



**REPORT OF THE MINISTERIAL MEETING FOR
THE TROOP CONTRIBUTING COUNTRIES (TCCs)
TO THE AFRICAN UNION SUPPORT AND
STABILIZATION MISSION IN SOMALIA (AUSSOM)
PLUS THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OF
SOMALIA**

24TH APRIL 2025

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. The Ministerial meeting of the Troop Contributing Countries (TCCs) to the African Union Support and Stabilization Mission in Somalia (AUSSOM) and the Federal Republic of Somalia was held on 24th April 2025 at Mestil Hotel, Kampala, Uganda.
- 1.2. The meeting was attended by Ministers from the Republic of Djibouti, Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, Arab Republic of Egypt, Republic of Kenya, Republic of Uganda, and Federal Republic of Somalia.

Also in attendance were representatives from the African Union Commission, United Nations, the Inter-Governmental Authority on Development (IGAD), European Union, United Kingdom, and the United States of America.

- 1.3. The purpose of the meeting was to receive a report of the Senior Officials (Permanent Secretaries, Chiefs of Defence and other Senior Officials) on the review and proposed way forward on the security situation and performance of AUSSOM (Sector by Sector), update on the Somali Security Forces (SSFs) state of preparedness and progress in force generation, integration, mentorship, the Status of handed over Forward Operating Bases (FOBs), the AUSSOM Exit Plan, funding for AUSSOM and TCCs Plus Somalia Peer Review Mechanism for Oversight, Accountability, Coordination, Monitoring and Evaluation for implementation of AUSSOM.

2.0 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

- 2.1 The meeting adopted the Agenda with no amendments. A copy of the Agenda is attached as **Annex A**.

3.0 OPENING REMARKS

- 3.1. **Remarks by Hon. Bagiire Vincent Waiswa, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Uganda**

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- 3.1.1. In his opening remarks, Hon. Bagiere Vincent Waiswa, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs informed the meeting that the Senior Officials of the TCCs held meetings over the past two days, 22nd and 23rd April 2025.
- 3.1.2. He indicated that on the first day of the meetings, the TCCs reviewed the security situation and performance of Sector-by-Sector in AUSSOM, and they received a brief from the Force Commander.
- 3.1.3. He further informed that the FGS provided an update on the Somali Security Forces (SSF) State of Preparedness, Progress in Force Generation, Integration and Mentorship and Status handover of Forward Operating Bases (FOBs) and the AUSSOM Exit Plan and well as Funding of the AUSSOM.
- 3.1.4. He informed the Ministers that the Senior Officials discussed the need to establish the TCCs Plus Somalia Peer Review Mechanism for oversight, accountability, coordination, monitoring and evaluation of the AUSSOM.
- 3.1.5. In conclusion, he informed the meeting that the report of the Permanent Secretaries, CDF's and Senior Officials of the TCCs to the AUSSOM plus Somalia would be presented for consideration by the Ministers.

3.2. Remarks by Hon. Jacob Markson Oboth Oboth, Minister of Defense and Veteran Affairs of the Republic of Uganda

- 3.2.1. In his opening remarks, Hon. Jacob Marksons Oboth Oboth, Minister of Defense and Veteran Affairs of the Republic of Uganda, welcomed all the delegations to the meeting and thanked them for honoring the invitation.
- 3.2.2. He underscored the unwavering commitment of the Governments of the TCCs to support Somalia in her quest for peace, security and stability and condemned the numerous attacks perpetuated by Al Shabaab against TCCs troops, Somali Security Forces and civilian population in

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Somalia. To this end, he paid tribute to the fallen soldiers who paid the ultimate price in Somalia.

- 3.2.3. He urged the Federal Government and Federal member states of Somalia to harmonise efforts in implementing a strategy on an effective unified counter-offensive against Al-Shabaab, by mobilizing Community Defence Forces to augment the Somali Security Forces and AUSSOM forces
- 3.2.4. He proposed the establishment of an effective TCCs plus Somalia Peer Review mechanism, chaired by H.E. the President of the Republic of Uganda as Dean of the TCCs, for oversight, coordination, accountability, monitoring and evaluation for the implementation of the AUSSOM mandate.
- 3.2.5. He underscored the need to address the perennial challenge of funding through implementing the UNSC Resolution 2719 (2023).
- 3.2.6. He commended the international partners and other non-traditional partners for their support in implementing the AUSSOM mandate, but stressed the importance of the provision of additional resources from the African Union Peace Fund to augment the existing financial shortfalls experienced by AUSSOM.

