

Regional Programme for the Integrated Development of Lake Tanganyika

Report on the First Meeting of the Lake Tanganyika Conference of Ministers



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**First Meeting of the Conference of Ministers of the
Lake Tanganyika Authority
Whitesands Hotel, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania**

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Report of the Meeting

Agenda Item 1: Opening of the Meeting

1. The First Meeting of the Lake Tanganyika Conference of Ministers was convened in accordance with article 24 section 1 of the *Convention for the Sustainable Management of Lake Tanganyika* and was hosted by the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania in Dar es Salaam on the 5th of April 2007.
2. The meeting was attended by delegations from the riparian countries of Lake Tanganyika, led respectively by the Honourable Odette Kayitesi, Minister of Land Management, Tourism and Environment for the Republic of Burundi; Honourable Prof. M.J. Mwandosya, Minister of State, Vice President's Office (Environment) of the United Republic of Tanzania, Honourable Kabinga Pande, Minister of Tourism, Environment and Natural Resources for the Republic of Zambia, and Honourable Juma-Alfani Mpango, Ambassador of the Democratic Republic of Congo in the United Republic of Tanzania as well as representatives of UNDP/GEF, FAO and IUCN.
3. A complete list of participants is shown as Annex 1, and the provisional agenda as Annex 2.
4. Participants were then welcomed with a brief performance from members of the cultural group Tanzania One Theatre (TOT).
5. Hon. Prof. M.J. Mwandosya, Minister of State, Vice President's Office (Environment), the United Republic of Tanzania, introduced the distinguished Heads of Delegation and dignitaries of the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania present at the opening of the meeting. A copy of Hon. Mwandosya's opening statement is provided in Annex 3.
6. The Chairman invited His Excellency Dr Ali Mohamed Shein, Vice President of the United Republic of Tanzania, to address the assembled delegations and guests. His Excellency underscored the importance of Lake Tanganyika and its resources to the well-being of the populations of the four riparian countries, and emphasised the remarkable physical and biological features of the Lake that make it one of the most unique bodies of freshwater in the world. The Vice President then declared the First Meeting of the Lake Tanganyika Conference of Ministers officially opened. A copy of His Excellency's opening speech is provided in Annex 4.
7. The Honourable Odette Kayitesi, Minister of Land Management, Tourism and Environment, the Republic of Burundi, delivered a vote of thanks to the Guest of Honour on behalf of the national delegations.
8. Meeting participants were then invited to join His Excellency the Vice President in sitting for a group photograph.

Agenda Item 2: Adoption of Agenda

9. The Chairman requested meeting participants to review the provisional agenda, which was adopted as proposed.

Agenda Item 3: Opening statements by riparian countries

10. The Heads of Delegation of the Republic of Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo and Republic of Zambia each made brief opening statements, in which they acknowledged the historic importance of the First Meeting of the Lake Tanganyika Conference of Ministers, recognized the work of the preparatory meetings, and expressed thanks to the Government of Tanzania for the warm welcome accorded to delegates.

Agenda Item 4: Report of the 2nd Preparatory Meeting

11. The Chairman of the 2nd Preparatory Meeting introduced Agenda Item 4 by tabling the meeting report and reviewing the recommendations therein. The Conference of Ministers noted the outcomes of the 2nd Preparatory Meeting with appreciation and congratulated the delegates for their work.

Agenda Item 5: Status of ratification of the Lake Tanganyika Convention

12. The Conference noted that the Democratic Republic of Congo had not yet ratified the Convention and was therefore not yet a Party to it, even though, as affirmed during the Ministerial Meeting preparatory process, the Democratic Republic of Congo's participation in work towards establishing the Lake Tanganyika Authority (LTA) was essential.
13. The Conference welcomed the news that the National Assembly of the Democratic Republic of Congo was now in session and that ratification of the Convention was expected soon.
14. The Conference accordingly adopted the resolution on the status of ratification of the Lake Tanganyika Convention shown in Annex 5.

