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Message from EU Ambassador



Dear Reader,

The recent months after the summer break in Europe have seen the usual anxiety about the financial crisis. However, after unambiguous declarations by Heads of State on the irreversibility of the Euro and the agreement on some bold measures in September (single bank supervision mechanism and proposals for EU Banking and Fiscal Unions) financial markets have shown gradual return of confidence on the Euro economies. Despite the difficult conditions faced by many people in Europe, signs of stabilisation are visible and economic conjuncture is expected to be better in 2013.

President Barroso of the European Commission in his speech on the State of the Union in front of the European Parliament on September 12th, called for a "Decisive Deal for Europe", by which the measures for more stringent integration in the economic sphere are to be necessarily sustained with better democratic accountability and political union. He called therefore for a Federation of Nation States in Europe and for the election of the President of the Commission by the European citizens. The future will tell us how this vision may become a reality...

In comparison with these global issues, it is certainly a great honour for us that a busy leader as President Barroso had the time and the opportunity to come and visit Tanzania, as he did on July 21st this year. His visit gave a strong boost to the already excellent EU-Tanzania relations.

It is however with concern that, together with my colleagues Ambassadors of the EU member States in Tanzania, we witnessed in the last few months a sequence of incidents that shed some gloomy light on the political conjuncture and the media environment in the country. I refer to the violent abduction of Dr. Stephen Ulimboka, the subsequent closure of MwanHalisi newspaper, and the killing of two innocent persons in the margin of opposition rallies, the last being a journalist on professional duty. It is certainly worrying if the political competition and social unrest - which are proper of every vibrant democracy - give rise to slippages in the respect of human rights and the protection of fundamental freedoms, such as press freedom. This is why the EU, in agreement with its Member States, issued a public statement on September 20th.

Also in Zanzibar events of social and political unrest have occurred in the past few months. I understand that this is the result of many factors: the aspirations for more autonomy catalysed by the Constitutional Review Process, the frustration of many unemployed young people, the existence of criminal traffics, the exploitation of potential religious tension, etc. It is our hope and commitment that any reason for unrest is canalised through a civil and democratic process leading to their solution, rather than to their aggravation.

The attention of the European Union on Zanzibar was also drawn by two other events: the ferry tragedy of MV Skagit and the affaire of the "Iranian vessels". On both issues we have been in active dialogue with Government authorities. Together with European Heads of Mission I have presented our condolences for the loss of so many lives in the ferry tragedy, but also called Government's attention to the increasing concern of European tourists for their safety when travelling to Tanzania and Zanzibar. Some of them also lost their lives and the repetition of such tragedies was a serious concern. On the case of the "Iranian ships", together with the US Embassy we helped the Government identifying the real ownership of 36 vessels registered with the Zanzibar Port Authority and urged to de-register them, so to avoid Tanzania circumventing internationally agreed restrictive measures on Iran. In both cases, I believe the constructive engagement by the EU and its partners has had an impact and helped Tanzania putting in place better standards of security and good governance.

I wish to finally welcome two important missions coming to Tanzania end of October with the participation of the EU: one to help setting the appropriate policy framework for the gas sector and another to launch the UN initiative "Sustainable Energy for All" of which Tanzania is one of the first movers.

I wish also success and fruitful start to my two new colleagues in the EU Delegation: Eric Beaume, Head of Cooperation and Olivier Coupleux, Head of the Economic and Governance Section.

Filiberto Ceriani Sebregondi

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AWARDED THE
2012 NOBEL PRIZE
FOR PEACE**



Zanzibar ferry disaster: EU naval force assists in rescue operation

THE EUROPEAN UNION played an instrumental role in rescue operations conducted in the aftermath of the capsizing of a passenger ferry off the coast of Zanzibar this July.

The ferry, MV Skagit, was carrying between 250 -300 passengers as it travelled from Dar es Salaam to Zanzibar, on Wednesday, July 18, when it capsized in stormy waters near Chumbe Island, west of Zanzibar.

