



Report of the third ordinary Meeting of the Lake Tanganyika Conference of Ministers



Uvira, Democratic Republic of Congo

August 21, 2009



Introduction:

The third ordinary meeting of the Lake Tanganyika Conference of Ministers was held in Uvira, Democratic Republic of Congo on August 21, 2009. Delegates from the four Lake Tanganyika riparian countries were led by Honourable Déogratias NDUWIMANA, Minister of Water, Environment, Territory Management and Urban Planning of Burundi, Honourable Norbert Basengezi KATINTIMA, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Livestock of the Democratic Republic of Congo, Honourable Dr. Batilda S. BURIAN, Minister of State, Vice-President's Office in charge of Environment of the United Republic of Tanzania and Honourable Moses MWANGALA, Deputy Minister of Tourism, Environment and Natural Resources of Zambia.

Staff members from the Lake Tanganyika Authority (LTA) Secretariat, United Nations Development Programme / Global Environment Facility (UNDP/GEF) Regional Coordination Office, National Coordination Units and Project Management Units attended the meeting. Representatives of the following partner organizations: UNDP/GEF, the African Development Bank (ADB), Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the World Conservation Union (IUCN) and World Agroforestry Centre (ICRAF) also attended the meeting.

The Provisional Agenda, the Programme, the Conference Declaration as well as the complete list of delegates are respectively included in Appendices 1, 2, 3 and 4 of the report. Statements made by the Heads of delegation are included in Appendices 5, 6, 7 and 8.

Agenda Item 1: The Opening Ceremony

Agenda Item 1.1 Welcome Remarks and Statements from Heads of Delegation

The Opening Ceremony was graced by the presence of His Excellency Mr. Déogratias NDUWIMANA, Burundian Minister of Water, Environment, Territory Management and Urban Planning and outgoing Chairman of the Lake Tanganyika Conference of Ministers.

Before the official opening of the Conference, His Excellency Mr. Jean Claude Kibala NKOLDE, Deputy Governor of South Kivu Province delivered his welcome remarks and this was followed by statements from heads of delegation. The first statement was made by His Excellency Norbert Basengezi KATINTIMA, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Livestock of the Democratic Republic of Congo. In his statement, His Excellency KATINTIMA welcomed all delegates and stated that it was a historical moment to hold such a high profile meeting in a small town of Uvira. His Excellency KATINTIMA went on to thank the African Development Bank for the first disbursements especially at National Coordination Unit (NCU) levels. He also recognized the efforts made by other supporting partners and encouraged them to continue because the Lake Tanganyika integrated management programme constitutes a relief for the Lake Tanganyika basin populations. His Excellency KATINTIMA concluded his statement by calling upon the Lake Tanganyika riparian countries to continue supporting the LTA.

The head of the Zambian delegation, Honourable MWANGALA thanked supporting partners and requested them to continue providing invaluable support to the Lake Tanganyika regional integrated

management programme; he also took this opportunity to announce Zambia's offer to organise and host the 4th Conference of Ministers meeting in liaison with the LTA Secretariat.

In her statement, the head of the Tanzanian delegation, Honourable Dr. BURIAN, Minister of State in the Vice-President Office in charge of Environment, thanked the Democratic Republic of Congo for the hospitality and applauded the choice of Uvira to host the third Lake Tanganyika Conference of Ministers. Honourable BURIAN said that when Tanzania hosts the Conference of Ministers meeting, the venue will be Kigoma, a city on the shores of Lake Tanganyika.

Agenda Item 1.2 Statements from partners

Dr. Akiko YAMAMOTO representing UNDP/GEF thanked the Democratic Republic of Congo for choosing Uvira as the venue for the third Lake Tanganyika Conference of Ministers. She provided some details on the UNDP/GEF project interventions and expressed happiness that the LTA Secretariat is now in place with the mandate to guide the implementation of project activities. She also emphasized that the UNDP/GEF project objective is to contribute to socio-economic development of the Lake Tanganyika riparian populations and promote sustainable management of the Lake Tanganyika biodiversity.

Mr. Jean-Louis KROMER, the ADB representative, informed the meeting that ADB hoped that the activities in all the National Coordination Units will have started by the end of year 2009. He also announced that conditions for the regional level and three national levels for Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo and in Tanzania had been fulfilled for the first disbursements of the grant and loans. The ADB representative requested Zambia to fulfil all the conditions required for first disbursement of funds.

The FAO representative, Mr. Gerd MARMULLA, mentioned that although it was evident that fisheries ensure food security to riparian countries, there was need for the four riparian countries to collaborate and find solutions to the problem of overexploitation of natural resources of Lake Tanganyika and its basin. Mr. MARMULLA expressed happiness to see the presence of the four Ministers of the four riparian countries at the meeting because it confirmed their determination and commitment to the sustainable management of Lake Tanganyika natural resources for the benefit of the local people. He further informed the meeting that FAO had for many years supported activities especially in fisheries management on Lake Tanganyika and would work with LTA on the ADB supported project for the success of the Lake Tanganyika Integrated Region Development Programme.

The IUCN representative, Dr. Geoffrey HOWARD, thanked the Government of the Democratic Republic of Congo for hosting the meeting. He told the meeting that IUCN had for many years supported valuation activities on Lake Tanganyika and would continue to collaborate with Lake Tanganyika Authority as one of its development partners.

Agenda Item 1.3 Head of Delegation Statement and Opening Remarks

His Excellency, Déogratias NDUWIMANA, Burundian Minister of Water, Environment, Territory Management and Urban Planning officially opened the meeting in his capacity as Chairman of the Lake Tanganyika Conference of Ministers. His Excellency NDUWIMANA thanked the Congolese Government and people for their hospitality and then expressed his happiness at the efforts so far made aimed at sustainable management of Lake Tanganyika and its basin and reminded delegates that there was still a lot more that needed to be done.

His Excellency NDUWIMANA expressed gratitude for the opportunity to have served as Chairman of the Conference of Ministers and promised to give his support to the in-coming Chairman, His Excellency KATINTIMA, the Congolese Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Livestock. Regarding the national obligations for each Lake Tanganyika riparian country, the out-going Chairman reminded his colleagues to make sure that national contributions to LTA from their respective governments are transferred at the beginning of the year in order to avoid disruption of the operations of the LTA and the NCUs. The out-going Chairman concluded his remarks by transferring the chairmanship to His Excellency KATINTIMA and thereafter declared the third ordinary meeting of the Lake Tanganyika Conference of Ministers formally opened.

The Statements made by heads of delegation are included in Appendices 5, 6, 7 and 8

Agenda Item 2: Consultations among Heads of Delegation

After the Opening Ceremony, Heads of delegation took a moment for consultations behind closed doors.

Agenda Item 3: Constitution of the Bureau

When the meeting resumed following consultations between Heads of delegation, His Excellency Mr. Norbert Basengezi KATINTIMA, the Congolese Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Livestock formally took up the Chairmanship and immediately called the meeting to order. In line with an earlier statement made by the Head of the Zambian delegation, the Chairman announced that Zambia was going to host the fourth ordinary meeting of the Conference of Ministers at a venue to be communicated in due course. Furthermore, the Chairman announced the bureau as follows:

The Conference Chair: the Democratic Republic of Congo

The Vice- Chair: Zambia (being the next host of the Conference of Ministers meeting)

Rapporteurs: Burundi for French speakers and Tanzania for English speakers.

Agenda Item 4: Adoption of the Agenda and Programme

The Chairman invited delegates to go through the Agenda and thereafter invited proposals for adoption. Burundi proposed that the agenda be adopted and this was seconded by Tanzania.

