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DECISIONS OF THE MEETING OF THE BUREAU OF THE 10TH GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE LUSAKA AGREEMENT

DECISION BGC1/X/1

REPORTS OF THE TASK FORCE

The Bureau of the Governing Council,

Having met at the Laico Regency Hotel, Nairobi, Kenya on 29th and 30th November 2012 to review progress made by the Lusaka Agreement Task Force on the implementation of the Agreement and the Governing Council Decisions made at its10th meeting;

Considering the mandate vested upon it through its Governing Council Decisions VII/I/c (ii) and VIII/II.5 permitting it to continue exercising decision-making powers on substantive issues as may be appropriate;

Taking note that the Lusaka Agreement Task Force made considerable progress in its implementation of the planned and approved activities during the year as presented by its Director in document ***LATF/BGC1/Exp/10.3*** entitled *ProgressReportJuly 2011to June 2012;*

Further taking note of the Audit report for the financial year 1st July 2011to 30th June 2012;

Recalling Decision X/5.1 that directed the Task Force to consult the parties and convene a consultative experts meeting to review the findings of the consultants on the analysis of Party legislations, Evaluation of the Task Force Strategic Plan and the Assessment of alternative options on levels of statutory contributions to the budget of the Task Force;

Acknowledging the report of the consultative workshop of November 2012 ***LATF/BGC1/Exp/10.3.7***to validate the three (3) consultancy reports;

Taking note of the proposal by the Director of the Task Force on establishment of Trust Fund presented to the 8th Governing Council;

Recalling DecisionBGC1/VIII/2 of the 8th Governing Council that directed the Director of the Task Force to develop modalities for the establishment of a Trust Fund;

Appreciating the efforts made by the Task Force towards acquisition of land from the Government of Kenya for construction of its Headquarters;

Further acknowledging the positive progress made by the Lusaka Agreement Task Force in the implementation of its Programme of Work and the Decisions of the 10th Governing Council meeting;

1. **Approves** the Progress Reports of the Task Force for the period July 2011 to June 2012,

2. **Approves** the Audit Report for the Financial Year 2011/2012,

3. **Approves** the report of the consultative experts workshop,

4. **Instructs** the Director of the Task Force to establisha Trust Fund or an Endowment Fund as a means for addressing challenges associated with adequate mobilization of resources,

5. **Urges** the Government of Kenya to expedite land allocation for construction of the Task Force Headquarters or consider allocating suitable existing premises for the same purpose ,

6. **Instructs** the Director of the Lusaka Agreement Task Force to formally brief the Government of Kenya through the relevant authorities about the status of the request for land and this decision,

7. **Further instructs** the Director to provide progress reports on the implementation of this decision to the Bureau and the 11th Governing Council meeting.

DECISION BGCI/X/2
PAYMENT OF STATUTORY CONTRIBUTIONS AND ARREARS

Acknowledging the efforts made by some Parties to pay their assessed contributions to the budget of the Lusaka Agreement Task Force;

Recalling that Governing Council Decision VI/1, Section C.vi calls for, inter alia, the development of a contingency plan and strategy on payment of arrears and future financial compliance by affected Parties;

Noting the constrained financial position of the Task Force mainly attributed to non-remittance of contributions by some Parties;

1. **Urges** parties with accumulated arrears to urgently consider settling their outstanding contributions,

2. **Calls upon** all parties to ensure that annual contributions are remitted on a timely basis in accordance with the stipulated financial rules of the Agreement.

3. **Instructs** the Director of the Lusaka Agreement Task Force to follow up and report on the implementation of this decision to the Bureau and the 11th Governing Council.

DECISION BGCI/X/3

PROGRAMME OF WORK AND BUDGET OF THE TASK FORCE FOR THE FY 2013/2014

Having considered the proposed *Programme of Work and Budget of the Lusaka Agreement Task Force* for the Financial Years 2013/2014 presented by its Director and adopted by the Experts;

Acknowledging that Parties are obliged to provide equal contributions to the budget of the Lusaka Agreement Task Force;

Noting that some Parties with accumulated arrears are still experiencing serious challenges in remitting their contributions to the budget of the Task Force;

Recallingthat the Kingdom of Lesotho has consistently been unable to meet her financial obligations to the Lusaka Agreement resulting in budget deficits for the Task Force;

Recognizingthat the Republic of Liberiahas not been actively participating in the affairs of the Agreement since her accession;

Acknowledging that the Proposed Programme of Work and Budget are realistic and in line with the Strategic Plan;

1. **Approves** the proposed Programme of Work and the corresponding Budget of US$1,319,440.00 for the Lusaka Agreement Task Force for the financial year 2013/2014,

2. **Decides** as an interim measure not to take into account the Kingdom of Lesotho and the Republic of Liberia in the assessment of contributions by Parties for the financial year 2013/2014 to mitigate against budget deficits,

3. **Approves** the contribution by each Party to the budget of the Lusaka Agreement Task Force for the financial year 2013/2014 at US$155,360.00,

4. **Directs** the Director of the Lusaka Agreement Task Force to implement the Programme of workand Budget as approved,

5. **Further Directs** the Director of the Lusaka Agreement Task Force to report on the implementation of this decision to the Bureau and the 11th Governing Council.