3.3. Remarks by H.E. Mahmoud Ali Youssouf, the Chairperson of the African Union Commission

- 3.3.1. In his remarks, H.E. Mahmoud Ali Youssouf, the Chairperson of the African Union Commission, thanked the government of Uganda for the hospitality extended to him and all the delegation attending this Summit.
- 3.3.2. He paid tribute to the fallen sons and daughters who paid the ultimate price for the sake of peace and stability of Somalia.
- 3.3.3. He reaffirmed that the transition from ATMIS to AUSSOM should not fail despite the financial challenges and reluctance to implement UNSC Resolution 2719 (2023).



3.3.4. He committed that the AUC would spare no efforts to mobilize financial resources to support the AUSSOM and the Federal Government of Somalia in achieving peace and stability in Somalia and the Horn of Africa.

3.4. Remarks by H.E. Ali Mahamed Omar , State Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Federal Republic of Somalia

3.4.1. In his remarks, H.E. Ali Mahamed Omar , State Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Federal Republic of Somalia extended Somalia's gratitude to the Republic of Uganda for hosting the summit and the support rendered by the TCCs to AUSSOM.

3.4.2. He paid tribute to the fallen soldiers who have paid the ultimate price so that Somalia has a chance at lasting peace and stability.

3.4.3. He emphasized that AUSSOM was a new phase of partnership that aligns with Somalia's Security Development Plan (SSDP) and emphasizes Somali ownership while recognizing that the threat posed by Al Shabaab is far from over.

3.4.4. He stressed that Somalia is not a country in Political turmoil but rather one challenged with defeating terrorism and stabilizing liberated areas. To this end, AUSSOM forces, expertise and solidarity are indispensable.

3.4.5. He informed that Al Shabaab had intensified attacks, particularly in Middle and Lower Shabelle

3.4.6. He reiterated that Somalia supports the full implementation of UNSC Resolution 2719 (2023) and the Hybrid Model and called on leveraging the AU Peace Fund, engaging new donors and involving the private sector to ensure that AUSSOM has the resources to fulfill its mandate.

3.5. Remarks by Hon. Jibril Abdirashid Haji Abdi, Minister of Defence of the Federal Republic of Somalia



- 3.5.1. In his remarks, Hon. Jibril Abdirashid Haji Abdi, Minister of Defence of the Federal Republic of Somalia also extended Somalia's gratitude to the Republic of Uganda for hosting the summit and the support rendered by the TCCs to AUSSOM. He also congratulated the newly elected Chairperson of the African Union Commission.
- 3.5.2. He reaffirmed that the Somali National Armed Forces (SNAF), supported by community defense forces, AU Troops and international partners, continue to lead critical offensive operations against Al Shabaab and other terrorist threats.
- 3.5.3. He noted progress in the implementation of the Somali Security and Development Plan (SSDP) which forms the backbone of the pathway to a successful transition and eventual exit strategy under AUSSOM.
- 3.5.4. He reiterated the fundamental importance of respecting Somalia's sovereignty, territorial integrity and national unity, but committed to working closely with all stakeholders to preserve the hard-won peace and to foster prosperity and mutual respect across our region.
- 3.5.5. He acknowledged the concerns relating to mission financing and committed to collaborating constructively with all the TCCs to secure sustainable, predictable and reliable funding mechanisms for AUSSOM.

3.6. Remarks from TCCs MFAs and MODs

The Heads of Delegations of the TCCs to the Ministerial Meeting thanked the government of Uganda for hosting the AUSSOM Summit and for its commitment to the peace and stability of Somalia. The delegations further communicated as follows;

3.6.1. Remarks by H.E. Hassan Omar Mohammed Bourhan, Minister of Defense of the Republic of Djibouti

- 3.6.1.1. In his remarks, H.E. Hassan Omar Mohammed Bourhan, Minister of Defense of the Republic of Djibouti agreed that the challenges facing the transition of ATMIS to AUSSOM, which include escalating attacks by AL Shabaab, persistent



logistical constraints and acute budgetary difficulties, were considerable.

- 3.6.1.2. He called on the Summit to adopt a clear consensus on the implementation of UNSC 2719 (2023) and to quickly mobilize necessary funding to ensure the sustainability of the AUSSOM, find a solution to clear the debt of close to \$100 million at the conclusion of ATMIs and strengthen cooperation between Somalia, the TCCs, the UN, the AU, IGAD and partners.