Agenda Item 5: Matters arising from the 2nd Conference of Ministers meeting

5.1 *Fulfillment of national and regional level ADB conditions*

The ADB representative announced that conditions for first disbursements at the regional level: LTA and three national levels: Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo and Tanzania had been fulfilled and the first disbursements had been transferred. The Conference of Ministers called upon Zambia to expedite fulfilment of the ADB conditions.

5.2 *National contributions*

The Secretariat reported that national contributions had been received from Burundi and Tanzania while a portion of the national contributions had been received from Zambia. The DR Congo delegation reported that the national contributions were in the pipeline. The Conference of Ministers called upon all the Contracting Parties to expedite remittance of full national contributions to the LTA.

5.3 *Appointment of LTA and NCU staff members*

The second meeting expressed concern over lengthy delays in achieving full operations of both the LTA and NCUs and proposed some action points to resolve the matter – the meeting recommended that all key LTA and NCU positions be filled not later than June / July, 2008. At the regional level, only the position of Director of Fisheries was remaining to be filled, the Tanzanian delegation informed the meeting that a suitable candidate would be nominated before the end of September, 2009. At national levels, the National Coordinator for Zambia had not yet been hired. The Zambian delegation reported that the hiring process had already started.

Agenda Item 6: Consideration of the Report of the third Management Committee meeting.

The Management Committee Chairman Mr. Eric MUGURUSI presented the report of the third Management Committee meeting which was held from 19th to 20th August 2009. In his presentation, he mentioned that the Management Committee meeting was preceded by an inception workshop for the UNDP/GEF project for which the workplan was adopted. The Management Committee Chairman then presented a detailed Management Committee report and invited the third Conference of Ministers meeting to take note of the decisions made by the Management Committee. Furthermore, the Management Committee Chairman invited the third Conference of Ministers meeting to consider and approve a number of recommendations.

6.1 *Management Committee decisions for Conference of Ministers attention*

The Management Committee Chairman invited the third Conference of Ministers to take note of the following decisions made by the Management Committee.

- **Terms of Reference for the Regional Steering Committee:** The Management Committee requested the LTA Secretariat to prepare and circulate Terms of Reference for the Regional Steering Committee by October 19, 2009;
- **Fact-finding mission:** The Management Committee requested the LTA Secretariat to prepare terms of reference and commission a fact-finding mission on the problems of declining water levels, deforestation and sedimentation. It was decided that this would be done as one of the activities under the UNDP-GEF Project;
- **LTA programme and project activities:** The Management Committee took note of the LTA programme activities, but in the absence of a full complement of staff, the Management Committee requested the LTA Secretariat to prepare a detailed and comprehensive report of activities including the budget for consideration at the next meeting. The workplan for the UNDP-GEF Project was considered and endorsed;
- **National level programme and project activities:** The Management Committee took note of the progress and achievements made by the National Coordination Units for Burundi, DR Congo and Tanzania. Furthermore, the Management Committee took note of the progress and achievements made by the UNDP-GEF Projects in Zambia and Tanzania;
- **Resource mobilization:** The Management Committee requested the LTA Secretariat to prepare terms of reference for the LTA/Management Committee resource mobilization programme for consideration at the next Management Committee meeting ;
- **Amendment of the present Convention:** The Management Committee noted that the Conference of Ministers at the second meeting endorsed the composition of Management Committee per Contracting Party to be increased from three to four representing experts from fisheries, water, environment and finance. Therefore, the Management Committee proposed amendment of Article 25 of the present Convention which states that each Contracting Party will appoint three members of the Management Committee. The Management Committee also noted the request by ADB to be included on the list of observers as provided for under Article 24 of the present Convention. The LTA Secretariat was asked to liaise with Contracting Parties in drafting the amendment for consideration at the next meeting;
- **LTA/FAO Agreement:** The Management Committee noted the progress made in drafting the LTA/FAO Agreement for technical assistance under the ADB grant to the LTA. The LTA Secretariat was requested to expedite finalization of the Agreement.

The Conference of Ministers appreciated the efforts made by the Management Committee and took note of the decisions of the Management Committee.

5.2 *Management Committee recommendations for consideration and approval*

The Management Committee Chairman reported that the Committee considered and amended the working documents presented by the LTA Secretariat and thereafter invited the Conference of Ministers to consider and approve the revised documents.

- **Draft Lake Tanganyika Authority Headquarters Agreement:** Resolution 3 of the first Conference of Ministers directed the “Executive Director to negotiate and finalize the draft Headquarters Agreement with the Government of the Host country.” – the Host Government head of

delegation informed the Conference of Ministers that the Agreement had been negotiated and was going to be signed two weeks after the third Conference of Ministers;

- **Draft Rules of Procedure of the Lake Tanganyika Authority:** Resolution 7 of the first Conference of Ministers directed the “Executive Director, in consultation with the State Parties to the Convention and the DRC to finalize the draft Rules of Procedures for submission and approval by the Conference of Ministers.” The LTA Secretariat presented the finalized document to the Management Committee for review;
- **Draft Financial Regulations of the Lake Tanganyika Authority:** Resolution 8 of the first Conference of Ministers directed the “Executive Director, in consultation with the State Parties to the Convention and the DRC to finalize the draft Financial Regulations for submission and approval by the Conference of Ministers.” The LTA Secretariat presented the finalized document to the Management Committee for review;
- **Draft Rules and Conditions of Service of the Lake Tanganyika Authority:** The Interim Secretariat undertook a regional survey of Staff Rules and Conditions of Service of organizations similar to LTA and submitted the draft to the LTA Secretariat for completion. The LTA Secretariat presented the finalized document to the Management Committee for review;
- **LTA Logo / emblem:** The LTA Secretariat invited the public in the four Lake Tanganyika riparian countries to participate in designing the logo for the LTA. Twenty-nine designs were submitted and the LTA Secretariat presented all the submissions to the Management Committee to short-list the best four and present to the Conference of Ministers to select the best. Submissions by Bennett, Theosdedit, Edwin and Godfrey were short-listed;
- **Nominee for the position of LTA Director of Monitoring and Evaluation:** The Zambian delegation to the Management Committee meeting presented a report on the process followed to nominate the candidate for the position of Director of Monitoring and Evaluation for the LTA. During the Conference of Ministers, the head of the Zambian delegation, presented Mr. Augustine MUTELEKESHA as the nominee for the position of Director of Monitoring and Evaluation for the LTA for approval.

The Conference of Ministers appreciated the efforts made by the Management Committee and approved the revised working documents. Furthermore, the Conference of Ministers selected the logo by Bennett as the best and approved the nomination of Mr. Augustine MUTELEKESHA for formal appointment as Director of Monitoring and Evaluation for the LTA. Finally, the Conference of Ministers called upon the LTA Headquarters host government to expeditiously sign the LTA Headquarters Agreement with the LTA.

Agenda Item 7: Date and venue for the fourth Conference of Ministers meeting

The Zambian head of delegation reaffirmed Zambia’s offer to host the fourth Conference of Ministers meeting. The head of delegation said that the venue will be determined in due course. The Conference of Ministers welcomed Zambia’s offer.

Agenda Item 8: Any Other Business

No any other business item was raised by any of the four delegations.

Agenda Item 9: Declaration of the third Conference of Ministers meeting

Dr. Henry MWIMA, LTA Executive Director read the Declaration of the third Conference of Ministers meeting. The signed Declaration is in Appendix 3.