The EU's naval force, EU NAVFOR - Operation Atalanta, which conducts anti-piracy patrols across the West Indian Ocean, was alerted to the disaster and immediately redirected a Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Aircraft (MPRA) to the scene of the accident, where it supported the search and rescue efforts.

Using the aircraft's capabilities, search and rescue efforts were coordinated from Luxemburg, life rafts spotted and their location tracked. With this support, Tanzanian and other vessels taking part in the rescue mission were guided to the life rafts' exact locations, aiding the rescue of reportedly 145 of the ferry's passengers.

Over 100 people were killed in the disaster, including two Europeans.

The EU Delegation held high level dialogue with several key members of the Government to discuss the Government's plans to step up maritime safety.



Survivors rescued from the MV Skagit disaster.

Controversy over 're-flagging' of Iranian ships

TANZANIA has found itself at the centre of an international row after it was revealed that 36 Iranian ships were 're-flagged' with the Tanzanian flag. Iranian ships are subjected to US and EU trade sanctions.

Reflagging ships can mask their ownership, which could make it easier for the owners to obtain insurance and financing for the cargoes, as well as find buyers for the shipments without attracting attention from the European Union and United States.

The controversy was heightened in July when Abdallah Hussein Kombo, the then Acting Director of the Zanzibari Maritime Transport Authority, told journalists that the 're-flagged' ships in question were European and not Iranian. It emerged that the information was counter-factual and that the ownership of all concerned ships was indeed Iranian.

The US and EU offered full support to the Tanzanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs to investigate the matter. As a result of the investigation, the Tanzanian Government announced in August that the 36 Iranian vessels had been re-flagged by a Dubai-based shipping agent, Philtex, without the Government's knowledge.



Zanzibari Second Vice President Seif Ali Iddi

"The government has thoroughly investigated this issue and established that the Zanzibar Maritime Authority (ZMA) through our Dubai-based agent, Philtex, registered 36 Iranian crude oil tankers and containership vessels to fly the Tanzanian flag," Zanzibar's Second Vice President Seif Ali Iddi told the Zanzibari National Assembly.

"The Zanzibar government is in the process of deregistering the ships and also terminating its agency contract with Philtex after establishing the truth that these (Iranian) ships are flying the Tanzanian flag," he continued.

It was reported that in August 13, 2012 US Congressman Berman, a ranking Democrat on the US House of Representatives' Foreign Affairs Committee, wrote to US Secretary of State Hilary Clinton saying that a US Bill signed into law, authorising sanctions against anyone who re-registers Iranian oil tankers. Meanwhile the US Embassy and the EU Delegation in Dar es Salaam received evidence of the deregistration of the 36 vessels in questions.



Business as usual at Dar es Salaam port



Exhibition celebrates Tanzania's pastoralist community

IN SUPPORT OF the UN International Day for the World's Indigenous Peoples on the 9th of August, the European Delegation presented a photography exhibition, in conjunction with the Embassy to the Kingdom of the Netherlands, celebrating the customs and traditions of Tanzania's pastoralist community. The exhibition, 'Through the Lens: The Maasai Rhythm of Life,' a selection of pictures by acclaimed photojournalist Mwanzo Millinga, was held at the Alliance Française in Dar es Salaam. Guests attending the exhibition's opening night were treated to food, drinks and a performance from local musicians before having a chance to peruse the artwork.



Clockwise, from top left: musicians performing at the introduction to the exhibition; Ambassador of the Royal Embassy of the Netherlands to Tanzania, Ad Koekkoek speaking at the opening of the exhibition looking on is Mwanzo Millinga (the photographer) and admiring the artwork



EU deploras killing of journalist



The late Mwangosi

THE Delegation of the European Union (EU) and the EU Heads of Mission in Tanzania have expressed their concern over the recent killing of Channel Ten TV reporter, David Mwangosi by anti-riot police in Iringa region.

