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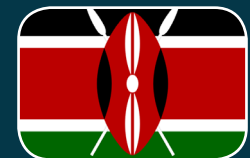
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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRPERSON



The year 2019 has been particularly eventful for the Eastern Africa Standby Force (EASF). I have had the privilege of serving as Chairperson of this important organisation, with a diverse group of individuals, Chiefs of Defence Staff and Defence Ministers of the ten Member States of EASF.

We are all aware of the continued insecurity and conflicts that continue to plague our region. The reality of having our own capacity as is embedded within the EASF is a collective way of ensuring that our region remains stable and as assurance to unreservedly continue to strengthen the organisation.

We are committed towards the region, continental and global agenda in pursuit of Peace, Security and Stability. In the year 2019, our collective efforts were successful in terms of guiding and controlling the activities of the EASF.

I am glad, because these efforts remind us that as much as we need solidarity among Africans to defeat terror and other threats to our security, solidarity between us and non-African partners is fundamental.

As EASF continues to develop its capability, I really appreciated the political will and leadership from all Member States in all activities of the organization conducted in the year 2019.

As I conclude, I would like to thank the African Union, for their support in providing the necessary strategic guidance to our regional efforts and the financial resources in building the operational readiness of EASF.

Further, I also wish to thank the Friends of EASF, who have been instrumental in facilitating necessary coherence of the EASF's capacity building through training, conduct of exercises and operational readiness and responsiveness of the multidimensional forces.

H.E. Emmanuel Ntahomvukiye
Minister of Defence and War Veterans of Burundi



MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR



It is with great appreciation that I present the Eastern Africa Standby Force Annual Report 2019. In the year under review, EASF accomplished notable achievements geared towards capacity building. Among the critical activities were the enactments of the Human Resource Policy for Civilian personnel in EASF Peace Support Missions and the Duty of Care Policy for EASF Peace Support Missions. The two documents provide regulations for employment and deployment of civilian personnel in EASF Peace Support Missions and how to care for them.

The EASF also reviewed its Crisis Response Mechanism and the Mandating Process (CRMMP) in order to improve it.

On its march towards full autonomy, EASF continued to increase regional capacity of Trainers to facilitate EASF courses and training in order to enhance the ownership of the organization. This was through establishing regional pool of trainers in Integrated Mission Planning (IMP). The organization also conducted several capacity building activities in order to enhance its readiness to respond when mandated especially from July to December 2019 when EASF was the continental standby force as per the African Union roster.

In order to support the democratization process in the region, EASF deployed a short term election observer mission in the Union of Comoros during the Presidential and General Elections in March 2019. This mission played an important role in upholding the democratic process of the country.

The organization also signed a Peace and Security Engagement Document (PSED) with the Royal Kingdom of Denmark for financial and technical support for 2020.

I would want to express my gratitude to the leadership of EASF Member States for their continued guidance and support. I would also like to appreciate the partners and Friends of EASF for their financial and technical support. I want to further assure you that EASF is ready to deploy in the most effective and efficient ways as and when mandated.

Dr. Abdillahi Omar Bouh
Director EASF



HIGH LEVEL MEETINGS

The Eastern Africa Standby Force is one of the five African Union regional security standby forces established as part of the Africa Peace and Security Architecture. Peace and security are matters of utmost priority for the Eastern Africa region that continues to grapple with a myriad of security challenges.



EASF as a Peace and Security Organisation, receives guidance from the Policy Organs of the region in order to achieve its objectives. According to the activity plan 2019, EASF conducted two Policy Organs Meetings, the first meeting was held in Burundi and the second one in Uganda.

The aim of the meetings was to apprise the higher leaders of the Eastern Africa Region on the progress made by EASF through the year 2019, as well as highlighting issues which seek policy guidance and decisions as the organization goes forward on the right track.

The EASF Policy Organs Meetings have three levels, namely the Experts Working Group Meeting, the Committee of Chiefs of Defense and Security Meeting and the Council of Ministers of Defense and Security Meeting.

The objective of EASF is to carry out in a timely manner, the functions of maintenance of peace and security, through a regional conflict prevention, management and resolution



capability to respond effectively to crisis within Eastern Africa region and across the African continent as may be mandated by the AU Peace and Security Council.



EASF FORCE PREPARATION



The role of the Eastern Africa Standby Force is to provide a multinational and multi-dimensional capability consisting of civilian, military and police in line with common doctrine and Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) of the African Union (AU). In pursuing the EASF Strategic Plan 2015-2020, the focus of the Military Component is towards maintaining and sustainment of the Full Operational Capability (FOC) and building capabilities of the Force to address existing and emerging security challenges.

In 2019, the Military Component conducted a good number of activities relating to Peace Support Operations, knowledge, skills and attitudes required for EASF Staff and pledged personnel.