DECISION BGCI/X/4

PROPOSAL FOR A NEW RULE ON STAFF TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

Having considered the proposal made by the Director of the Lusaka Agreement Task Force for a new rule to provide for staff training and development;

1. **Approves** the new rule to read as follows:"*A staff member in the general service category may be allowed to undertake relevant training and studies exceeding one year and supported financially by the Task Force at a scale to be determined by the Directorin line with the Staff Training and Development Policy*"

2. **Directs** the Director of the Lusaka Agreement Task Force to report on the implementation of this decision to the Governing Council.

DECISION BGCI/X/5

PROPOSAL FOR ACQUISITION OF NEW MOTOR VEHICLES FOR THE TASK FORCE

Considering the proposal made by the Director of the Lusaka Agreement Task Force to acquire new motor vehicles for the organization;

Further considering that the current vehicles are obsolete and require urgent replacement;

Noting the fact that efforts made by the Task Force to secure funding for the acquisition of the vehicles have so far not yielded positive results;

1. **Approves** the proposal to procure at least four (4) motor vehicles for the Task Force,

2. **Urges** the Parties to urgently consider extending extra-statutory contributions of at least US$ 48,000 per Party towards raising US$240,000 required for procurement of newmotor vehicles,

3. **Cautions** that in the event that Parties with accumulated arrears settle their dues at a significant level to sufficiently meet the cost of acquiring the vehicles within the financially year, the extra-statutory contributions will not be made,

4. **Instructs** the Task Force to formally communicate with relevant authorities in parties to secure funding for the acquisition of the vehicles,

5. **Directs** the Director of the Lusaka Agreement Task Force to report on the implementation progress of this decision to the 11th Governing Council Meeting.

DECISION BGCI/X/6

REGULARIZATION OF THE AFRICAN ELEPHANT LAW ENFORCEMENT DAY CELEBRATIONS

Recalling the proposal presented as LATF/LAGC/Exp/10.3.12 for the African Elephant Law Enforcement Day Celebrations and the Experts Report presented as LATF/LAGC10/1.9 and adopted at the 10th Governing Council meeting held in Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania in November 2011;

1. **Approves** the proposal to regularize holding of the African Elephant Law Enforcement Day Celebrations,

2. **Directs** the Director to develop a concept note on this initiative for submission to the African Union to facilitate organization and conducting of the event,which will involve all African states and stakeholders as part of activities to be undertaken during the International Conference on biodiversity crime,

3. **Further Directs** the Director to closely collaborate with organizations such as GEF, UNESCO, FAO, WWF, INTERPOL, WCS, CITES, IFAW, World Bank, AfDB, EU, AMCEN and UNEP to support the initiative,

4. **Instructs** the Director of the Lusaka Agreement Task Force to report on the implementation progress of this decision to the Bureau and the 11th Governing Council.

DECISION BGCI/X/7

APPOINTMENT OF INTELLIGENCE OFFICER OF THE TASK FORCE

Taking note that the employment contract of the current Intelligence Officer of the Lusaka Agreement Task Force Mr. Karl Karugaba will come to an end on 30th November 2012;

Appreciating the need to fill the position for the effective functioning of the organization;

1. **Appoints** Mr. Adan Mohammed Alio, Field Officer representing the Republic of Kenya, as Intelligence Officer for a period of three (3) years with effect from 1st December 2012 and on provisional basis pending endorsement by the Governing Council,

2. **Directs** the Director to implement this decision and report to the 11th Governing Council meeting.

Signed after adoption by:

Hon. Henri DJOMBO (MP).....**Date** 30/11/2012

President of the Lusaka Agreement Governing Council and Minister for Forest Economy and Sustainable Development of the Republic of Congo

Hon. David Phiri (MP).....**Date**.....30/11/2012.....

Rapporteur of the Lusaka Agreement Governing Council and Deputy Minister for Tourism and Arts of the Republic of Zambia.

Mr. George Owoyesigire..... **Date**.....30/11/2012.....

Representative of the Vice President of the Lusaka Agreement Governing Council and Minister for Tourism, Wildlife and Antiquities of the Republic of Uganda

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