanship of the African Union Peace and Security Council (AUPSC). In his capacity as Chair of the AUPSC, President Kenyatta presented a Report on the State of Peace in Africa in which he underscored the adversity of the increasing cases of political instability and insecurity in the continent and, the recent upsurge in unconstitutional changes of governments in the continent.
3. He called on leaders to redouble efforts to overcome challenges to peace and security; and to end instability and conflicts which hinder socio-economic progress in the continent.
4. During the summit, **H.E. President Uhuru Kenyatta, CGH**, was appointed by the AU Assembly as the Coordinator of the Committee of African Heads of State and Government on Climate Change (CAHOSCC) for two years. This was informed by Kenya's strong credentials on Climate Change Debate.
5. **Justice (Rtd.) Effie Owuor** was appointed to the **5th AU Panel of the Wise** for a (3) year term. Further, **Amb. Monica Juma DPhil**, Cabinet Secretary for the Ministry of Energy, was endorsed for election as Secretary General of the Commonwealth at elections to be held in June 2022 in Kigali, Rwanda; and, **Mr. Simon Njuguna** was endorsed for re-election as Member of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf (CLCS) for the period 2022-2027. The Assembly also appointed **Dr. Nardos Bekele-Thomas** of Ethiopia as the Chief Executive Officer of



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AUDA-NEPAD, **making her the first NEPAD CEO from Eastern African region.**

6. The Summit endorsed the Republic of Kenya for various international positions including: **Member of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL)** for the period 2022-2027; **Re-election as Member of the Council of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU)**, Region D for the period 2023-2026; **Member of the Coordinating Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)** for the period 2023-2025; **Vice-President of the 77th Session of the UN General Assembly** for the period 2022-2023; and; **Member of UNESCO World Heritage Committee** for the period 2023-2027, during the election scheduled for November 2023 in New York.
7. The President, in his capacity as the **AU Champion** of the **African Leaders Malaria Alliance (ALMA)**, also presented to the Assembly a report on ALMA, in which he outlined the achievements made in the fight against Malaria, under his Four (4) point legacy agenda:
  - a) Digitization and Score cards for Accountability and Action;
  - b) Multisectoral Advocacy, Action and Resource Mobilization;
  - c) Regional Coordination; And
  - d) Access to life- Saving Commodities
8. The Republic of Kenya was recognised for having successfully undergone **Four (4)** successive Peer Reviews under the **African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM)**. Further, Kenya was recognized by the **African Commission on Human and People's Rights (ACHPR)** for granting nationality to the Shona and Rwandese communities that have lived in Kenya for many years.
9. H.E. President Kenyatta held High Level bilateral meetings with his counterparts from **Ethiopia, Seychelles** and **Zambia**. He further held extensive consultations with the **AU Special Envoy to the Horn of Africa** and former President of Nigeria, **H.E.**



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**Olusegon Obasanjo**, who briefed him on his peace efforts in the Horn Region.

10. The Summit was a big success to the Kenyan delegation as most of the delegations objectives for the Summit were achieved. The Kenyan delegation included: Amb. Raychelle Omamo, Cabinet Secretary for Foreign Affairs; Amb. Jean Kamau, Ambassador to Ethiopia and Permanent Representative to the African Union; Amb. George M. Orina, Director for Africa and African Union, Ministry of Foreign Affairs; and officers from the Office of the President, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Kenya Embassy in Addis Ababa.
11. **Amb. Raychelle Omamo, SC, EGH**, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, held bilateral consultations with her counterparts from **Algeria, Somalia, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Burundi, Uganda** and **Mali**. She also held consultations on AMISOM reconfiguration with **Amb. Bankole Adeoye**, the African Union Commissioner for Political Affairs, Peace and Security.
12. The Cabinet Secretary deposited with the AU, **three (3)** AU legal instruments, that Kenya has ratified: the **Protocol on elderly persons**; the **Protocol on disability**; and, the **African Charter on Democracy and Governance**.

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