Agenda Item 10: Adoption of the third Conference of Ministers meeting

Minutes of the third Conference of Ministers meeting will be adopted at the next meeting.

Agenda Item 11: Closure of the meeting

His Excellency Norbert Basengezi KATINTIMA, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Livestock of the Democratic Republic of Congo, in his capacity as Chairman of the Conference of Ministers, officially closed the meeting at 17.15 hours. In his closing remarks, His Excellency KATINTIMA thanked the member countries and cooperating partners for their commitment and continued support for the sustainable management of Lake Tanganyika and its basin for the benefit of the riparian communities. He also thanked members and observers for their active participation during the meeting deliberations.

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United Republic of Tanzania
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Appendix 1

LAKE TANGANYIKA AUTHORITY THIRD CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS MEETING UVIRA, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO – AUGUST 21, 2009 PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

1. Opening Ceremonies
2. Consultations between heads of delegation
3. Composition of the bureau
4. Adoption of the Agenda and Programme
5. Matters arising from the second Conference of Ministers meeting
6. Consideration of the 3rd Management Committee meeting report
7. Date and venue of the 4th Conference of Ministers meeting
8. Miscellaneous
9. Declaration by the 3rd Conference of Ministers meeting
10. Adoption of the minutes of the 3rd Conference of Ministers meeting
11. Meeting closure

Appendix 2

LAKE TANGANYIKA AUTHORITY THIRD CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS MEETING

UVIRA, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO – AUGUST 19 – 20, 2009

Detailed Provisional Programme

No.	Activity	Time
1	Opening Ceremonies	08:30
	a Delegations and Guests arrival	08:30
	b Ministers and Heads of Delegation arrival	08:50
	c Arrival of Guest of Honour	09:00
	d Welcome Remarks by His Excellency Mr. Norbert Basengezi KATINTIMA, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Livestock, Democratic Republic of Congo	09:05
	e Remarks by Honourable Mr. Déogratias NDUWIMANA, Minister of Environment, Territory Management and Urban Planning, Republic of Burundi	09:10
	f Remarks by Hon. Dr. Batilda BURIAN, Minister of State, Vice- President's office (in charge of Environment), United Republic of Tanzania	09:15
	g Remarks by Hon. Moses M. MWANGALA, Deputy- Minister of Tourism, Environment and Natural Resources, Republic of Zambia	09:20
	h Remarks by Dr. Akiko YAMAMOTO, UNDP/GEF Representative	09:25
	i Remarks by Mr. Jean-Louis KROMER, ADB Representative	09:30
	j Remarks by Mr. Gerd MARMULLA, FAO Representative	09:35
	k Remarks by Dr. Geoffrey HOWARD, IUCN Representative	09:40
	l Guest of Honour Opening Remarks by His Excellency Mr. Norbert Basengezi KANTITIMA, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Livestock, Democratic Republic of Congo	09:45
	m Group picture	10:00
	Coffee/ Tea break	10:15
2	Consultations between Heads of Delegation	10:45
3	Constitution of Bureau	11:30
4	Adoption of the Agenda Programme	11:35
5	Presentation of issues from the 2 nd Conference of Ministers meeting	11:40
	a Meeting ADB conditions at national and regional levels	11:40
	b Management Committee Extraordinary meeting	11:45
	c National Contributions	11:50
	d Appointment of LTA and NCUs members	11:50
6	Consideration of Report of Management Committee 3 rd Meeting	12:00
	a Consideration of LTA Headquarters Agreement	12:00
	b Draft Rules of Procedures	12:10
	c Draft Financial Regulations	12:15
	d Draft Staff Rules and Conditions of Service	12:25
	e Selection and adoption of LTA logo/ emblem	12:30
	f LTA Activity Report	12:40
	g UNDP/GEF Regional Activity Report	12:45
	h NCUs Activity Reports	12:50
	i UNDP/GEF National Project Activity Report	12:55
	Lunch Break	13:00

7	Consideration of date and venue for the 4 th Conference of Ministers meeting	14:00
8	Miscellaneous	14:05
9	Declaration by the 3 rd Conference of Ministers meeting	14:15
10	Adoption of Report of the 3 rd Conference of Ministers meeting	14:35
11	Closure of the meeting	15:00

Appendix 3

DECLARATION OF THE LAKE TANGANYIKA CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS DURING THE THIRD MEETING OF THE LAKE TANGANYIKA AUTHORITY, UVIRA. DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO. August 18-21st 2009

On August 21st 2009, We, Ministers of the Republics of Burundi, the United Republic of Tanzania the Democratic Republic of Congo, and the Republic of Zambia in charge of implementing The Convention on Sustainable Management of the Lake Tanganyika, participated in the Third Meeting of the Lake Tanganyika Conference of Ministers, held in Uvira, Democratic Republic of Congo.

We collectively considered the following matters:

1. Draft Lake Tanganyika Authority Headquarters Agreement;
2. Draft Rules of Procedures;
3. Draft Financial Regulations;
4. Draft Staff Rules and Condition of Service;
5. The Lake Tanganyika Authority and National Coordinating Units Activity Reports including supporting projects at both regional and national levels;
6. Consideration of the candidate for the position of Director of Monitoring and Evaluation
7. Submissions of the Lake Tanganyika Authority logo

Having considered, endorsed and approved the matters, we have committed ourselves to the commitments made in putting in place sustainable management of the resources of the Lake Tanganyika and its environment and call upon our development and supporting partners to continue working with us in achieving the commitments in the Convention on the Sustainable Management of Lake Tanganyika.

We also noted the challenges caused by the climate change and its implications on the Lake and its environment; we believed the updated Strategic Action Programme will address this as a cross-cutting issue.

All distinguished delegates to the Uvira Conference of Ministers expressed their sincere thanks the host Government, The Democratic Republic of Congo, the Management Committee and the Lake Tanganyika Authority Secretariat for a successful third Conference of Ministers.

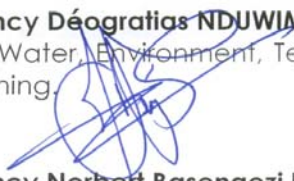
Long live international cooperation to development;

Long live regional cooperation between Lake Tanganyika riparian countries.

So done in Uvira, August 21st 2009

His Excellency Déogratias NDUWIMANA

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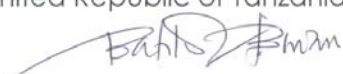
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Appendix 4
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UVIRA, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO – AUGUST 21, 2009

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Appendix 5: Statement by the Minister of the Republic of Burundi

**DISCOURS DE SON EXCELLENCE MONSIEUR DÉOGRATIAS NDUWIMANA,
MINISTRE DE L'EAU, DE L'ENVIRONNEMENT, DE L'AMENAGEMENT DU TERRITOIRE ET DE L'URBANISME ET PRESIDENT
DE LA CONFERENCE DES MINISTRES DE L'AUTORITE DU LAC TANGANYIKA**

UVIRA, RÉPUBLIQUE DÉMOCRATIQUE DU CONGO, LE 21 AOÛT 2009

EXCELLENCES, MESDAMES ET MESSIEURS LES MINISTRES,
MESDAMES, MESSIEURS LES CHEFS DE DÉLÉGATIONS,
MESDAMES, MESSIEURS LES CHEFS DES MISSIONS DIPLOMATIQUES,
MESDAMES, MESSIEURS LES REPRÉSENTANTS DES ORGANISATIONS INTERNATIONALES
MESDAMES, MESSIEURS LES REPRÉSENTANTS DES PARTENAIRES AU DÉVELOPPEMENT,
DISTINGUÉS INVITÉS,
MESDAMES, MESSIEURS,

C'EST POUR MOI UN GRAND PLAISIR QUE NOUS NOUS RETROUVONS PARMİ VOUS EN CETTE GRANDE OCCASION MARQUANT L'OUVERTURE SOLENNELLE DE LA TROISIÈME CONFÉRENCE MINISTÉRIELLE ORDINAIRE DE L'AUTORITÉ DU LAC TANGANYIKA.

