





## 4TH AFRICAN CONFERENCE OF COMMANDANTS

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### FINAL COMMUNIQUÉ ON THE FOURTH AFRICAN CONFERENCE OF COMMANDANTS 1 – 4 NOVEMBER 2010, JINJA, UGANDA

The 4<sup>th</sup> Africa Conference of Commandants was held in Jinja, Uganda, from 1 – 4 November 2010, under the Chairmanship of Major General Andrew Gutti, Commandant of the Senior Command and Staff College, Kimaka, Uganda. The following Commandants also attended the Conference:

Maj Gen Ahmed Abdallah Mohammed, Commandant Egyptian Command and Staff College

Maj Gen Ahmed Mahmud Ali Azwai, Commandant Libya Command and Staff College

Maj Gen Kwesi Yankson, Commandant Ghana Armed Forces Command and Staff College

Air Vice Marshall Sunday A. Leks, Commandant Nigerian Armed Forces Command and Staff College

Maj Gen Salih Mohamed Abdel Rasoul, Commandant Sudanese Joint Staff Services Command and Staff College

Brig Gen Ezekiel Kyunga, Commandant Tanzania Command and Staff College

Brig Gen Joseph H. Kakoto, Commandant Namibia Military School

Brig Gen S.D. Mashobane, Commandant South African National War College

Brig Gen J.J.F. Chisenga, Commandant Zambia Defence Services Command and Staff College

Brig Gen Thomas Moyo, Commandant Zimbabwe Staff College

Col Alexis Ndayizeye, Commandant Burundi Senior Military Studies Grouping

Col Aloys Muganga, Commandant Rwanda Military Academy - Gako

Col Joseph E. Seelo, Acting Commandant Botswana Defence Command and Staff College

Col Loonena Naisho, Kenya Defence Staff College

Twenty-four other observers from Staff Colleges, regional and international organisations also attended the Conference.

## The Conference

- i. Recalled the Decisions adopted by the 3<sup>rd</sup> ACoC held in Cairo, Egypt, and reiterated the need for an annual ACoC to be attended by all participating African Staff Colleges and to extend invitations to other African countries, particularly those from the Central African Region, as well as African Regional Peace-Keeping Training Centres / Centres of Excellence and other organisations that share ACoC's aspirations.
- ii. Acknowledged the initiatives taken by the 2<sup>nd</sup> ACoC to operationalise and develop the Decision on the Combined Joint African Exercises (CJAX) being undertaken at regional and Member State levels and noted with satisfaction the achievement of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) and the Southern African Development Community in this regard.
- iii. Further acknowledged that the implementation of Decisions undertaken in previous Conferences is a continuing process despite limited resources.
- iv. Endorsed the work of ACoC as contained in the minutes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> ACoC and the subsequent discussions during the 3<sup>rd</sup> ACoC, and the conducting of 'Exercise Uhuru' in Gaborone, Lusaka and Pretoria and ECOWAS CJAX in Ghana and noted with gratitude the participation of the current ACoC Chair and other participating members in their different capacities.
- v. Further endorsed the process undertaken by the Command and Staff College, Libya to communicate with the Ministers of Defence and Chiefs of Defence Staff Meetings in seeking recognition from the African Union and encouraged all participating ACoC Staff Colleges to follow suit.

## The Conference also

- vi. Stressed the objectives of ACoC to enhance harmonisation, interoperability, commonality, standardisation and cooperation between African Staff Colleges, which have been addressed in the 4<sup>th</sup> ACoC's theme : **“Towards developing a Common, Continental Force for Better Efficiency in a Multinational Environment”**.
- vii. Reiterated that ACoC should take full ownership of the direction it wants to take and should strive for full ownership of the processes and their consequences.
- viii. Noted with gratitude the significant attendance of the invited African countries for the 4<sup>th</sup> ACoC and extended sincere appreciation to the Senior Command and Staff College, Uganda for the successful hosting of the 4<sup>th</sup> ACoC.

- ix. Expressed its deepest appreciation to the outgoing Chair and for his outstanding contribution to the aspirations of ACoC and extended its heartfelt wishes to the current Chair.
- x. Further noted that the ECOWAS and EASBRIG were represented and encouraged other Regional Economic Communities to participate in future Conferences.
- xi. Noted with pride that concrete plans for establishing a Pan African Command and Staff College, made at previous Conferences have been taken seriously.
- xii. Acknowledged the on-going consultations amongst Southern African participating Member States to host the next Conference of Commandants and noted with pleasure the offer by the Armed Forces Command and Staff College, Jaji, Nigeria, to host the 6<sup>th</sup> Conference in 2012.

**Pretoria**

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