Mr. Mwangosi was killed on September 2 while covering an opposition event at Nyololo village in the Iringa region, southern Tanzania.

In a joint statement the EU Delegation and the EU Heads of Mission called on government authorities to deal with the matter transparently with a view of establishing the circumstances surrounding the death of the journalist.

They extended condolences to the bereaved family and to his fellow media professionals in the country.

The EU Delegation recognizes the right and duty of every

government to take appropriate measures to preserve law and order, the statement reads in part. However, it adds, it was also the responsibility of its organ to do so 'in a balanced and measured manner in order to avoid the use of excessive force and to safeguard the integrity of fundamental rights.

While noting the vital role that the media plays in promoting freedom of expression, the EU Delegation has called upon the Government of Tanzania to make every effort to promote the freedom of the press and thereby preserve freedom of expression.

The EU Delegation has also taken note of the initial steps taken by the authorities to serve justice over the killing, including the arrest and charging of a police officer.

The EU Delegation calls upon the authorities to deal transparently with the circumstances surrounding the death of Daudi Mwangosi and to hold all persons responsible to account, the statement concludes.

EU mourns Mwangosi

THE late David Mwangosi was one of fifteen journalists from Iringa and Dar es Salaam who in July this year covered EU-supported projects in Iringa, Njombe and Mbeya regions. The journalists including the late Mwangosi made a field visit to the Tanzania Tea Research Institute (TRIT) in Mafinga, Mwenga Hydro-power project also in Mafinga, Kibena Demonstration Tea Plantation in Njombe, Kilocha Tea Plantation also in Njombe, Rungwe District Small Scale Tea Growers Association (RSTGA) in Tukuyu, among other projects. The following pictures show the late Mwangosi doing his job during the field trip;



From left: Picture 1-Mwangosi (left) interviewing a small scale tea farmer in Tukuyu, Picture 2: Mwangosi (first left) interviewing EU Head of Delegation Filiberto Ceriani Sebregondi and Mufindi District Commissioner Evarista Kalalu, Picture 3: Mwangosi (first right) recording interview with the Project Manager of the Mwenga Hydro-power project Mike Gratwicke, BELOW-Picture 4 Mwangosi (first right) taking video of Mwenga Hydro-power project, Picture 5: Mwangosi (first left) interviewing TRIT Executive Director, Dr. Emmanuel Sembua and last 6: Mwangosi interviewing one of RSTGA members in Tukuyu.



EU, Africa strong partners on climate action

European Commissioner for Climate Action, Connie Hedegaard travelled to Arusha-Tanzania where she participated in the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment (AMCEN), which took place between 13 and 14 September. During the two days Commissioner Hedegaard also held bilateral meetings with several African Ministers for Environment and senior government officials with a view to helping ensure the success of the forthcoming Doha climate conference, to take place from 26 November to 7 December 2012. Below is an extract of the speech she delivered to African Ministers accompanied by some photos around the meeting.

THE European Union (EU) and African Ministerial Conference on Environment (AMCEN) are strong partners in pursuit of our common goals on environment and climate change, said EU Commissioner for Climate Action **Connie Hedegaard** as giving a keynote speech at the conference in Arusha, Tanzania on 13-14 September.

"I am not saying we are in full agreement on all issues, but there is more that unites us than divides us."

"What united us in Durban was the desire to re-establish the sense of urgency, to increase the level of ambition, and to increase the participation. These are all preconditions for meeting the future challenges on adaptation, mitigation and finance," Hedegaard started her speech.

Durban marked a significant step forward. I thank South Africa for bringing the Durban Platform to life. The close cooperation in Durban between many developing countries and the EU helped to push the negotiations to a successful conclusion. That is a model for the future she said, for instance.