AU NOM DU GOUVERNEMENT DE LA RÉPUBLIQUE DU BURUNDI ET EN MON NOM PROPRE, NOUS VOUDRIONS TOUT D'ABORD SAISIR CETTE OPPORTUNITÉ POUR CHALEUREUSEMENT SOUHAITER LA BIENVENUE LES DÉLÉGUÉS QUI SONT VENUS PARTICIPER À CETTE CONFÉRENCE. JE VOUDRAIS EXPRIMER NOS SINCÈRES REMERCIEMENTS AU GOUVERNEMENT ET LE PEUPLE DE LA RÉPUBLIQUE DÉMOCRATIQUE DU CONGO POUR LEUR HOSPITALITÉ ET L'ACCUEIL CHALEUREUX QU'ILS ONT EU ENVERS NOUS TOUS. PUIS-JE EXPRIMER NOS REMERCIEMENT ENVERS SON EXCELLENCE LE MINISTRE DE L'AGRICULTURE, DES PÊCHES ET DE L'ÉLEVAGE DE LA RDC POUR AVOIR ABRITÉ CETTE CONFÉRENCE JUSTE EN FACE DU LAC TANGANYIKA. DANS CETTE CONJONCTURE, PERMETTEZ MOI DE RECONNAÎTRE LA PRÉSENCE DE DISTINGUÉS DÉLÉGUÉS DE LA RÉPUBLIQUE UNIE DE TANZANIE, DE LA RÉPUBLIQUE DE ZAMBIE, LE PAYS D'ACCUEIL LA RÉPUBLIQUE DÉMOCRATIQUE DU CONGO, LA RÉPUBLIQUE DU BURUNDI AINSI QUE TOUS NOS PARTENAIRES ICI PRÉSENTS. JE SOUHAITE À VOUS TOUS UN TRÈS BON SÉJOUR À UVIRA.

JE VOUDRAIS RECONNAÎTRE LA PRÉSENCE DES REPRÉSENTANTS DES MISSIONS DIPLOMATIQUES ET DES ORGANISATIONS INTERNATIONALES QUI ONT RÉPONDU FAVORABLEMENT À NOS INVITATIONS ET QUI ONT EMBRASSÉ NOS EFFORTS ET PROGRAMMES DE DÉVELOPPEMENT DANS LA MISE EN PLACE D'UNE GESTION DURABLE DES RESSOURCES PARTAGÉES DU LAC TANGANYIKA ET DE SES BASSINS.

EXCELLENCES MESDAMES ET MONSIEUR LES MINISTRES
DISTINGUÉS INVITÉS,
MESDAMES, MESSIEURS,

LA TROISIÈME CONFÉRENCE ORDINAIRE DES MINISTRES DE L'AUTORITÉ DU LAC TANGANYIKA A LIEU AU MOMENT OU LE SECRÉTARIAT DE L'AUTORITÉ DU LAC TANGANYIKA EST DÉJÀ MIS EN PLACE ET A COMMENCÉ SES FONCTIONS LE 10 JANVIER 2009. JE VOUDRAIS SAISIR CETTE OCCASION POUR RECONNAÎTRE LES EFFORTS DU SECRÉTARIAT QUI, EN DÉPIT D'ÊTRE RESTREINT, A FAIT DES EFFORTS APPRÉCIABLES EN FACILITANT LE PROCESSUS D'ORGANISATION DE CETTE IMPORTANTE CONFÉRENCE.

EN CE QUI NOUS CONCERNE, LE GOUVERNEMENT DU BURUNDI RÉÎTÈRE SES PROMESSES DE TOUT FAIRE POUR SOUTENIR LES ACTIVITÉS DU SECRÉTARIAT DE L'AUTORITÉ DU LAC TANGANYIKA.

IL CONVIENT DE NOUS RAPPELER QUE CE N'EST PAS PAR HASARD QUE NOS PAYS RIVERAINS DU LAC TANGANYIKA, TRAVAILLANT EN COLLABORATION AVEC LES DIFFÉRENTS PARTENAIRES, ONT DÉCIDÉ DE COMBINER LEURS EFFORTS AFİN DE S'ASSURER QUE LA GESTION DURABLE DES RESSOURCES DU LAC TANGANYIKA SOIT RÉALISÉE. NOUS AVONS ÉTÉ MOTIVÉS PAR LE FAIT DE SE RENDRE COMPTE QUE L'ÉCOSYSTÈME DU LAC TANGANYIKA EST TRÈS RICHE EN EAU DOUCE ET EN DIVERSITÉ BIOLOGIQUE AFFILIÉE.

LES TRAVAUX SCIENTIFIQUES RÉALISÉS ONT RÉVÉLÉ QUE LE LAC TANGANYIKA EST PARMİ LES ÉCOSYSTÈMES D'EAU DOUCE LES PLUS RICHES DU MONDE, CONTENANT PLUS DE 300 ESPÈCES DE POISSONS DONT 2/3 SONT ENDÉMIQUES AINSI QUE D'AUTRES ESPÈCES DE LA FAUNE ET DE LA FLORE.

AINSI, NOUS AVONS UNE RESPONSABILITÉ MORALE D'ASSURER LA PLUS GRANDE GESTION RESPONSABLE ET EFFECTIVE DE NOTRE PATRIMOINE ET AUJOURD'HUI LE CONSTAT EST QUE NOS PAYS ONT FRANCHI UN PAS SUPPLÉMENTAIRE EN METTANT OFFICIELLEMENT EN PLACE L'AUTORITÉ DU LAC TANGANYIKA ET SON SECRÉTARIAT. L'APPUI QUE NOUS AVONS REÇU DE NOS PARTENAIRES PENDANT CE PROCESSUS EST RECONNU ET IL EST NOTRE ESPOIR QUE NOS PARTENAIRES,

DONT CERTAINS SONT REPRESENTES A CETTE CONFERENCE, CONTINUERONT A COLLABORER ET A SOUTENIR NOS EFFORTS.¶

EXCELLENCES, MESDAMES ET MESSIEURS, IL EST VRAI DES EFFORTS CONSIDÉRABLES SONT EN TRAIN D'ÊTRE MENÉS, MAIS NOUS DEVONS RECONNAÎTRE QUE NOUS RENCONTRONS ÉGALEMENT QUELQUES DÉFIS MAJEURS POUR SOUTENIR L'INTÉGRITÉ DE L'ÉCOSYSTÈME DU LAC.

DE DÉFIS REMARQUABLES COMPRENNENT ENTRE LA POLLUTION DE EAUX, LA SUREXPLOITATION DES SES RESSOURCES, LA DÉGRADATION DES HABITATS LACUSTRES ET TERRESTRES ET SURTOUT L'INVASION D'ESPÈCES EXOTIQUES, TELLE LA JACINTHE. AU BURUNDI PAR EXEMPLE, NOUS CONNAISSONS DES PROBLÈMES IMPORTANTS LIÉS À LA DÉFORESTATION ET À LA POLLUTION CAUSÉ PAR DE DÉCHETS TANT SOLIDES QUE LIQUIDES DANS LES VILLES ET AUTRES AGGLOMÉRATIONS DE TYPE URBAIN SE TROUVANT LE LONG DU LAC TANGANYIKA. CES PROBLÈMES NE SONT ASSUREMENT PAS UNIQUES AU BURUNDI.