3.6.2. Remarks by H.E. Aboubakr Hefney, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Emigration and Egyptian Expatriates of the Arab Republic of Egypt

- 3.6.2.1. In his remarks, H.E. Aboubakr Hefney, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Emigration and Egyptian Expatriates of the Arab Republic of Egypt highlighted the strategic partnership between Somalia and Egypt that was exemplified by the adoption of a Joint Political Declaration to elevate relations between the two countries to a Strategic Partnership in January 2025.

- 3.6.2.2. He reminded the meeting that the AUSSOM's mandate was conceived around the principle of Somali National Ownership to fight and eradicate terrorism and called on the TCCs to pursue this objective by assisting the Somali National Army to accomplish and consolidate military gains and support FGS to build viable state institutions.

- 3.6.2.3. He reiterated that the Summit needs to prioritize the mobilizing of funds for AUSSOM, avoid the creation of new layers of oversight and reporting for the FGS, pursue a holistic approach that reinforces the foundations of peace and stability through a whole-of-government and whole-of-society approach and ensure that AUSSOM is sufficiently equipped with requisite enablers and force multipliers.

- 3.6.2.4. He concluded by committing that Egypt would work with the AU TCCs plus Somalia to ensure a successful transition towards the deployment and effective operation of AUSSOM.



3.6.3. Remarks by H.E. Eng. Aisha Mohammed Mussa, Minister of Defence of the Federal Republic of Ethiopia

3.6.3.1. In her remarks, H.E. Eng. Aisha Mohammed Mussa, Minister of Defence of the Federal Republic of Ethiopia commended the steps taken by Somalia in improving the political space and efforts towards consolidating peace and security. She expressed that Ethiopia appreciates the transition from ATMIS to AUSSOM, with the ultimate goal of Somalia's full ownership of its national security matters.

3.6.3.2. She underscored that securing adequate, sustainable, and predictable financing is critically important for the success of AUSSOM and she recognized efforts by the African Union and the United Nations to devise innovative approaches to financing, including exploring traditional and non-traditional partners, such as the private sector.

3.6.3.3. She welcomed the initiative to organize a Doha pledging conference, with a view of attracting funding to meet the gaps in AUSSOM's financing.

3.6.3.4. She confirmed that Ethiopia supports the establishment of a peer review mechanism for TCCs and the Federal Government of Somalia to create a robust mechanism for the transition to AUSSOM and the eventual handover of the security sector to Somalia. In addition to AUSSOM forces, she suggested considering coordinated augmentations by TCCs to foil Al-Shabaab's recent territorial gains.

3.6.4. Remarks by Hon. Roselinda Soipan Tuya, EGH, Cabinet Secretary for Defence of the Republic of Kenya

3.6.4.1. In her remarks, Hon. Roselinda Soipan Tuya, EGH, the Cabinet Secretary for Defence of the Republic of Kenya confirmed the steadfast commitment of the government of Kenya to peace and security in the region. She emphasized that the responsibility for Somalia's security rests with the Somali Security Forces, with the AU forces taking on a supportive role



3.6.4.2. She noted the outcomes of the recent Somalia Operations Coordination Committee (SOCC) meeting in Addis Ababa and the technical session at AUSSOM headquarters in Mogadishu which underscored the complexities of the transition and highlighted the technical and logistical planning required to implement the AUSSOM mandate effectively.

3.6.4.3. She highlighted the key issues that required collective attention and resolution at the Summit, which include sustainable funding of the AUSSOM and an inclusive strategy that ensures the mission's long-term success and upholds the security of the region.

3.7. Remarks on Logistics and Sustainability

3.7.1. Briefing on the Status of AUSSOM Operations and Funding Options

3.7.1.1. Amb. Bankole Adeoye, Commissioner for Political Affairs, Peace and Security at the African Union Commission, presented the status of AUSSOM Operations and funding options. Attached as **Annex B** is the presentation.

3.7.2. Remarks by H.E. James Swan, Ag. Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General and Head of United Nations Transition Mission in Somalia

3.7.2.1. In his remarks, H.E. James Swan noted that a lot of progress has been made, but a final decision on the troop and police lay down is now urgently needed to enable the deployment of AUSSOM troops and police components required for Phase 2 of the mission.

3.7.2.2. He emphasized that financing of AUSSOM is yet to be resolved. It is urgent to reach an acceptable resolution on the AUSSOM financing. The African Union and the UN at the highest level are engaged in continued advocacy to secure funding.