Doha is about implementation of what we agreed in Durban: both in relation to the new institutions, and not least in the continuation of the Durban Platform towards a new, global, legally binding agreement in



Meeting with Tanzania's Minister for Environment, Dr. Tereza Huviza

2015.

When we leave Doha, it must be credible to our citizens that we can and will agree to a new climate regime in 2015. Citizens are getting impatient.

"On Adaptation we made huge progress in Durban. But the issue must stay on the agenda and our minds. We must give the institutions we created, like the Adaptation Committee and the Green Climate Fund, the opportunity to deliver,"

I know there is one big question on your minds. Will the EU really commit to a second commitment period [under the Kyoto Protocol]? The answer is clear and simple: Yes we will.

Concerning finance, Ms. Hedegaard said "Europe remains committed to the Copenhagen target of mobilizing USD100 billion a year of public and private finance by 2020."

The Green Climate Fund will be an important mechanism in mobilising these funds of which Africa will be a principle beneficiary.

"In Europe we have bailed out banks, but there is no such thing as bailing out climate change. Therefore, as we approach Doha and as we continue to discuss green economy and new, global goals, I hope Europe and Africa together can promote the necessary policies to achieve a sustainable future," Commissioner Hedegaard concluded.



Commissioner Hedegaard meeting with Fatou Ndeye Gaye, Gambian Minister for Forestry and Environment on the sidelines of the AMCEN



Addressing a press conference

"...there is more that unites us than divides us."



Commissioner Hedegaard's visit in photos

Besides participating in the AMCEN meeting, the European Commissioner for Climate Action, Connie Hedegaard made a visit to several EU-supported projects in the Arumeru district, Arusha region before meeting with the President of the United Republic of Tanzania, Jakaya Kikwete. Below is the pictorial of the visit. Clockwise from left: Being welcomed by Head of Cooperation of the EU Delegation to Tanzania, Eric Beaume on arrival at Kilimanjaro International Airport (KIA); inspecting materials produced by members of a Community Energy Resource Centre supported by Italian NGO-Oikos at Oldonyo Sambu; greeting members of Nasaruno Masaai women Cooperative at Mkuru Training Camp; speaking to school children at Ngarenanyuki Secondary School; inspecting a hydro-power generating plant at Nagrenanyuki Secondary School; celebrating after planting a tree at Momella Secondary School; holding talks with President Kikwete at Ngurdoto Hotel.



EU single supervisory mechanism, stepping stone towards EU Banking, Fiscal Union



President Barroso

ON September 12 the European Commission presented a proposal for a single supervisory mechanism (SSM) for banks in the euro area as an important step in strengthening the Economic and Monetary Union (EMU).

Basically, the Commission proposes to move from coordination between Member States to an integrated supervision mechanism with common decision making for banks in the euro area, around the European Central Bank in order to ensure financial stability of all Euro area banks.

This reinforced supervision over all the 6000 banks of the euro area is expected to prevent further failures in the European banking sectors, and protect tax payers' money and it will also open the way for the future European Stability Mechanism to directly recapitalize banks that need to be restructured.

Under the new arrangement the national supervisors will continue to play an important role in day-to-day supervision and in preparing and implementing ECB decisions. The Commission also proposed that the European Banking Authority (EBA) develop a Single Supervisory Handbook to preserve the integrity of the single market and ensure coherence in banking supervision for all 27 EU countries.

The Commission called on the adopt the proposed regulations by other three components of an rulebook in the form of capital protection schemes, and a single framework.

This new system...will restore confidence in the supervision of all banks in the Euro area

Council and European Parliament to the end of 2012, together with the integrated "banking union" – the single requirements, harmonized deposit European recovery and resolution



President of the European Commission José-Manuel Barroso said: "Today (September 12, 2012), the Commission has presented proposals for a single European supervisory mechanism, a major step to a banking union. This new system, with the European Central Bank at the core and involving national supervisors, will restore confidence in the supervision of all banks in the Euro area. The European Parliament will have a crucial role to play in the ensuring democratic oversight. We should make it a top priority to get the European supervisor in place by the start of next year. This will also pave the way for any decisions to use European backstops to recapitalize banks". The President added: "We want to break the vicious link between sovereigns and their banks. In the future, bankers' losses should no longer become the people's debt, putting into doubt the financial stability of whole countries".