Agenda Item 6: Headquarters for the Lake Tanganyika Authority and draft Headquarters Agreement

15. The Chairman of the Second Preparatory Meeting introduced Agenda Item 6. The Conference: welcomed the offer of the Republic of Burundi to host the Headquarters of the Lake Tanganyika Authority, designated Bujumbura as the Headquarters of the Lake Tanganyika Authority and expressed appreciation for the work thus far accomplished on drafting a Headquarters Agreement.
16. The Conference noted that the Executive Secretary would take up the finalization of the draft Headquarters Agreement and that it would be tabled at the next Conference of Ministers Meeting.
17. The Conference accordingly adopted the resolutions pertaining to the designation of the Headquarters of the Lake Tanganyika Authority and the draft Headquarters Agreement shown respectively as Annexes 6 and 7.

Agenda Item 7: LTA Executive Director and Deputy Executive Director

18. The Conference considered the list of suitably qualified candidates for the position of LTA Executive Director presented in the report of the 2nd Preparatory Meeting and

noted that the list resulted from a regional recruitment process and the deliberations of the Regional Interview Panel.

19. Following deliberation amongst the Heads of delegations on the list of candidates, the Conference appointed Dr. Henry Mwima from the Republic of Zambia as the first Executive Director of the Lake Tanganyika Authority. The Conference adopted the resolution pertaining to the appointment of the Executive Director of the LTA shown as Annex 8.
20. The Hon. Odette Kayitesi from the Republic of Burundi led the Heads of Delegation in congratulating Zambia for this honour and welcomed the Executive Director to Burundi to take up the work of the Authority.
21. The Conference considered the recommendations contained in the report of the 2nd Preparatory Meeting relating to the position of Deputy Executive Director for the LTA, as provided for in the Convention. The Conference noted the need to mobilize resources for financing this position before a Deputy Executive Director could be appointed. With the approval of the modification proposed by Burundi to insert language emphasizing the importance of the Executive Deputy Director position, the Conference adopted the resolution shown as Annex 9.

Agenda Item 8: Mobilisation of resources

22. Having taken into consideration the recommendations contained in the report of the 2nd Preparatory Meeting relating to the issue of financial sustainability of the LTA, the Conference noted: the need to ensure adequate funding of senior staff positions within the LTA and the need to address the issue of financing for the posts of Executive Director and Director for Environment beyond the initial 12-month period supported through donor agency resources.
23. With the approval of the amendment introduced by the Democratic Republic of Congo urging the riparian countries to contribute to the financing of these posts, the Conference adopted the resolution shown as Annex 10.

Agenda Item 9: Rules of procedure for the Lake Tanganyika Authority

24. The Conference reviewed the draft Rules of Procedure for the Lake Tanganyika Authority contained in Annex 6 of the Report of the 2nd Preparatory Meeting, and expressed appreciation for the work thus far accomplished on this draft.
25. The Conference accordingly adopted the resolution pertaining to the draft Rules of Procedure for the Lake Tanganyika Authority shown as Annex 11.

Agenda Item 10: Financial regulations for the Lake Tanganyika Authority

26. The Conference reviewed the draft Financial Regulations for the Lake Tanganyika Authority contained in Annex 10 of the report of the 2nd Preparatory Meeting, and expressed appreciation for the work thus far accomplished on this draft.
27. The Conference accordingly adopted the resolution pertaining to the draft Financial Regulations for the Lake Tanganyika Authority shown as Annex 12.

Agenda Item 11: Inaugural Meeting of the Lake Tanganyika Management Committee

28. The Conference next reviewed the recommendations contained in the report of the 2nd Preparatory Meeting on matters relating to the Lake Tanganyika Management Committee.

29. The Conference agreed on the need for facilitating a rapid start-up of LTA operations, and for the senior officials participating in the 2nd Preparatory Meeting to convene for an initial meeting of the Lake Tanganyika Management Committee. The Conference noted that the senior officials would not be participating in the inaugural meeting as individuals but in their capacity to represent institutions and sectors relevant to the management of Lake Tanganyika as specified in the Convention.
30. The Conference further agreed that the inaugural meeting of the Lake Tanganyika Management Committee would only address the specific task of approving candidates for the positions of Director of Finance, Director of Monitoring and Evaluation, Director of Environment, and Director of Fisheries within the LTA, all to be formally appointed by the Executive Director as provided for in the Convention.
31. The Conference accordingly adopted the resolution pertaining to the Inaugural Meeting of the Lake Tanganyika Management Committee shown as Annex 13.