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POLICE COMPONENT TRUDGING ON

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The responsibility of the Eastern Africa Standby Force Police Component is maintaining and consolidating the Full Operational Capability (FOC) of Police Force to perform a mandate within the framework of the African Standby Force (ASF), responding to regional as well as continental conflicts. The target is to ensure that 720 Individual Police Officers (IPOs) & 6 Formed Police Units (FPUs) are readily available in Member States ready for future deployment.

2019 was an eventful year for the EASF Police Component with several training sessions, workshops and other related activities implemented in order to develop and maintain the Full Operational Capability as well as to prepare a vigorous Police Standby Force for future Peace Support Operations' deployment.

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Among the several activities conducted in the year 2019 included, Force Headquarters Exercise, United Nations Military Experts on Mission (UNMEOM), Integrated Mission Planning Course (IMPC), Integrated Crisis Management Course (ICMC) and Mission Planning related trainings. During the same period, a number of maritime courses and workshops were also conducted in order to equip individuals and units with essential knowledge required in PSOs.

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All these training activities are crucial and significant for the purpose of maintaining and consolidating FOC by building the capacity of the Police Officers able to perform their mandate within the ASF framework. The Trainers Workshop held in Mombasa laid great emphasis on building the capacity

of regional trainers while the PPOCs workshop that was held in Victoria, Seychelles played a significant role in keeping the good relationship with Member States.

The AU/ EASF Police SOPs Harmonization workshop held in Burundi was a great achievement that enabled the Component to produce the harmonized working documents with AU through the engagement of experts from Member States, AU and EASF Police Component.

In summary, the Police Component accomplished 88% of its approved annual activities in remarkable ways and is in line with EASF's target to achieve its objectives as envisaged.



ROLES OF CIVILIAN PERSONNEL IN PEACE SUPPORT OPERATIONS.



In complex security situations, multi-dimensional and integrated Peace Support Operations (PSOs) are found to be appropriate to assist the affected country's transition from conflict to sustainable peace and security. In these efforts, the Eastern Africa Standby Force's, three main components, Civilian, Police and Military, play their distinct and integrated roles under one roof. As mission mandates have grown increasingly complex, the requirements for qualified civilian expertise has grown apace.

Of the three components, civilian personnel perform many of the mandated tasks of peacekeeping operations: promoting and protecting human rights, helping strengthen the rule of law, fostering political and reconciliation processes and humanitarian activities.

The number of civilian tasks mandated in United Nations Security Council

resolutions for UN peace operations and the number of civilian missions undertaken by regional organizations have increased dramatically. However, in African Union (AU), PSOs as a regional organization, it has been reiterated and reported on different platforms that the role of civilians is still not fully understood. As a result, civilian capacity development has not been well resourced in comparison with the military and police dimensions of the African Standby Force (ASF).

Accordingly, efforts have been made at Eastern Africa Standby Force level to build the capacity of civilians and ensure their readiness for deployment when need arises. As a showcase, the EASF Civilian Component has trained hundreds of civilian experts and rostered in both African Standby Roster and Eastern Africa Standby Force's Roster.



EASF, PUSHING THE PEACE AGENDA FORWARD



of planned elections in Africa, particularly the EASF region. One of the elections that went smoothly under the watch of EASF and AU was Comoros presidential elections in March 2019.

In the course of the election, EASF observer mission in Comoros consulted with a

The Eastern Africa region has been stable in the course of the year 2019. Countries in the region have created coordination mechanism which boosts the economy, security and the integration of the citizens in the region under the monitoring of EASF secretariat, with coordination of AU and other regional organizations. EASF has initiated numerous coordination meetings in 2019 with the purpose of monitoring the security of the region and the observation

number of stakeholders and sectors of the society namely; political parties, the civil society, the media, officials of the National Election Commission and the citizens in general. The conclusion was that the electoral process went well and in a generally peaceful manner.

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that the insights developed by analysts through conflict and crisis monitoring are linked to response planning and implementation. The framework helps analysts generate timely reports for decision makers, consistent with the EASF Crisis Response Group for Conflict Prevention, Management, Resolution, Peacekeeping and Regional Security. In this respect, the developed framework contributes to a fully integrated and functional early warning system for EASF and its Member States that promotes

the early detection of human security challenges for the purpose early response and conflict prevention.

Generally, EASF has contributed to the stability of Eastern Africa significantly by focusing on the betterment of the relationship among its member states. The economy of Eastern Africa is one the fastest growing in the world, with technological change sweeping across the region and offering tremendous opportunities to its people.



