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The Embassy of the Republic of Uganda presents its compliments to the Commission of the African Union (Office of the Secretary General), and with reference to the 4<sup>th</sup> Afro-Arab Summit held on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2016 in Malabo, has the honour to communicate as follows:-

1. During consideration and adoption of the Summit documents, the Co-Chair of the Summit, H.E. President Idriss Deby Itno of Chad, ruled that in view of time constraints, all Heads of Delegations who had statements and reservations to make would hand them in to the Secretariat for records and the final Summit Report.
2. Herewith enclosed, is the Statement to the 4<sup>th</sup> Afro-Arab Summit by the Vice President of the Republic of Uganda, H.E. Edward Kiwanuka Ssekandi, who was head of the Delegation.
3. The Statement is for records and part of the final Summit Report. It also contains Uganda's reservation on preamble paragraph 3 of the Declaration on Palestine. The ground for Uganda's reservation is that the African Union position of a "Two State Solution" makes some provisions of UN Resolution 194 of December 1948 stale.

The Embassy of the Republic of Uganda avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Commission of the African Union (Office of the Secretary General), the assurances of its highest consideration.

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The Commission of the African Union  
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## **Statement**

**By**

**The Vice President of the Republic of Uganda H.E. Edward Kiwanuka Ssekandi during the 4<sup>th</sup> Africa-Arab Summit held in Malabo, Equatorial Guinea.**

**23<sup>rd</sup> November 2016**



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Your Excellency Idriss Deby Itno, President of the Republic of Chad Chairperson of the African Union and Co-Chair of this Summit;

Your Excellency Mohamed Ould Abdel Aziz, President of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, Chairperson of the League of Arab States and Co-Chair of this Summit;

Your Majesties, Highnesses and Excellencies Heads of State and Government;

Excellencies Heads of Delegation;

Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen;

I bring you warm greetings from His Excellency Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, President of the Republic of Uganda who, because of national commitments, is unable to join you at this important meeting of our brotherly regions. He mandated me to represent him.

Allow me, first of all, to express my delegation's appreciation to our gracious host, His Excellency President Teodoro Obiang Nguema Mbasogo of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea for the hospitality extended to us as well as the excellent arrangements made towards the success of this Summit.



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We also express special appreciation to the out-going Co-Chairs, His Highness Sheikh Sabah Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, Emir of Kuwait, and His Excellency Hailemariam Desalegn, Prime Minister of Ethiopia for ably steering our partnership for the last three years. Uganda particularly thanks the Emir of Kuwait, His Highness Sheikh Sabah Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah for the practical support to the partnership through the financial instruments that were put in place.

Your Majesties, Highnesses and Excellencies, as we all know, the very cordial relations between our two regions are among the longest enduring of formal partnerships around the world today. We all recall that since our first summit in Cairo in 1977, our regions have steadfastly supported each other on many bilateral and multilateral issues.

This partnership between Africa and the Arab world is actually a relationship from within the same family. This is not only due to our long historical ties but also because the majority of our Arab brothers and sisters are also Africans.

Since the beginning of this Session of our partnership a few days ago, our Ministers and senior



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officials have closely examined our past declarations and resolutions as well as the various challenges that need to be addressed. They have prepared new declarations and resolutions for our recommitment and implementation of new undertakings.

At this point, Uganda wishes to underscore the importance of using this partnership and the decisions that we make to overcome the many development deficits that strongly fuel the many challenges that face our countries, including wars, terrorism, displacement of populations, illegal migration and other various obstacles to development.

Uganda therefore stresses the need to translate the goodwill shown in this partnership into tangible investments which will bring mutual and sustainable prosperity to our people. Africa is a region of great potential with its enormous resources for investment and trade. On the other hand, many Arab countries have great potential and investable financial resources. The potential and real resources in the two regions should be blended for enhanced mutual benefit. This endeavor should involve both the Public and Private Sectors.



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In this regard, I urge our secretariats, Ministers and all the co-ordination teams to expeditiously finalize the 2nd Africa-Arab Action Plan 2016 – 2021 and even more importantly; to carefully ensure that it contains concrete projects with very clear implementation plans defined sources of funding and targets to be achieved in realistic time-frames.

We should also ensure that the implementation processes that we agree to, have monitoring mechanisms that enable regular evaluations by all stakeholders. It is only with this strict approach to the partnership that we shall make it even more meaningful for all our people.

Excellencies Ladies and Gentlemen, on the documents for consideration and adoption by this Summit, Uganda has a reservation on preamble paragraph 3 of the Declaration on Palestine. Our understanding of the African Union position of a “Two State Solution” makes some provisions of the UN Resolution 194 of December 1948 stale.

I thank you for your attention.

**For God and My Country.**