3.7.2.3. He affirmed that AUSSOM remains indispensable for peace and security in Somalia, adding to the resolve of the Somali people and their security forces.

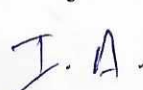


3.7.3. Remarks by Ms. Aisa Kacyira Kirabo, Assistant Secretary General and Head of UNSOS

- 3.7.3.1. In her remarks, Ms. Aisa Kacyira Kirabo, Assistant Secretary General and Head of UNSOS commended the Government of Uganda for hosting the African Union Support and Stabilization Mission in Somalia (AUSSOM) troop contributing countries (TCCs) Summit and acknowledged Uganda's role in supporting Somalia. She saluted the troops and leadership of AUSSOM TCCs for their efforts towards peace in Somalia.
- 3.7.3.2. She highlighted UNSOS' commitment to supporting AUSSOM troops and informed that the successful drawdown of ATMIS troops in 2022, was achieved through collaboration between ATMIS, the Federal Government of Somalia (FGS), and UNSOS. She emphasized the importance of continued collaboration and coordination between the AU, FGS, and UNSOS to support tasks mandated by the Security Council.
- 3.7.3.3. She discussed the Independent Strategic Review (ISR) of UNSOS, which aims to optimize UNSOS' efficiency and performance in supporting AUSSOM operations. She also welcome the quest for a predictable and sustainable funding mechanism for AUSSOM troop reimbursement and expressed commitment to deepening collaboration and partnership with AUSSOM TCCs, the Federal Government of Somalia, and the AU.

3.7.4. Remarks by H.E. Dr. Workneh Gebeyehu, IGAD Executive Secretary

- 3.7.4.1. In his remarks, delivered by H.E. Joselyn Bigirwa, the IGAD Head of Mission to Uganda, the Executive Secretary of IGAD expressed gratitude to the President of Uganda and the people of Uganda for hosting the meeting, and to President Hassan Sheikh Mohamud for his efforts towards peace and stability in Somalia.
- 3.7.4.2. He expressed concern about the deteriorating security situation in the region, particularly with regards to Al-



Shabaab's offensive in Somalia with AUSSOM facing significant challenges, including a funding shortfall of \$96 million. He commended the mission's troops that are bravely holding their positions, even when the supply lines are severely stretched.

3.7.4.3. He proposed practical solutions, including establishing backup supply mechanisms, expanding access to logistics hubs, and addressing the 25% funding gap under UNSC Resolution 2719.

3.7.4.4. He supported the recommendations from the Permanent Secretaries and Senior Officials' Meeting, which include increasing AUSSOM troop strength, deploying additional bilateral forces, enhancing air assets and intelligence capabilities, and strengthening coordination between Somalia's federal government and member states. IGAD is committed to facilitating coordination between member states, mobilizing technical experts, and supporting the Political Oversight Body.

3.7.4.5. He emphasized the importance of investing in Somalia's stability, citing the human cost of failure, including refugee camps, abandoned hospitals, and empty schools. The organization calls for adequate, sustainable, and predictable funding to address operational shortfalls and expedite the establishment of the Troop Contributing Countries plus Somalia Peer Review Mechanism. IGAD stands ready to work with all stakeholders to achieve a secure Somalia by 2029.

3.7.5. Remarks by H.E. Lisa Chesney, British High Commissioner to Uganda

3.7.5.1. The British High Commissioner paid tribute to all Troop and Police Contributing Countries for their contribution that has enabled the stability that is witnessed in Somalia today. She expressed concern about the current security situation in the country and observed that it remains a shared problem and called for shared solutions to address it. She recalled that the United Kingdom has worked with



the African Union on many areas of mutual concern including on pre-deployment training.

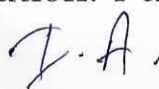
3.7.5.2. She noted that the United Kingdom is committed to finding a sustainable solution to the current funding challenges being faced by AUSSOM within the UN Security Council. She called upon the AU Commission to address many of the outstanding issues that have been raised by Partners including providing a detailed budget for AUSSOM which then can inform debate in the council. She urged all Members present to deploy their collective efforts in finding a solution to the current funding challenges of AUSSOM. This will have a positive impact in the fight against Al-Shabaab terrorists. She observed that a united response is the only way to contain Al-Shabaab.