EXCELLENCES,
DISTINGUÉS INVITÉS
MESDAMES, MESSIEURS,

MALGRÉ LES PROBLÈMES QUE NOUS RENCONTRONS, NOUS DEVONS NOUS FÉLICITER ET FÉLICITER NOS PARTENAIRES POUR LES PROJETS ET LES PROGRAMMES D'ACTIVITÉS QUI ONT ÉTÉ INITIÉS. NOUS SOMMES PARTICULIÈREMENT RECONNAISSANT POUR LE SOUTIEN DE LA BANQUE AFRICAINE DE DÉVELOPPEMENT ET LE PNUD/GEF. COMME JE L'AI ENONCÉ PLUS TOT, IL EST NOTRE ESPOIR QUE CES PARTENAIRES ET D'AUTRES CONTINUERONT SUREMENT A COLLABORER AVEC NOUS ET A SOUTENIR NOS EFFORTS. JE VOUDRAIS ENCOURAGER LE SECRÉTARIAT DE L'AUTORITÉ DU LAC TANGANYIKA DE FAIRE TOUT SON POSSIBLE POUR MOBILISER PLUS DE FONDS QUI LEUR PERMETTRONT DE PROTÉGER EFFICACEMENT LES RESSOURCES DU LAC ET SES BASSINS CONTRE LES DIFFÉRENTES FORMES DE DÉGRADATIONS ET AUSSI CONTRIBUER À L'AMÉLIORATION DE LA QUALITÉ DE VIE DE TOUTES LES POPULATIONS RIVERAINES DU LAC, QUI TROP SOUVENT VIVENT DANS L'EXTRÊME PAUVRETÉ.

A CE STADE, JE VOUDRAIS INVITER LES QUATRE PAYS RIVERAINS DU LAC TANGANYIKA POUR UTILISER PLEINEMENT LE SECRÉTARIAT DU LAC TANGANYIKA. ¶ON S'ATTEND A CE QUE LES PAYS RIVERAINS PAR EXEMPLE FOURNISSENT DES INFORMATIONS SUR DES ACTIVITÉS CONTRIBUANT A L'EXECUTION DE LA CONVENTION SUR LA GESTION DURABLE DU LAC TANGANYIKA.¶ J'AIMERAIS EN OUTRE, RAPPELER LES PAYS RIVERAINS D'INFORMER LE SECRÉTARIAT AU SUJET DE TOUTES LES ACTIVITÉS PRESUMÉES D'AVOIR DES IMPACTS DÉFAVORABLES SUR LE LAC ET SON BASSIN.¶ EN RETOUR, LE SECRÉTARIAT DOIT RAPIDEMENT AGIR SUR UNE TELLE INFORMATION ET SELON LES DISPOSITIONS DE LA CONVENTION ¶

EN OUTRE, JE VOUDRAIS INVITER LES 4 PAYS RIVERAINS DU LAC TANGANYIKA D'HONORER LEUR RESPECTIVES CONTRIBUTIONS ANNUELLES COMME DÉTERMINÉ ET CONVENUE PAR LA CONFÉRENCE DES MINISTRES. LES CONTRIBUTIONS ANNUELLES SERONT DE PRÉFÉRENCE REMIS AU SECRÉTARIAT AU DÉBUT DE CHAQUE ANNÉE. L'ACCOMPLISSEMENT OPPORTUN DE NOS CONTRIBUTIONS ANNUELLES AIDERA ASSUREMENT L'AUTORITÉ DU LAC TANGANYIKA A PROJETER ET METTRE EN APPLICATION EFFICACEMENT SES ACTIVITÉS ET D'UNE FAÇON OPPORTUNE.

JE VOUDRAIS AUSSI M'ADRESSER À NOS PARTENAIRES, QUI ONT TOUJOURS AIDÉ NOTRE RÉGION, NON SEULEMENT DANS LE DOMAINE DE LA PROTECTION

ENVIRONNEMENTALE, MAIS AUSSI DANS D'AUTRES DOMAINES COMME CEUX RELATIFS AU DÉVELOPPEMENT SOCIO-ÉCONOMIQUE, ET POUR METTRE EN PLACE LES MÉCANISMES QUI ACCELERERAIENT LE DEBOURSEMENT DES FONDS POUR ÉVITER DES ¶RUPTURES ¶DANS LA MISE EN APPLICATION DES ACTIVITÉS. NOUS VOUDRIONS AUSSI LEUR DEMANDER DE TROUVER D'AUTRES DOMAINES D'INTERVENTIONS, NOTAMMENT LA GESTION DES DÉCHETS, LE RENFORCEMENT DE LA PROTECTION DES BASSINS, LA LUTTE CONTRE LES ESPÈCES ENVAHISSANTES, SANS OUBLIER L'AMÉLIORATION DES CONDITIONS DE VIE DES POPULATIONS RIVERAINES.

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ÉTANT DONNÉ QU'AUJOURD'HUI, MON PAYS TERMINE SON MANDAT DE LA PRÉSIDENTE DU CONSEIL DES MINISTRES, JE VOUDRAIS PROFITER DE L'OCCASION POUR TRANSMETTRE MES VIFS REMERCIEMENTS AUX UNS ET AUX AUTRES QUI NOUS ONT AIDÉS À ACCOMPLIR NOS TÂCHES. NOUS NE POUVONS PAS NOUS-MÊMES NOUS JUGER, MAIS NOUS POUVONS DIRE QUE NOUS ÉPROUVONS UN GRAND SENTIMENT DE SATISFACTION DES ACTIONS ACCOMPLIES DURANT NOTRE PRÉSIDENTE.¶ ÉTANT UN PAYS ABRITANT LE SIÈGE DE L'AUTORITÉ DU LAC TANGANYIKA, LE BURUNDI A FOURNI LES ÉQUIPEMENTS POUR LE SIÈGE ET AVANT TOUT, IL A ACCUEILLI UNE RÉUNION EXTRAORDINAIRE DE LA CONFÉRENCE DES MINISTRES LE 18 DÉCEMBRE 2008 PENDANT CETTE LAQUELLE, LES ACTIVITÉS D'AUTORITÉ ONT ÉTÉ LANCÉES.¶ MÊME SI L'ÉQUIPE AU SECRÉTARIAT N'EST PAS ENCORE COMPLÈTE, JE ME RÉJOUIS DE NOTER QUE LE TROISIÈME DES 4 DIRECTEURS PRÉVUS EST MAINTENANT RECRUTÉ ET MON ESPOIR EST QUE L'ÉQUIPE SERA AU COMPLET DANS UN PROCHE AVENIR. JE SUIS HEUREUX DE NOTER QUE LES UNITES NATIONALES DE COORDINATION ONT COMMENCÉ LEURS OPÉRATIONS BIEN QUE BEAUCOUP RESTE À FAIRE. ¶JE SUIS ÉGALEMENT HEUREUX QUE LE PROJET RÉGIONAL PNUD/GEF EST BIEN

FONCTIONNEL DANS 2 DES 4 PAYS : LA RÉPUBLIQUE UNIE DE TANZANIE ET LA ZAMBIE. L'EXECUTION DES COMPOSANTS NATIONAUX DU PROJET DU PNUD-GEF A COMMENCE. S'AGISSANT DE L'ACCORD DE SIEGE DE L'AUTORITE DU LAC TANGANYIKA, JE VOUDRAIS PRECISER ICI QUE LES NEGOCIATIONS ONT DEJA EU LIEU ET QUE NOUS PREVOYONS ORGANISER LES CEREMONIES DE SIGNATURE DU SIEGE AU COURANT DE LA SEMAINE QUI VIENT A BUJUMBURA ¶JE VOUDRAIS ASSURER LE PRESIDENT ENTRANT DE LA CONFERENCE DES MINISTRES - LA REPUBLIQUE DEMOCRATIQUE DU CONGO QUE NOUS VOUS DONNERONS NOTRE APPUI NON MENAGE.¶ AVANT DE CONCLURE MON DISCOURS, JE VOUDRAIS REMERCIER A NOUVEAU- TOUT LE MONDE POUR AVOIR REPONDU A L'AFFIRMATIVE A NOS INVITATIONS.