Internal Market Commissioner Michel Barnier said: "Banking supervision needs to become more effective in all European countries to make sure that single market rules are applied in a consistent manner. It will be the role of the ECB to make sure that banks in the Euro area stick to sound financial practices. Our ultimate aim is to stop using taxpayers' money to bail out banks". He continued: "We have proposed a mechanism to separate supervision from monetary policy within the ECB, and made sure that the ECB will be accountable to the European Parliament for supervisory decisions".



Commissioner Barnier



EAC Secretary General visits EU headquarters, holds key talks

THE East African Community's Secretary General, Amb. Dr. Richard Sezibera, from 12 to 13 September made an official visit to the headquarters of the European Union in Brussels. The visit did not only allow for the Secretary General to discuss the cooperation programme between the EU and the EAC but also to deepen the political dialogue between the EU and the EAC and for the EAC Secretary General to have detailed discussions on the EU's own regional integration processes.

Amb. Sezibera met with Commissioner Andris Piebalgs for Development. Their discussions centred on the negotiations of the EU-EAC Economic Partnership Agreements (EPAs), as well as funding for Community projects through the European Development Fund (EDF). The Secretary General also briefed the Commissioner on the latest developments in the EAC integration process.

On EPAs, the Secretary General reiterated the commitment of the EAC bloc to finalize the negotiations this year but added that this would only be achievable if the focus is on issues under the interim EPA signed in 2007.

"We have come a long way," the Secretary General remarked, noting that several key issues had been agreed upon and the region was on the brink of signing an EPA that will promote development while deepening integration.

On funding, Commissioner Piebalgs informed the Secretary General that the instruments of EDF11 will be available as a seven-year support program and that local EU delegations would play a bigger role in facilitating access to funds as a means of expediting approval processes for projects.

The EDF, created in 1959, is the main instrument for providing EU development aid in the African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) countries and the overseas countries and territories (OCTs).

On September 12 the EAC Secretary General interacted with the members of the EU's Africa Working Group – the Council's working group where representatives of the EU and the EU Member States discuss political developments in Africa. The EAC chief executive discussed with the Group various aspects of the integration process including the Customs Union, Common Market, infrastructure development, funding of the Community and the EAC's future prospects.

Amb. Sezibera, spoke of plans to review the financing mechanism for the EAC's projects



Amb. Sezibera (centre) holding the EAC flag together with EU Ambassador to Tanzania and EAC, Filiberto Ceriani Sebregondi (left) and Director General of Safety and Consumer Protection, Ms. Testori Coggi

and programmes, plus the need to grow the bloc's Partnership Fund to enable it meet Community priorities.

On infrastructure, which the Secretary General described as the major stumbling block to regional integration, he told his audience that after the region addressing its road network master plan the focus would turn to rail, which accounts for a mere 3 percent of the goods transported in the region, while to bring down the cost of air travel, the EAC is working towards a domesticated airspace.

Amb. Sezibera later met Mr. Diego Canga Fano, Head of Cabinet of Commissioner Antonio Tajani, in the Directorate General of Industry and Entrepreneurship where discussions centred on the possibility of EU extending support for the implementation of the EAC Industrialization Policy and Strategy and helping the region to maximize the potential of its Small and Medium Enterprise (SME) sector.

Amb. Sezibera and his team also visited the EU Directorate General of Energy, where the Secretary General expressed the EAC's desire to share experiences with Europe in as far as building an integrated energy market is concerned.

