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1. The Heads of Intelligence and Security Services of Africa held their 13th Ordinary Session of the CISSA Conference in Kigali, Rwanda, from 01 to 06 August 2016, under the Theme: “**Countering the growing threat of Abuse of Universal Jurisdiction against Africa**”.

2. Conference was graced by the presence of **His Excellency Paul KAGAME**, President of the Republic of Rwanda. In his welcome remarks, President KAGAME, welcomed all the delegates to Kigali and expressed the full support and solidarity of the Government of Rwanda to the efforts undertaken by CISSA and the African Union to seek solutions to the myriad of security challenges affecting the continent, including fighting the abuse of universal jurisdiction against Africa and its leaders.

3. President KAGAME emphasised the need for intensive cooperation in the security realm taking into cognisance the transnational nature of crime as a result of globalisation. In this regard, he highlighted that the main tasks of intelligence are to provide stability, build prosperity and protect life. On the theme of the conference, he indicated that Rwanda has had more than its fair share of the abuse of the principle of universal jurisdiction due to the politicisation and selective application of justice. He concluded his remarks declaring the 13th Ordinary CISSA Conference officially opened.

4. In his opening remarks, the Outgoing Chairperson of CISSA and Director-General of the National Intelligence Agency (ANIGE) of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea, Honourable Minister **JUAN-ANTONIO BIBANG NCHUCHUMA**, gave an impressive account of his tenure as the Outgoing Chairperson of CISSA and urged the Incoming Chairperson to continue on that trajectory.

5. **Mr Erastus MWENCHA**, Deputy Chairperson of the African Union Commission, among other things, called upon African leaders to unite against the machinations of some powerful western countries bent on demeaning African leaders using the pretext of the application of universal jurisdiction.

6. On his part, the Chairperson of CISSA and Secretary-General of National Intelligence and Security Service (NISS) of Rwanda, Brigadier General **Joseph NZABAMWITA**, bemoaned the abuse of universal jurisdiction against Africa by some western countries and institutions. He alluded to the experience of Rwanda and other African countries on how the practice continues to undermine the integrity and the

sovereignty of the African states. He emphasised the need for strategic and actionable recommendations to deal with this phenomenon.

7. Conference also received presentations on the theme of Conference from Rwanda, Equatorial Guinea, Kenya, Sudan and the five CISSA Regional Chairpersons; Algeria, Angola, South Sudan, Republic of Congo, with the West African region represented by Ghana. Conference took cognizance of pertinent issues from the presentations which included inter alia:

- (i) Africa believes in an International Justice System, based on equality of states, equality of all the people before the law, a system based on recognizable universal shared values.
- (ii) African countries/leaders continue to suffer politically motivated allegations orchestrated by some western powers under the pretext of universal jurisdiction and remain targeted by some western judges or tribunals of universal jurisdiction and indeed more countries are likely to fall victim if nothing is done by African countries to counter the phenomenon.
- (iii) The International Criminal Court (ICC) has deviating from its mandate and has been hijacked by powerful western countries to pursue their political agenda. It is increasingly acting as a proxy for these western countries to orchestrate their regime change agenda in Africa and persecuting the African leaders. Subsequently, CISSA rejects political manipulations, double standards and abuse of universal jurisdiction.
- (iv) African senior officials remain targets of some western countries while perpetrators of heinous crimes on the African continent continue to get safe havens in Western capitals.

8. Emanating from the above presentations, Conference adopted a declaration in which Member Services reiterated the need to work together in confronting the Growing abuse of Universal Jurisdiction against Africa.

9. On core-business matters, Conference took stock of the gains that had been made since the 12th Conference in Malabo, Equatorial Guinea and re-affirmed its commitment to further enhance mutual confidence among members and to exchange intelligence to serve common objectives.

10. Conference deliberated and adopted the Roadmap towards a Conflict-Free Africa and Silencing the Guns by 2020, which would guide the core-business of CISSA for the next four years;

11. Conference acknowledged the current security challenges experienced by some African Countries and pledged to deploy its collective capacities to combat these threats;

12. Conference reiterated its commitment to continue to upscale functional collaboration and partnership with the AUC, the Regional Economic Communities/Regional Mechanisms (RECs/RMs), the African Centre for the Study and Research on Terrorism (ACSRT), the Fusion and Liaison Unit (UFL) of the Sahelo-Saharan Region, Inter-Governmental Action Group Against Money Laundering in West Africa (GIABA) as well as other African Strategic partners;

13. Conference commended the Government of Equatorial Guinea for reiterating its commitment to construct CISSA Headquarters gratis and the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia for providing 32 000 square meters of land for the construction of CISSA Headquarters;

14. Conference expressed gratitude to the National Intelligence and Security Service (NISS) of the Republic of Rwanda for the excellent logistical arrangements for the 13th Conference and the hospitality extended to all the delegates. Conference also requested that its gratitude be conveyed to the People and Government of the Republic of Rwanda.

15. Conference reaffirmed its acceptance of Nigeria's offer to host the 14th CISSA Conference in 2017.

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