Agenda Item 12: Dar es Salaam Declaration

32. The Conference agreed to have a Declaration following the conclusion of that meeting. The Conference further agreed that the text of the Declaration would be reviewed in the Inaugural Meeting of the Lake Tanganyika Management Committee.

Agenda Item 13: Any other business

33. The Burundian delegation urged the Inaugural Meeting of the Lake Tanganyika Management Committee to factor gender considerations into their deliberations.
34. The Tanzanian delegation encouraged the group to consider the importance of navigation safety on Lake Tanganyika and wished that the Lake Tanganyika Authority would take up the issues of fishing, transport, hydrographic surveys and mapping as matters of priority.
35. The Zambian delegation expressed thanks to the Technical Secretariat for assembling the meeting documentation.
36. The representative of UNDP/GEF noted the historic importance of the meeting and decisions taken therein and congratulated the Conference for their successful deliberations.

Item 14: Date and venue of the next meeting

38. It was noted that the Convention stipulates that the Conference of Ministers will convene at least once per year, in rotation amongst the contracting states.
39. The Burundian delegation proposed an extraordinary meeting of the Conference of Ministers in Bujumbura as soon as practicable, *inter alia* to inaugurate the headquarters, and to adopt final versions of LTA procedural, administrative and related documents. The proposal was endorsed by the Conference.
40. Given the importance of the extraordinary meeting, the Chairman called on the riparian countries to finance the participation of their delegates to the meeting.

Item 15: Adoption of the meeting report

41. It was agreed that the Technical Secretariat, in consultation with the Chairman of the meeting, would finalize the meeting report and distribute it to delegations.

Item 16: Closure of the meeting

42. With brief closing remarks congratulating the senior officials and the Technical Secretariat for their preparatory work and the delegates for efficient and productive deliberations, the Chairman closed the meeting and invited the delegates to a reception to be hosted later in the day by the Government of Tanzania.
43. During the reception, representatives of the four riparian countries of Lake Tanganyika signed the Dar es Salaam Declaration. A copy of the signed Declaration appears as Annex 14.

Signed this 5th day of **May** 2008



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Annex 2: Provisional agenda for the First Meeting of the Lake Tanganyika Conference of Ministers

Time	Agenda	Issue	Reference
0930	1	Opening of Meeting	
1050		<i>Health Break</i>	
1110	2	Adoption of the Agenda	
1115	3	Opening statements by riparian countries	
1130	4	Report of the 2nd Preparatory Meeting	CoM1/TD/3
1145	5	Status of ratification of the Convention	
	5.1	Consideration of status of ratification of Convention	CoM1/DR/1
1200	6	Headquarters & Headquarters Agreement	
	6.1	Consideration of LTA Headquarters Designation	CoM1/DR/2
	6.2	Consideration of draft LTA Headquarters Agreement	CoM1/DR/3
1215	7	LTA Executive & Deputy Executive Directors	
	7.1	Consideration and Appointment of Executive Director	CoM1/TD/5 CoM1/TD/7 CoM1/DR/4
	7.2	Consideration of Deputy Executive Director position	CoM1/DR/5
1230	8	Mobilization of Resources	
	8.1	Consideration of mobilization of resources	CoM1/DR/6
1245	9	Rules of Procedure	
	9.1	Consideration of draft LTA Rules of Procedure	CoM1/DR/7
1300		<i>Lunch</i>	
1400	10	Financial regulations	
	10.1	Consideration of draft LTA Financial Regulations	CoM1/DR/8
1415	11	Inaugural Meeting of the LT Management Committee	
	11.1	Consideration of LT Management Committee meeting	CoM1/TD/6 CoM1/DR/9
1430	12	Declaration by LT Conference of Ministers	CoM1/TD/4
1445	13	Any Other Business	
1500	14	Next meeting	
	14.1	Date and venue of next meeting	
1515		<i>Health Break</i>	
1630	15	Adoption of the Meeting Report	
1700	16	Closure	
1700 - 1930		Inaugural Meeting of the Lake Tanganyika Management Committee (<i>pending instructions from the Conference of Ministers</i>)	
1930		Cocktail Party at Golden Tulip Hotel	

