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Nile Basin Initiative

Nile Basin Council of Ministers (Nile-COM)

AGREED MINUTES

***Endorsement of New Transitional
Institutional Arrangements:***

“NILE BASIN INITIATIVE (NBI)”

***Dar es Salaam, Tanzania
22 February 1999***

Extraordinary Meeting of Nile Basin Council of Ministers

Dar es Salaam, United Republic of Tanzania, 22 February, 1999

Agreed Minutes

Preamble

The Council of Ministers for Water Affairs of the Nile Basin countries, meeting in Extraordinary Meetings from 23 to 24 September 1998, in Arusha, and on 22 February 1999, in Dar es Salaam, the United Republic of Tanzania-

Recognising the rights and obligations of each riparian State to the Nile:

Mindful of the need to foster an all-inclusive co-operative framework for the development, management and sharing of the Nile waters for the benefit of all:

Taking note of the resolutions adopted at the 6th Meeting of the Council of Ministers in Arusha, March 1998; and

Affirming their desire to set up a new transitional mechanism to advance a Strategic Action Programme for the Nile,

Have agreed as follows:

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1. Endorsement of new Institutional Arrangements prepared by Nile-TAC at its 1st Meeting in Dar es Salaam, July 1998.

1.1. Terms of Reference for the "Nile Basin Initiative transitional arrangements" and proposal for operationalising the new arrangements.

The Council of Ministers, noting the Terms of Reference for the Nile Basin Transitional Institutional Arrangements and the accompanying documents [ANNEX 1] –

- Endorsed the Transitional Institutional Arrangements,

Instructed the Nile-TAC to operationalise the Institutional Arrangements as soon as possible.

1.2. A proposal for the funding of the Institutional Arrangements was presented [ANNEX 2]

The Council of Ministers, noting the importance of commitment to the Nile Basin Initiative;

- Endorsed the budget structure.

- Instructed the Nile-TAC to implement the funding arrangements.

- Accepted the commitments for each country as specified in the funding proposal estimated at 15,000 US\$ for the first year.

- Requested the support of the Partners to assist in the operationalisation of the proposal

1.3. Appointment of Executive Director

Noting the urgency to operationalise the new institutional arrangements, the Council of Ministers;

- Agreed to appoint an Executive Director on a rotational basis who should be knowledgeable of and acquainted with the Nile Basin Initiative.

- Agreed that the first appointment will be for an initial period of one year, with an extension to two years to be reviewed by the Council following agreement on the Nile-TAC Rules of Procedure for the appointment of the Executive Director.

- Endorsed Tanzania's nomination of Mr Meraji O. Y. Msuya for the post of Executive Director.

2. The Nile Basin Initiative Consolidated Review Report [ANNEX 3] was tabled by the World Bank, CIDA and UNDP in response to the request of the Council of Ministers at its 6th Meeting in Arusha, March 1998

The Council of Ministers received the Nile Basin Initiative Consolidated Review Report and expressed their appreciation to the World Bank, CIDA and the U.N.D.P.

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3. Policy Guidelines for the Nile Basin Strategic Action Program, including the framework of Basin-wide Shared Vision and Subsidiary Action Programs, prepared by Nile-TAC at its 1st Meeting.

The Council of Ministers, noting the Policy Guidelines for the Nile Basin Strategic Action Program, prepared by the Nile-TAC [ANNEX 4]–

- *Shares a Vision for the Nile Basin whose objective is “To achieve sustainable socio-economic development through the equitable utilisation of, and benefit from, the common Nile Basin water resources.”*
- *Adopted the Policy Guidelines for the Nile Basin Strategic Action Program,*
- *Instructed the Nile-TAC to initiate the preparation of the “Shared Vision Program”.*
- *Requested groups of countries, as appropriate, to identify potential projects for the “Subsidiary Action Programs” and instructed the Nile-TAC to promote and monitor such action.*

4. Mobilisation of funding

- 4.1. Consultative Group mechanism: proposed International Consortium for Co-operation On the Nile (ICCON) process: Presentation by the World Bank

The Council of Ministers, noting the ICCON proposal, including the proposed implementation schedule [ANNEX 5]:

- *Requested the World Bank and its partners to proceed with the organisation of the ICCON.*
- *Instructed the Nile-TAC to undertake the necessary preparations for ICCON.*

- 4.2. Proposals for funding mechanisms for projects preparation. Presentation by World Bank and Partners

The Council of Ministers, noting the proposals for funding mechanisms for strategic action program preparation,

- *Requested the World Bank and UNDP to seek a GEF PDF Block B grant or grants for the preparation of appropriate components of the “Shared Vision Program” and the “Subsidiary Action Programs”.*
- *Instructed the Nile-TAC in collaboration with the World Bank and UNDP to finalise the proposal (Nile Basin Initiative – Basin Wide Shared Vision Program [ANNEX 6]) for a PDF Block B grant.*
- *Reaffirmed to the World Bank its request to co-ordinate financing arrangements, including seeking adequate grant financing for the project preparation process.*

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5. Other key milestones

5.1. Schedule of Meetings of the Council of Ministers

The Council of Ministers, considering the need to schedule their next meeting,

- *Agreed that the next Council of Ministers' Meeting shall be convened in Ethiopia, with the date to be decided by the Chairman in consultation with Ethiopia.*

5.2. Summit of Heads of State

The Council of Ministers, noting the suggestion made at their 6th Meeting for a Summit of Heads of State,

- *agreed to table this suggestion at the next Nile-COM meeting.*

6. Winding up of TECCONILE

The Council of Ministers, noting the work performed by TECCONILE since its establishment in 1993, the outstanding financial liabilities, the ongoing technical activities and the available assets;

- *Decided that all the outstanding financial liabilities, the relevant ongoing technical activities and available assets be transferred to the new transitional institutional arrangement.*

7. Any other business

7.1. Public communication strategy

The Council of Ministers, noting the opportunities for the development of broad international public support for the Nile Basin Initiative –

- *Instructed the Nile-TAC to develop and implement a public communication strategy.*

7.2. The 7th Nile 2002 Conference

The Council of Ministers, noting that there has been no confirmation from the Democratic Republic of Congo for hosting the 7th Nile 2002 Conference;

- *Endorsed the recommendation of the Nile-TAC to convene the 7th Nile 2002 Conference in Egypt in 1999.*

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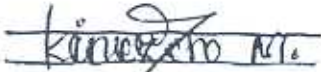
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8. Adoption of Minutes

8.1 The Council of Ministers affirms its commitment to cooperate for the realisation of the Shared Vision for the Nile Basin through advancing the Subsidiary Action Programmes.

8.2 The Council of Ministers adopts the foregoing Minutes, without prejudice to all the rights and obligations of each riparian State under international law to the equitable use of the waters of the Nile.



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