AVEC CES QUELQUES MOTS, C'EST MAINTENANT L'HONNEUR ET LE PRIVILEGE M'ECHOIENT DE DECLARER LES TRAVAUX DE LA TROISIEME CONFERENCE ORDINAIRE DIES MINISTRES DE L'AUTORITE DU LAC TANGANYIKA OUVERTS.

VIVE LA SOLIDARITÉ ENTRE NOS PEUPLES !

JE VOUS REMERCIE.

Appendix 6: Statement by the Deputy Minister of the Republic of Zambia

STATEMENT BY HON. MOSES M. MWANGALA, MP, DEPUTY MINISTER OF TOURISM AND NATURAL RESOURCES, ON THE THIRD CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS FOR THE LAKE TANGANYIKA AUTHORITY HELD IN UVIRA, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO ON 21ST AUGUST 2009

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE THIRD SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS,
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HEADS OF DELEGATIONS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF GOVERNMENTS,
YOUR EXCELLENCIES REPRESENTATIVE OF UNITED NATIONS AGENCIES,
REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL THE SUPPORTING PARTNERS
REPRESENTATIVE OF THE AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK,
DISTINGUISHED INVITED GUESTS,
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

ALLOW ME TO SIMPLY SAY, ALL PROTOCOLS OBSERVED

IT IS A GREAT HONOR AND PRIVILEGE FOR ME TO ADDRESS YOU AT THIS HIGH LEVEL SEGMENT OF THE THIRD SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS FOR THE LAKE TANGANYIKA AUTHORITY.

ON BEHALF OF THE ZAMBIAN DELEGATION, ALLOW ME TO JOIN THE REST OF THE SPEAKERS TO CONGRATULATE YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN AND OTHER OFFICIALS WHO HAVE BEEN ELECTED TO LEAD US IN OUR DELIBERATIONS. I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT YOU WILL EFFECTIVELY EXECUTE YOUR FUNCTIONS AND GUIDE US IN THE DISCUSSIONS ON ISSUES THAT WILL FACILITATE THE SMOOTH IMPLEMENTATION OF ACTIVITIES IN THE LAKE TANGANYIKA BASIN.

MR. CHAIRMAN,

LET ME TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO FOR OFFERING TO HOST THE THIRD CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS FOR THE LAKE TANGANYIKA AUTHORITY. WE ARE ALSO INDEBTED TO THE PEOPLE OF UVIRA FOR ACCORDING US CORDIAL HOSPITALITY.

MR. CHAIRMAN,

I AM AWARE THAT UNDER YOUR ABLE GUIDANCE AND LEADERSHIP, THIS GATHERING WITNESSED THE INCEPTION OF THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME/GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT FACILITY (UNDP/GEF) REGIONAL PROJECT, MARKING A GREAT MILESTONE IN BRIDGING THE LAKE TANGANYIKA PROGRAMME MANAGEMENT EFFORTS. ALLOW ME, THEREFORE, MR. CHAIRMAN, THROUGH YOU, TO WELCOME ON BOARD, THE UNDP/GEF REGIONAL COORDINATION TEAM AND IMPORE THEM TO ASSIST THE LAKE TANGANYIKA INITIATIVE GO FURTHER IN MAKING POSITIVE STRIDES.

IT IS IN THIS REGARD THAT MY GOVERNMENT WISHES TO RENEW ITS COMMITMENT AND SUPPORT TO STRUCTURES AND INSTITUTIONS ESTABLISHED UNDER THE LTA AND ITS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE FOR THE EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LAKE TANGANYIKA ACTIVITIES.

MR. CHAIRMAN,

MY GOVERNMENT ALSO NOTES THAT A NUMBER OF PERTINENT ISSUES HAVE CONTINUED TO IRK THE FULL, EFFECTIVE AND SMOOTH RUNNING OF LAKE TANGANYIKA ACTIVITIES. ISSUES THAT INCLUDE FINANCES, ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURES, RESOURCE MOBILIZATION AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, TO MENTION, BUT A FEW ARE SOME OF WHAT THIS IMPORTANT CONFERENCE IS GATHERED HERE TO DISCUS AND AGREE ON.

IT IS MY PLEA THAT MY FELLOW HONORABLE MINISTERS WILL CONTINUE TO APPROACH THESE ISSUES WITH A LONG TERM VISION IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT, WHAT WE WILL BE DECIDING ON, CONTRIBUTES TO THE IMPROVEMENT OF NOT ONLY THE LAKE TANGANYIKA WATERS AND THE BASIN BUT OUR PEOPLE'S LIVELIHOODS AS WELL. I THEREFORE ANTICIPATE THAT WE WILL ALL BE OPEN TO DIALOGUE AND HAVE AN ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF EVERYONE PRESENT BEARING IN MIND, AS AN OLD ADAGE GOES, THAT "A JOURNEY OF A HUNDRED MILES STARTS WITH ONE STEP." I BELIEVE WE CAN TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS TODAY AND MOVE FORWARD TO OUR LONG TERM GOAL OF SUSTAINABLE CONSERVATION OF LAKE TANGANYIKA.

MR. CHAIRMAN,

ON BEHALF OF MY GOVERNMENT, I WISH TO AVAIL OUR DEDICATION TO TAKING BOLD STEPS TOWARDS OUR FULL PARTICIPATION AND ENGAGEMENT OF PARTNERS IN THE RUNNING OF LAKE TANGANYIKA ACTIVITIES. OUR COMMITMENT IS NOTABLE IN THE NUMBER OF ACTIVITIES MY GOVERNMENT HAS FACILITATED AND WHICH I AM INFORMED, HAVE ALREADY BEEN PRESENTED TO OUR ABLE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE. I WISH TO REITERATE AND ASSURE OUR PARTNERS AND SISTER STATES THAT WE ARE STILL IN THE "LAKE TANGANYIKA FAMILY" AND WILL REMAIN TO BE TO ENSURE THE LONG TERM GOAL IS ACHIEVED.

FOR THIS REASON, MR. CHAIRMAN, AND AS A GESTURE OF COMMITMENT, THAT I WISH TO EXTEND TO THE GOVERNMENTS OF BURUNDI, TANZANIA AND THE DRC, AN OFFER TO HOST THE FOURTH ORDINARY MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE IN 2010 ON THE ZAMBIAN SOIL

MR. CHAIRMAN,

IN CONCLUSION, I WISH TO THANK OUR COOPERATING PARTNERS FOR THE SUPPORT THEY HAVE CONTINUED TO RENDER AT EVERY STEP OF THE WAY AND IT IS OUR SINCERE HOPE THAT THEY WILL CONTINUE PROVIDING THIS VALUABLE ASSISTANCE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE LAKE TANGANYIKA REGIONAL INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME.

