



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

THE REGIONAL ADMINISTRATIONS AND LOCAL
GOVERNMENTS OF MTWARA AND RUVUMA

ON THE PART OF THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF
TANZANIA

AND

THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENTS OF CABO
DELGADO AND NIASA

ON THE PART OF

REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIQUE

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RECALLING the conclusions of the fourteenth session of the Joint Permanent Commission between the Republic of Mozambique and the United Republic of Tanzania which was held in Maputo, Mozambique, from 4th to 6th September, 2006.

The Regional Administrations and Local Government of Mtwara and Ruvuma on the part of the United Republic of Tanzania and The Provincial Governments of Cabo Delgado and Niassa Province on the part of Republic of Mozambique hereinafter referred as Parties,

DESIRING to promote regional economic growth and development in Mtwara and Ruvuma regions of Tanzania and Cabo Delgado and Niassa provinces of Mozambique for the benefit of their people;

RECOGNISING the need of establishing adequate and efficient trade routes for regional integration;

NOTING the great economic potential of Mtwara and Ruvuma Regions of Tanzania and Cabo Delgado and Niassa provinces of Mozambique given their rich agricultural, marine park, natural gas, tourism, transport and communications infrastructures;

WILLING to promote the traditions of good neighbourliness and peaceful environment in the areas.

WILLING to promote the Mtwara Development Corridor initiative and investments in the areas;

HEREBY AGREE, as follows:

ARTICLE I

The Parties agree to sign this Memorandum of Understanding to establish the basis of Government Joint Working Groups and annex I should form part of this agreement as follows.

1. The Economic Working Group to oversee the economic issues, including the establishment of transport infrastructure, i.e improvement of Kilambo ferry on Ruvuma River and roads in Tanzania and Mozambique overseeing agriculture as well as the use of the waters of the Ruvuma



river, alternate means of livelihood for the people living in conservation areas; and ship of both countries sailing in Lake Nyasa.

2. The Security Working Group to oversee security and immigration issues, including combating human trafficking, illegal possession of fire arms and ammunitions, smuggling of goods and narcotic drugs, control of robbery, theft, illegal fishing and other criminal acts .
3. The Environment and Conservation Working Group to oversee tourism and conservation issues, promoting tourism in the Selous and Niassa Game Reserves and overseeing land management through effective monitoring of mining operations, so as to check environmental degradation resulting from the use of mercury, and preventing agriculture and mining activities on river banks.
4. The Public Administration and good Governance Working Groups to oversee the sistership between Mtwara, Ruvuma Regions on the Tanzanian side and Cabo Delgado, Niassa provinces on Mozambican side.

ARTICLE II

The Parties recognizing that the Mtwara Development Corridor links Mtwara and Ruvuma Regions to Cabo Delgado and Niassa Provinces hereby agree to establish the Technical Units in Mtwara and Songea in Tanzania, and Pemba and Lichinga in Mozambique.

ARTICLE III

Having recognized the need of promotion of the key projects and investments in the region, the Parties agree to study the possibility of establishing a Joint Investment Promotion Center.

ARTICLE IV

The present Memorandum of Understanding may be amended by mutual consent by the parties, formalized through written communications in which the effective date of the amendment must be clearly specified



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ARTICLE V

This Memorandum of Understanding shall come into effect upon signing by concerned Parties. The Party wishing to withdraw from this Memorandum of Understanding shall give to the other Party a six months written notice of its intention.

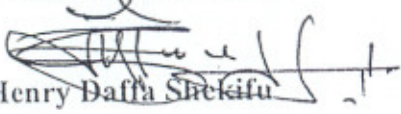
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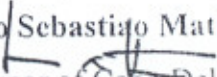
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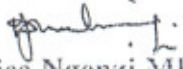
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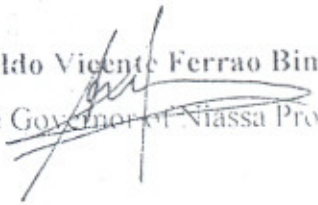
Any dispute arising from the interpretation or application of this Memorandum of Understanding shall be settled amicably through consultations between the Parties.

Signed in.....the.....day of.....of two thousand and seven in two original copies in the Portuguese and English Languages, both being equally authentic.


Henry Daffa Shekifu
The Regional Commissioner of
Mtwara Region


Lazaro Sebastiao Mathe
The Governor of Cabo Delgado
Province


Monica Ngenzi Mbega(MP)
The Regional Commissioner of
Ruvuma Region


Arnaldo Vicente Ferrao Bimbe
The Governor of Niassa Province