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AT BADEA MEETING WITH AFRICAN MINISTERS IN CHARGE
OF LIVESTOCK AND THE AFRICAN COMMISSION (AUC)

ON

**Pan African Tsetse and
Trypanosomiasis Eradication Campaign (PATTEC)**

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*Honorable Ministers,
Your Excellency, Mme. the Commissioner,
Excellencies,
Ladies and Gentlemen.*

Indeed, it is a great pleasure and honor to welcome you to Khartoum, the headquarters of the Arab Bank for Economic Development in Arica (BADEA).

*As you are all aware, **BADEA** is established on the basis of the brotherhood that links the Arab and African people.*

No doubt, in the increasingly globalizing world, economic cooperation between the two interdependent African and Arab regions, is extremely important and represents a prerequisite for their development.

Since its establishment in 1975, **BADEA** has been keen to reinforce its working relations with the continental organization **OAU/AU**. In addition to projects at the country level it has supported and contributed to the implementation of many others at the sub-regional and regional level. Since started its activities, **BADEA** contributed **USD 4129.8** million to finance **544** projects and granted **USD 134.7** million to finance **558** technical assistance operations.

In this context and fully aware about the serious economic and social destruction caused by the spread of the Tsetse fly and the Trypanosomiasis, **BADEA** has responded positively to the request of the African Union Commission for technical assistance in favor of capacity building activities within the framework of PATTEC initiative. That was in a form of a grant for two training workshops in **2009** and 2010 at the institute of management in Swaziland.

Today, we are gathering here in Khartoum, to exchange views on how better we can address the issue of eradicating the Tsetse fly and Trypanosomiasis within the framework of the pan-African initiative of PATTEC, and to deliberate on our cooperation in this regard.

On the margin of the of the 50th Anniversary of the OAU/AU, I visited the "Cality" Insect Research Centre in Addis Ababa. It was really a good opportunity to learn more about the valuable efforts of the African Union regarding the implementation of PATTEC initiative. It was also an opportunity to see closely the importance of multilateral cooperation including that with the united nation agencies, particularly, the Atomic Energy Agency. We support such cooperation and we are ready to join hands in this direction.

*Honorable Ministers,
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Ladies and Gentlemen,*

*The protection of environment cannot be isolated from our efforts for the attainment of sustainable development. Only healthy population can achieve development goals. Obviously, in the presence of the Tsetse fly, neither the human being nor the livestock wealth can be developed. **BADEA**, as a development institution will spare no effort for the implementation of **PATTEC** initiative and all efforts of the African Union in this direction.*

Once again I welcome you, and extend to the African Union Commission and to your Excellencies our appreciation for this visit.

I thank you.