3.7.6. Remarks by H.E. William Pope, US Ambassador to Uganda

3.7.6.1. H.E the Ambassador of the United States of America, observed that violent extremism represents a threat to the United States of America and to this end, the United States is committed to support all efforts aimed at fighting it. He observed that all efforts aimed at degrading AL Shabaab are important to regional security and in this regard, noted that the United States has carried out multiple attacks against Al Shabaab. He advised that security in Somalia requires a strong Somali national army.

3.7.6.2. On the financing of the AUSSOM, he recalled that the United States of America has since 2007 made a substantial contribution to the TCCs, and to the Federal Government of Somalia to a tune of more than two billion USD. The United States of America pays atleast 25% of the annual UN assessed contributions budget.

3.7.6.3. On the use of UNSC resolution 2719 (2023), it was observed that the position of the United States of America is the same as it was last year. The United States does not support the use of UNSC resolution 2719 (2023) on Somalia. He added that the United States does not believe that Somalia is the best place to trigger the resolution. Further, the USA does



not support the implementation of a hybrid model to financing AUSSOM.

3.7.6.4. The Ambassador, however, noted that the United States would work to identify other sources of funding for AUSSOM and called for the finalization of the details of the Concept of Operations.

3.7.7. Remarks by H.E. Jan Sadek, Head of the European Union Delegation to Uganda

3.7.7.1. The Head of the European Union delegation recalled that since 2007, the EU has been the largest bilateral contributor to AMISOM and ATMIS to a tune of about 4.3bn Euros. He observed that strengthening Somalia Security Forces remains critical to the stability of Somalia. To this end, they advised that Somalia ought to provide a unified political front.

3.7.7.2. The EU delegation welcomed the adoption of UNSC Resolution 2767 (2024), which endorsed the adoption of the Concept of Operations for AUSSOM. They observed that a hybrid implementation of UNSC resolution 2719 (2023) is the only way to provide adequate, sustainable, predictable and flexible funding for AUSSOM. In the same vein, he called for more partners to support AUSSOM.

4.0 REVIEW OF THE SENIOR OFFICIALS' REPORT AND CONSIDERATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS

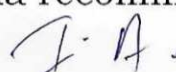
The Ministers made observations on the Senior Officials' report and recommended as follows;

4.1. Observations and deliberations;

4.1.1. The meeting noted the updates provided by the TCCs and the Federal Republic of Somalia as presented in the Senior Officials' Report of the Permanent Secretaries and Chiefs of Defence Forces.

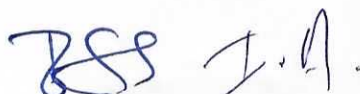
4.2. Recommendations:-

The Ministers of Foreign Affairs and Defence of the Troop Contributing Countries Plus Somalia recommended as follows;



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- 4.2.1. To increase the troops by at least an additional 8,000 to AUSSOM Troops' surge to address the prevailing security situation in Somalia so as not to roll back the hard-earned gains made so far and bridge manpower gaps by having more personnel as it was before the drawdown.
- 4.2.2. Considering the current situation, it is urgent to consider deploying bilateral troops to augment the African Union Support and Stabilization Mission in Somalia and SSFs.
- 4.2.3. To increase Air Assets, capabilities and Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance as force multipliers.
- 4.2.4. The Federal Government of Somalia to leverage its relationship with Federal Member States and traditional leaders to enhance its efforts to fight against Al Shabaab.
- 4.2.5. To establish mechanisms for countering extremist narratives by promoting an alternative narrative to counter Al Shabaab propaganda.
- 4.2.6. To ensure proper fortification of the Forward Operating Bases (FOBs) in the AUSSOM Sectors.
- 4.2.7. The Federal Government of Somalia to strengthen civil-military coordination, prioritizing humanitarian relief and quick-impact stabilization projects in recovered territories to consolidate security gains and foster enduring community trust.
- 4.2.8. The need for the African Union Support and Stabilization Mission in Somalia to mainstream post-conflict reconstruction and development, as well as peacebuilding components and, in efforts to rebuild the institutional capacities of the Federal Government of Somalia.
- 4.2.9. To enhance the Somali National Armed Force command to support the training of the Somali Security Forces to enhance the force generation process to ensure an integrated doctrinal approach.