I THANK YOU ALL.

Appendix 7: Statement by the Minister of the United Republic of Tanzania

**STATEMENT BY HON. DR. BATILDA. S. BURIAN (MP),
MINISTER OF STATE (ENVIRONMENT), VICE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE, REPUBLIC OF THE UNITED
AT THE THIRD MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS FOR THE LAKE TANGANYIKA AUTHORITY, 21ST AUGUST
2009, UVIRA, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO**

HON. NORBERT BASENGEZI KATINTIMA (MP), CHAIRMAN, LTA CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS AND MINISTER OF STATE, AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND LIVESTOCK, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO;
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HON. MOSES MWANGALA (MP), DEPUTY MINISTER OF TOURISM, ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES OF THE REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA;
DR. HENRY MWIMA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, LAKE TANGANYIKA AUTHORITY;
INVITED GUESTS,
DISTINGUISHED DELEGATES OF THE RIPARIAN STATES;
DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS;
MEMBERS OF THE MEDIA;
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.

IT GIVES ME A GREAT PLEASURE TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS THIRD MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS FOR THE LAKE TANGANYIKA AUTHORITY FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION ON THE SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF LAKE TANGANYIKA. I WARMLY CONGRATULATE YOU HONORABLE CHAIRMAN FOR YOUR ELECTION TO LEAD US IN OUR DELIBERATIONS. WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT UNDER YOUR ABLE LEADERSHIP, THE LAKE TANGANYIKA AUTHORITY WILL SUCCESSFULLY REALIZE ITS OBJECTIVES. I EXPRESS MY DELEGATION'S APPRECIATION TO THE BROTHERLY PEOPLE OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO FOR THEIR HOSPITALITY EXTENDED TO US SINCE OUR ARRIVAL HERE IN THIS DELIGHTFUL UVIRA TOWN ALONG THE SHORE OF LAKE TANGANYIKA. I AM ALSO GRATEFUL TO THE OUTGOING CHAIRMAN, HON. NDUWIMANA FOR THE HARD WORK TOWARDS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE LAKE TANGANYIKA AUTHORITY. IT IS DURING HIS TENURE OF OFFICE THAT THE SECRETARIAT WAS CONSTITUTED, AND THE LAKE TANGANYIKA AUTHORITY BECAME FULLY OPERATIONAL.

HONORABLE CHAIRMAN,

IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT EACH RIPARIAN STATES HAS STARTED THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PROJECTS UNDER THE REGIONAL PROGRAMME. TANZANIA STARTED THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PROJECTS UNDER UNDP/GEF FUNDING FROM 1 NOVEMBER 2008 AS WELL AS THE AFDB COMPONENT WHICH STARTED ON 1 JUNE 2009.

HONORABLE CHAIRMAN,

COOPERATIVE PARTNERSHIP IN DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF THE LAKE AND BASIN RESOURCES HOLDS THE GREATEST REAL INVESTMENT PROSPECT FOR EXPANDING THE LIMITS OF FOOD PRODUCTION, ENERGY AVAILABILITY, INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INLAND WATER TRANSPORTATION AND TOURISM DEVELOPMENT. ADDRESSING PRIORITY TRANS-BOUNDARY ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES CAN ONLY BE EFFECTED THROUGH SUSTAINED COOPERATION AT ALL LEVELS.

HONORABLE CHAIRMAN,

LET ME ALSO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT OF UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND APPRECIATE THE SUPPORT GENEROUSLY EXTENDED BY VARIOUS DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS, ESPECIALLY THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (UNDP), GEF, THE AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK (ADB), NORDIC FUND, THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL ORGANISATION (FAO) AND IUCN TO THE ENTIRE PROCESS OF PUTTING IN PLACE THIS PROGRAMME. YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT IS A REFLECTION OF YOUR COMMITMENT TOWARDS SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF THE LAKE TANGANYIKA RESOURCES AND ITS BASIN.

BEFORE I CONCLUDE MY STATEMENT, LET ME RECOGNIZE THE COMMENDABLE JOB DONE BY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE FOR THE EXCELLENT PREPARATIONS FOR OUR MEETING.

WITH THESE FEW REMARKS, I THANK YOU MR. CHAIRMAN.

Appendix 8: Statement by the Chairperson, Minister of the Democratic Republic of Congo

**DISCOURS DE SON EXCELLENCE MONSIEUR NORBERT BASENGEZI KATINTIMA,
MINISTRE CONGOLAIS DE L'AGRICULTURE, PECHE ET ELEVAGE,
LORS DE LA TROISIEME CONFERENCE DES MINISTRES DE L'AUTORITE DU LAC TANGANYIKA**

UVIRA, REPUBLIQUE DEMOCRATIQUE DU CONGO, LE 21 AOÛT 2009

HONORABLES DEPUTES ET SENATEURS DU PARLEMENT DE LA REPUBLIQUE DEMOCRATIQUE DU CONGO,
EXCELLENCE MADAME LA MINISTRE TANZANIEENNE DE L'AGRICULTURE ET DE L'ENVIRONNEMENT ET CHERE COLLEQUE,
EXCELLENCES LES MINISTRES DE LA REPUBLIQUE DU BURUNDI ET LE VICE - MINISTRE DE LA REPUBLIQUE DE LA ZAMBIE ET
CHERS COLLEGUES,
EXCELLENCES MONSIEUR LES VICE-GOUVERNEURS REPRESENTANT LES GOUVERNEURS,
HONORABLE PRESIDENT DE L'ASSEMBLEE PROVINCIAL DU SUD KIVU,
CHERS PARTENAIRES EN DEVELOPPEMENT,
LES REPRESENTANTS DES AGENCES DU SYSTEME DES NATIONS UNIES ET ORGANISMES INTERNATIONAUX,
DISTINGUES INVITES,

LA REPUBLIQUE DEMOCRATIQUE DU CONGO EST HEUREUSE PARCE QU' HONOREE CE JOUR PAR LA PRESENCE DANS CETTE
CITE D'UVIRA DES MINISTRES COLLEGUES VENUS DES PAYS AYANT EN PARTAGE AVEC NOUS LES EAUX DU LAC
TANGANYIKA. IL S'AGIT ICI DU MINISTRES BURUNDAIS, TANZANIEENNE ET ZAMBIEN.

LA JOIE DE NOTRE POPULATION EST D'AUTANT PLUS GRANDE QU'AUJOURD'HUI, ON ACCUEIL EN MEME TEMPS DE
NOMBREUSES ET PRESTIGES PERSONNALITES VENU DE TOUS LES COINS POUR NOUS APPUYER EN MATIERE DU
DEVELOPPEMENT. IL S'AGIT ENTRE AUTRE DES DELEGUES DE LA BANQUE AFRICAINE DE DEVELOPPEMENT, DE LA FAO,
D'ICRAF, DE L'IUCN, DU PNUD/FEM, DU CRS BURUNDI, DE L'ICGLR, DE L'UNEP DE LA BANQUE MONDIAL ET DE L'UNOPS
NOTAMMENT.

