



Republic of Moçambique



United Republic of Tanzania

MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING BETWEEN THE GOVERNORS OF PROVINCES OF NIASA AND CABO DELGADO (MOZAMBIQUE) AND REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS OF RUVUMA AND MTWARA (TANZANIA)

Desireus to enhance cooperation between the governments of the provinces of Cabo Delgado and Niassa and the regions of Ruvuma and Mtwara, the governors of the respective Mozambican provinces and the regional commissioners of Mtwara and Ruvuma, met on 15 of December of 2008, in Lichinga city, to evaluate the level of implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding signed by both parties on 29 March, 2007 in Mtwara, and review actions for the follow up and observed with satisfaction the progress made in the areas of cooperation as defined in the referred Memorandum.

The Parties noted with satisfaction the completion of Mitomoni Bridge and the plans to improve the roads hitherto to bitumen standard.

Further noted on the progress made on the operationalization of the Selous – Niassa Wildlife Corridor Project and the integration of the Niassa and the Selous Game reserves in Mozambique and Tanzania respectively.

The Parties have also noted the difficulties faced by the people of the two regions in crossing the Ruvuma River because of the breakdown of the boat that was used in ferrying passengers between the two regions of Cabo Delgado and Mtwara.

Noted the prevalence of illegal migration to Mozambique for the illegal exploitation of minerals, forestry and wild life resources.

The parties also took note of the problems in the implementation of the agreement on cross border trade between the two countries.

The parties noted on the need to mainstream issues relating to HIV AIDS, gender, anti corruption and natural calamities in the Memorandum of Understanding.

The Parties therefore agreed on the following:-

- To urge the Government of Mozambique to reintroduce the ferry services which were hitherto being provided by MV Beira.
- To enhance the maintenance of roads between the two countries.
- To urge the two countries to install weigh bridges on both sides of the Mitomoni Bridge.

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- In relation to the illegal exploitation of natural resources (minerals, wildlife, and forests), both authorities have to enforce rules and regulations regarding the same.
- The parties have to schedule technical meetings for deliberating on the problem of fruit flies and find out the solutions to that effect.
- Urge the Parties to improve communication by acquiring modern equipment to improve the exchange of information on crimes and criminals including drug trafficking.
- Encourage Masonya Secondary School to introduce Portuguese language as a subject and similarly, on the Mozambican side schools should be encouraged to introduce Kiswahili as a subject in their curriculum.
- The Provincial Governors were requested to liaise with the Mozambican Government with regard to the review of the issue of the border fees(Taxa de Frontiera).
- Parties are urged to facilitate trans border trade according to rules and regulations of each country.

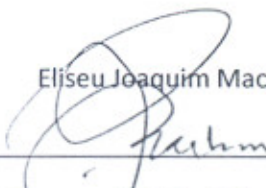
Done in Lichinga on 15 December, 2008. Both text are authentic in English and Portuguese.

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