- 4.2.10. The Federal Government of Somalia to recruit Community/ Local Defence Forces (LDFs) and mobile forces in order to hold and consolidate the areas that were liberated.
- 4.2.11. African Union and United Nations to finalize their procedures in order to expedite the deployment of the Egyptian troops.
- 4.2.12. The need to reimburse ammunition in the mission area and provide adequate assets for close air support as well as utility assets that help during troop movement.
- 4.2.13. To establish TCCs plus Somalia Peer Review Mechanism at the Heads of State and Government Level to be Chaired by H.E. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, President of the Republic of Uganda and Dean of the Troop Contributing Countries supported by the African Union Commission as the institutional memory and Secretariat, and develop a road map for Oversight, Accountability, Coordination, Monitoring and Evaluation of the AUSSOM and SSDP. The meeting to take place within 2 months.
- 4.2.14. The African Union Commission and partners to consider addressing operational shortfalls through the provision of adequate, sustainable, and predictable funding and rapid force generation to fill identified capability gaps, ensuring mission effectiveness and boosting morale among deployed personnel. In this regard, the African Union Commission should develop a Resource Mobilization Strategy for Financing for AUSSOM.
- 4.2.15. In addition, to consider the provision of additional resources from the African Union Peace Fund to address the financial shortfalls currently experienced by AUSSOM.

5.0 WAY FORWARD

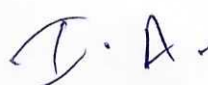
The Ministers discussed and adopted the Ministerial Report and considered the draft Communique for the Heads of State and Government of the TCCs plus Somalia.



6.0 CLOSING REMARKS

6.1. Remarks by Hon. Jacob Markson Oboth Oboth, Minister of Defense and Veteran Affairs of the Republic of Uganda

- 6.1.1. In his closing remarks, Hon. Jacob Markson Oboth Oboth, Minister of Defense and Veteran Affairs of the Republic of Uganda celebrated Somalia's progress since 2007, including successful elections, joining the East African Community, and being elected to the UN Security Council. He underlined that the African Union's support through AMISOM/ATMIS was instrumental in achieving these gains
- 6.1.2. He expressed gratitude to the troop and police contributing countries and partners for their support. However, Al-Shabaab remains a significant threat, conducting complex attacks with the goal of overthrowing the legitimate authorities.
- 6.1.3. He noted that the new Concept of Operations for AUSSOM was adopted in August 2024, but funding challenges are a major concern, with a need for USD 15m per month and an outstanding payment of USD 96m owed to ATMIS.
- 6.1.4. To address the funding crisis, he called on the meeting to trigger the use of UNSC Resolution 2719 (2023) and support the AU Commission's efforts in mobilizing support. The importance of investing in AUSSOM was emphasized, given the significant costs of piracy and instability in Somalia. He further encouraged the meeting to support the AU's resource mobilization efforts, including a pledging conference in Doha.
- 6.1.5. He concluded by reminding the meeting of the several key recommendations, including increasing AUSSOM troops by at least 8,000, deploying bilateral troops to augment AUSSOM and SSFs, and strengthening civil-military coordination and humanitarian relief efforts. A Peer Review Mechanism will be established to ensure oversight, accountability, and coordination, and a Roadmap will be developed to guide the mechanism's work.



Done at **Kampala, Uganda, this 24th day of April 2025**

For the Government of the
Republic of Uganda



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Hon. Jacob Marksons Oboth Oboth
**Minister of Defence and
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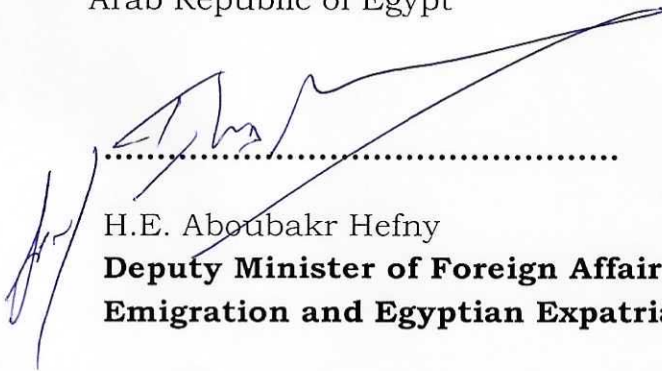
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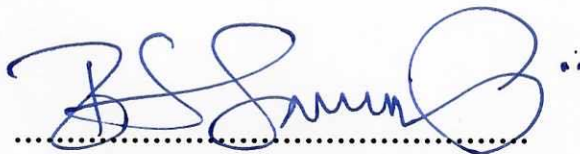
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