The EU expressed its readiness to support the EAC's energy initiatives, including designing an enabling regional regulatory framework, plus support for initiatives to embrace renewable energy, including setting up a centre of excellence for renewable energy in East Africa.

Earlier, the Secretary General met with Mr. David O'Sullivan, the Chief Operating Officer at the European External Action Services.

Accompanying Amb. Sezibera were: the Chargé d'Affaires at the Kenyan Embassy in Belgium, Mr. Washington Olo; EAC Principal Resource Mobilization Officer Dr. James Njagu; Principal Aviation Officer Engineer Ladislaus Matindi and Senior Energy Officer Mr. Peter Kinuthia.



Commissioner Piebalgs holding talks with Amb. Sezibera

The Secretary General also briefed the Commissioner on the latest developments in the EAC integration



EU Press Officers from Sub-Saharan Africa meet in Dar

BETWEEN September 18 and 21 the Delegation of the European Union to Tanzania hosted the Regional Press and Information Officers' Seminar that attracted participants from twenty EU Delegations in Sub-Saharan African countries. The seminar was jointly organised by the European External Action Service (EEAS) and European Commission Directorate General for Development Cooperation (DEVCO) and was held in Dar es Salaam. It was an internal seminar which focused on how to improve communications and visibility within the European Union and its Delegations across the region. As part of the seminar, the participants also made a visit to IPP Media which gave them an opportunity to meet and discuss media-related issues with the media house's managers and editors. Below is a pictorial of the seminar and the visit;



Clockwise from top: The Head of EU Delegation, Ambassador Filiberto Sebreondi officially opening the seminar; posing for a group photo; Deputy Head of Division (Strategic Communications) for the European External Action Service (EEAS); Maria Kokkonen, making a presentation. Next to her is Team leader of the European Commission's Communication Strategy and Projects, Aurélie Godefroy; enjoying drinks at EU Residence Reception; touring IPP Media news outlets.





Staff Corner

WELCOME

It is with great pleasure that I am joining the EU Delegation to Tanzania and the East African Community as Head of Development Cooperation. I have, in the past, had the chance to visit Tanzania and Zanzibar and I am very excited to return in a professional capacity.



I intend to build on the achievements of my predecessors, through notably, my experience of 10 years working in Delegations (Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kenya/Somalia and Zambia/COMESA). These are exciting and challenging times for Tanzania and the East African region, which the EU stands ready to accompany with its recently launched Agenda for Change. I wish to contribute to this, by working closely with both government authorities and the EAC Secretariat, whilst at the same time engaging with civil society, private sector operators and the Tanzanian people. In a modest way, and with the help of my committed colleagues, I do hope to make Tanzania and Zanzibar even better places for all to live in!

My wife (Pascale) and sons (Victor and Rafael) are with me for this new journey, during which we expect to discover more of the beauties offered by the region as well as the art and music scene of our "Newest home"!

Eric Beaume – Head of Cooperation

After four years in Benin, West Africa, I am very pleased to join the EU Delegation to Tanzania to deal with Economic, Governance and Regional Integration issues. Tanzania and the East African Region are experiencing fundamental changes in terms of economic growth, social service delivery, democracy consolidation, political and trade integration. I am proud and very excited to contribute to this process. I am also very pleased to work with a highly motivated and experienced team.



Olivier Coupleux-Head: Economic and Governance Section

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



The new Head of Economic and Governance Section in the Delegation of the European Union to Tanzania, Olivier Coupleux (left) is joined with colleagues to celebrate his birthday on October 16. Next to him is Virginie De Ruyt, Ameeta Mehta, Riikka Torppa and Esnart Lusekelo.

GOOD-BYE

Today (September 12) is my last day working at the Delegation of the EU to Tanzania. I just wanted to say thank you to everyone. It has been a real pleasure working with you during my time at the Delegation and I am sure we will meet or bump into each other in Dar es Salaam or elsewhere again. Many thanks.



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