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FRIENDS OF EASF: STRENGTHENING PARTNERSHIPS



EASF has over the years built various partnerships and collaborations with numerous stakeholders. One of the ardent supporters of the EASF is notably the Nordic Advisory Committee, a platform comprising of Denmark, Norway and Finland. The United Kingdom has also supported EASF through both financial and technical assistance. During 2019, many activities and training courses were conducted including the signing of the Peace and Stabilisation Document. Another key milestone in that respect was the presentation of the Command & Control Communications Information Systems (C2CIS) equipment donated to Eastern Africa Standby Force in March, 2019 by the Kingdom of Denmark, together with the United Kingdom.

On behalf of the Danish and United Kingdom Governments, the equipment was handed over to EASF by the Danish Deputy Ambassador to Kenya, Her Excellency Nina Berg and the Representative of UK Col. Freddie Ground. Also present during the ceremony were the Danish Defence attaché to Kenya Colonel Joern Rasmussen and the Danish Technical Advisor to EASF, Colonel Claus Pedersen.

Then in July 2019, the ordinary meeting of the Friends of EASF took place at the Hotel Southern Sun Mayfair in Nairobi, Kenya. The meeting was an opportunity to update the partners and Friends of EASF on the status on implementation of the activities for the year, preparations





“...this agreement is a continuation of the remarkable work that we have done together within the long and successful journey of EASF because, we have same vision to see a stable and secure Africa” pointed out the Ambassador. The objective of the peace and stabilisation cooperation between the

of EASF as the Continental Standby Force and presentations on the key decisions of the 26th Policy Organs Meeting which was conducted in Bujumbura, Burundi.

Consequently, the Eastern Africa Standby Force and the Royal Kingdom of Denmark signed the Peace and Stabilisation Document of 2019 - 2020 on 2nd August at the Danish Embassy in Nairobi, Kenya. The present Peace and Stabilisation Engagement Document (PSED) provides the objectives and management arrangements for the peace and stabilisation cooperation in relation to the Danish support and advisers to EASF in the period from 2019 to 2020. During the meeting, the Ambassador of Denmark to Kenya, Somalia, Eritrea and Seychelles, H.E. Mette Knudsen noted that EASF has been moving on the right track by bringing representatives from different counties of its Member States to work together towards building peace, security and stability in the region.

government of Denmark and EASF is the strengthened regional capacity towards conflict management and building a stable region.

During the signing, the Director of EASF, Dr. Abdillahi Omar Bouh thanked the Government of the Royal Kingdom of Denmark for the continued support accorded to EASF in form of finance and technical assistance. He assured the partners that EASF is committed to cooperate with the Civilian and Police advisers in order to ensure that the Danish sponsored programmes are a success. He also thanked the Friends of EASF for their commitment to support the organization in regional capacity building, through financial and technical resource provision.

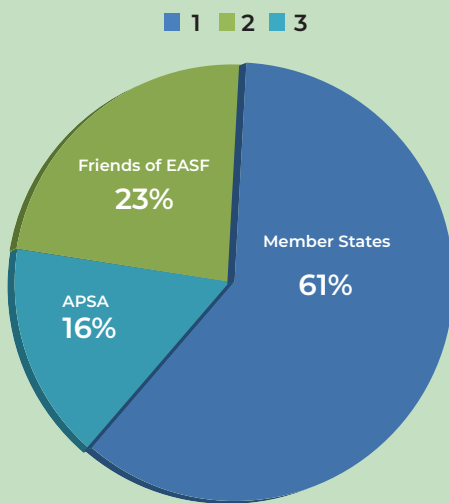
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FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS 2019

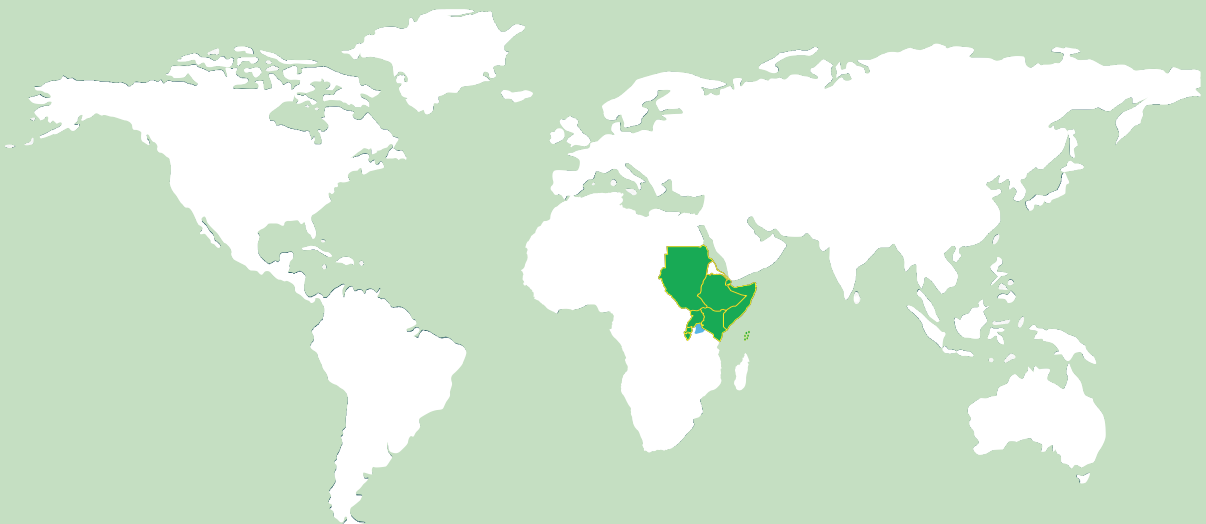
The Eastern Africa Standby Force approved budget for the financial year of 2019 was 7,359,479.98 USD. Consequently, EASF received contributions amounting to 4,489,407.50 USD from its Member States, 1,704,276.48 USD from Friends of EASF and 1,165,796.00 USD from African Peace Support Architecture (APSA) in support of the organization through its remarkable journey to enhance peace and security in the region and beyond; it was a significant contribution to EASF in order to move forward as well as achieve its mission and vision effectively.