VOUS VOUS EN DOUTEZ BIEN LE CHOIX DE L'OBSCURITE DE LA CITE D'UVIRA EN LIEU ET PLACES DES LUMIERES DE BUKAVU,
LUBUMBASHI ET KINSHASA N'EST PAS L'EFFET DU HASARD. NOUS AVONS VOULU DIRE AU MONDE QUE LA GUERRE EST FINI
ET QU'ARRIVE LE MOMENT DE LA RECONSTRUCTION. APRES LA PLUIE C'EST LE BEAU TEMPS, DIT-ON. UVIRA ET FIZI
RECONNUES POUR PLUSIEURS REBELLIONS MULELISTES, AFD, RCD, DES GROUPES ARMES DIVERS DU NORD KATANGA
AUSSI ASPIRENT AUJOURD'HUI A LA PAIX. LES TEMPS DE RECONSTRUCTION DU NORD KATANGA ET DU SUD DU SUD KIVU
EST MAINTENANT ARRIVE. NOUS AVONS BESOIN DONC D'UN PLAN MARSHAL A LA CONGOLAISE. LES EFFETS INDUITS
D'UNE PAIX RETROUVEE SONT VISIBLES. LA POPULATION S'EST REMISE A LA RECONSTRUCTION DE SA CITE, UN PEU
PARTOUT, DES MAISONS POUSSENT COMME DES CHAMPIGNONS, MAIS AUSSI L'ON CULTIVE SUR DES COLLINES ET SUR
TOUS LES ESPACES. CET EFFORT DOIT ETRE SOUTENU A LA FOIS PAR NOS MEMES GOUVERNEMENTS MAIS AUSSI PAR LES
GOUVERNEMENTS PROVINCIAUX. CECI NE SUFFIT PAS S'IL N'Y A PAS DONC SOLIDARITE SOUS-REGIONALE ET
INTERNATIONALE. RAISON POUR LAQUELLE NOUS SALUONS NOS QUATRE CHEFS D'ETATS QUI ONT ACCEPTE DE NOUS
AMENER TOUS ICI A UVIRA PARCE QU'IL A FALLUT LA VOLONTE DU PRESIDENT DE LA TANZANIE, CELUI DU BURUNDI, CELUI
DE LA ZAMBIE AUSSI QUE CELUI DE LA RDC POUR QUE JUSTEMENT NOUS SOYONS DANS CETTE BELLE SALLE DE SHEIKINAH
HOUSE.

LE PROGRAMME REGIONAL DE DEVELOPPEMENT INTEGRE DU LAC TANGANYIKA PRODAP EN SIGLE, REPRESENTA UN
INTERET MAJEUR POUR L'INTEGRATION ECONOMIQUE ET SOCIALE ET LES ECHANGES ENTRE LES PEUPLES DES QUATRE
PAYS RIVERAINS DU LAC. CE PROJET INTEGRATEUR EST APPELER A TRANSFORMER LA REGION EN ESPACE DE CROISSANCE,
PAR CONSEQUENT EN UN FOYER DE PAIX ET DE PROSPERITE.

HONORABLES, EXCELLENCES, DISTINGUES INVITES,

COMME VOUS LE SAVEZ, LA MISE EN APPLICATION DE LA CONVENTION SUR LA GESTION DURABLE DU LAC TANGANYIKA
RATIFIEE PAR NOS QUATRE PAYS N'ATTEND PLUS QUE LE DEBUT DE FONCTIONNEMENT EFFECTIF, DU SECRETARIAT
EXECUTIF DE L'AUTORITE DU LAC TANGANYIKA. C'EST POURQUOI JE DEMANDE A TOUS LES ETATS MEMBRES D'ACCELERER
LA CONSTITUTION ORGANIQUE DU SECRETARIAT EXECUTIF DE L'AUTORITE DU LAC TANGANYIKA ET DE TOUT METTRE EN
OEUVRE POUR RENDRE FONCTIONNEL LES UNITES DE COORDINATION. A CET EFFET, JE SAISI CETTE OCCASION POUR
FELICITER LES ETATS MEMBRES PARTICIPANTS A CETTE CONFERENCE QUI ONT DEJA APPROUVE APPORTER LEURS
CONTRIBUTIONS AUX FONDS DE CONTRE PARTIE. LA RDC QUI REÇOIT CES ASSISES NE TARDERA A LES VERSER DANS LES
COMPTES DE L'AUTORITE DU LAC TANGANYIKA. EN MEME TEMPS, J'ADRESSE MES FELICITATIONS ET REMERCIEMENTS A LA
BANQUE AFRICAINE DE DEVELOPPEMENT POUR AVOIR LIBERE LES AVANCES INITIALES QUI ASSURENT LE
FONCTIONNEMENT DES UNITES DE COORDINATION NATIONALE. LES BUREAUX COMME JE L'AI DIT SONT PRETS A KALEMIE.

JE SUIS CONVAINCUE QUE D'AUTRES PARTENAIRES DE DEVELOPPEMENT NE VONT PAS TARDER A EMBOITER LE PAS A LA BAD.

EXCELLENCES MADAME ET MESSIEURS LES MINISTRES ET CHERS COLLEGUES, DISTINGUES INVITES,

CE PROJET TANT ATTENDU ARRIVE AU POINT NOMME, C'EST-A-DIRE A UN MOMENT PRECIS OU LES QUATRE PAYS RIVERAINS ET DE NOMBREUX PARTENAIRES AU DEVELOPPEMENT PRENNENT CONSCIENCE DU DELABREMENT TRES AVANCE DE L'ECOSYSTEME DU LAC TANGANYIKA ET DE LA FRAGILITE DU COUVERT FORESTIER DE SON BASSIN. CET ETAT DE CHOSE FAIT PERDRE AU LAC SON ROLE DE MERE NOURRICIERE. C'EST POURQUOI LE PROJETS D'APPUI AU PROGRAMME REGIONAL D'AMENAGEMENT INTEGRE DU LAC TANGANYIKA, PRODAP EN SIGLE, EST ACCUEILLI PAR SES PREMIERS BENEFICIAIRES COMME UN VERITABLE SIGNE D'ESPOIR.

LA CONFIANCE A L'AVENIR SUSCITE PAR CES PROJETS D'AUTANT PLUS FONDE QUE SES AMBITIONS PORTENT NOTAMMENT SUR L'AMENAGEMENT DU SYSTEME DE PRODUCTION HALIEUTIQUE, LA SECURISATION DU MODE DE VIE DES PECHEURS, LA SECURITE ALIMENTAIRE, LA LUTTE CONTRE LA PAUVRETE ET LA PROTECTION DE LA BIODIVERSITE DU LAC TANGANYIKA.

JE NE VOUDRAIS TERMINER CES PROPOS SANS RAPPELER QUE DEPUIS LA NUIT DES TEMPS, LE LAC TANGANYIKA LOIN DE CONSTITUER L'OBSTACLE NATUREL A TOUJOURS JOUE SON ROLE MILLENAIRE DE TRAIT D'UNION ENTRE LES PEUPLES DE LA REGION. C'EST POURQUOI AU NOM DU GOUVERNEMENT CONGOLAIS, AU NOM DE NOTRE PRESIDENT JOSEPH KABILA QUI M'A DEMANDE CE MATIN ENCORE DE VOUS SALUER, JE VOUS SOUHAITE LA BIENVENUE ET UN BON SEJOUR EN TERRE D'ACCUEIL DE LA REPUBLIQUE DEMOCRATIQUE DU CONGO A TOUTES LES DELEGATIONS VENUES DU BURUNDI, DE LA TANZANIE ET DE LA ZAMBIE, AINSI QU'A TOUS LES PARTENAIRES DU DEVELOPPEMENT REPRESENTES ICI.

JE VOUS REMERCIE.