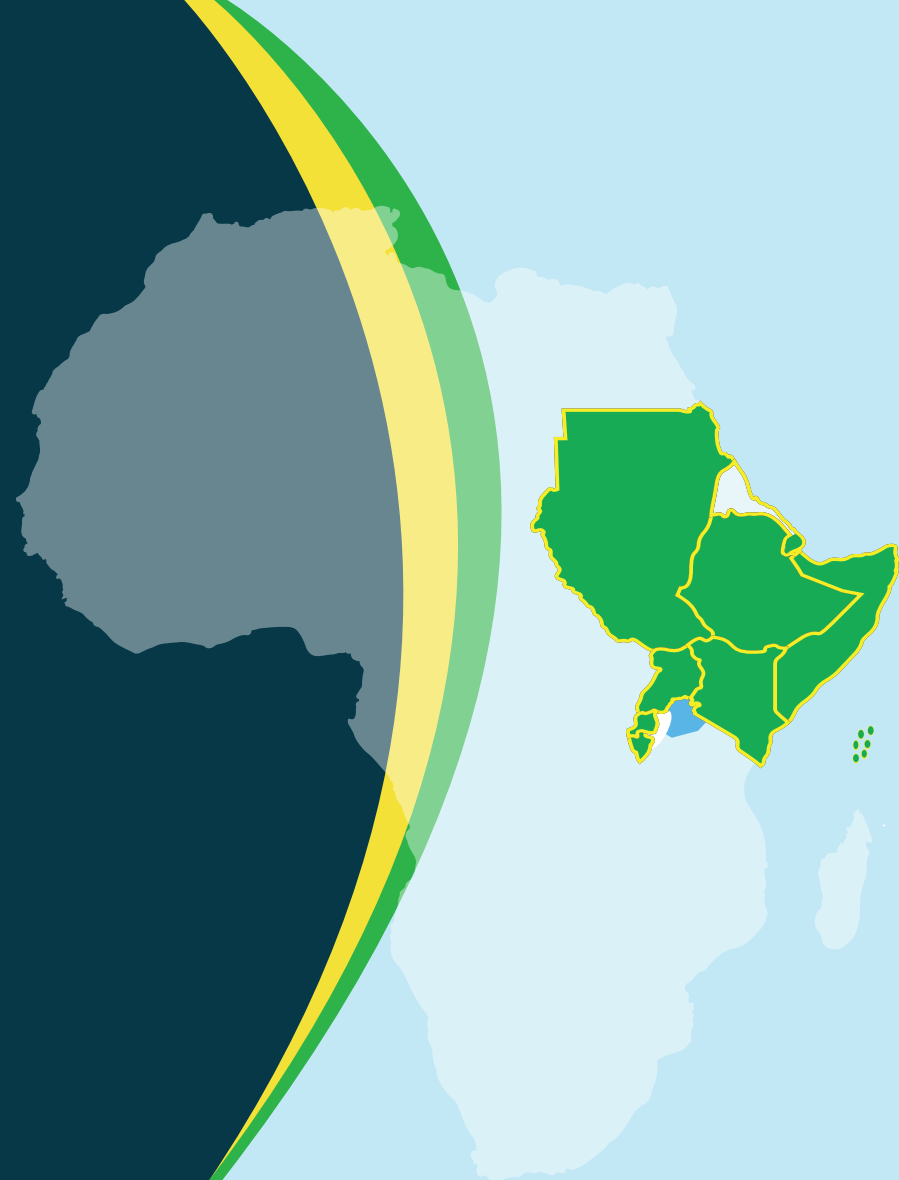
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