Annex 3: Opening statement by the Chairperson of the First Meeting of the Lake Tanganyika Conference of Ministers, Hon. Prof. M.J. Mwandosya, Minister of State, Vice President's Office (Environment)

Your Excellency Dr. Ali Mohamed Shein, Vice President of the United Republic of Tanzania;
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Honourable Kabinga Pande, Minister of Tourism, Environment and Natural Resources of the Republic of Zambia;
Honourable Juma-Alfani Mpango, Ambassador for Democratic Republic of Congo in United Republic of Tanzania;
Honourable Ministers;
Distinguished Delegates of the Riparian States;
Development Partners;
Members of the Media;
Ladies and Gentlemen.

It gives me great pleasure, on the occasion of the first Conference of Ministers of the Lake Tanganyika Authority to welcome you, your Excellency, Dr. Ali Mohamed Shein, Vice President of the United Republic of Tanzania and Honourable Ministers responsible for the Environment from the riparian states of Lake Tanganyika to this meeting. Let me also recognize the presence of Honourable Colleagues, Ministers from Tanzania. The Honourable Joseph Mobutu Nzanga (MP), Minister of Agriculture of the Democratic Republic of Congo who was supposed to be with us today is unable to attend due to unexpected last minute changes in his work schedule.

That Tanzania has been given the opportunity to host this first Conference of Ministers is an honour, for which I express our sincere gratitude to my colleagues from Burundi, the Democratic Republic of Congo, and Zambia.

Your Excellency,

The idea of a cooperative and collaborative approach to the sustainable development and management of the Lake Tanganyika started in the year 1991 in Bujumbura, Burundi. Since then all riparian states of Lake Tanganyika have been working towards identification of threats and challenges associated with rational and sustainable utilization of resources of Lake Tanganyika basin, and the associated environmental stress.

The major output of this process, has, among other things included:-

- the undertaking of special studies on fishing practices, pollution, sedimentation, socio – economic and the biodiversity of the basin;
- the development of the Lake Tanganyika Strategic Action Programme (SAP); and
- the adoption of the Lake Tanganyika, Fisheries Framework Management Plan (FFMP); and Convention on the Sustainable Management of Lake Tanganyika

This process has led to the establishment and operationalisation of the Lake Tanganyika Authority. The Convening of this First Conference of Ministers is a culmination of this aforementioned process.

Your Excellency,

The Lake Tanganyika Authority will oversee the implementation of a regional integrated programme whose central goal is alleviation of poverty and the social economic development of the Lake Tanganyika basin.

The Programme, to be undertaken by the Authority and riparian states will include the following:

- Environmental management;
- Sustainable fisheries management;
- Improving and sustaining water quality;
- The establishment of integrated regional monitoring systems;
- Promotion of sustainable development initiatives including improvement of basic infrastructure, local development financing and participatory management;
- Strengthening of the institutional capacity of community, local, provincial, national and regional level;
- The development of a communication, information, and awareness system.

National offices of the Lake Tanganyika Authority are being set up at Uvira and Kalemie for the Democratic Republic of Congo, Mpulungu for Zambia, Bujumbura and Rumonge for Burundi, and Kigoma, for Tanzania. These offices will be under the oversight and coordination of the Regional Secretariat.

Your Excellency,

The Convention on the Sustainable Management of Lake Tanganyika was signed by the riparian states here in Dar es Salaam on the 12th of June 2003. The Republic of Burundi, the Republic of Zambia, and the United Republic of Tanzania have already ratified the Convention. Democratic Republic of Congo is finalizing the process of ratification.

Your Excellency,

I wish to recognize the work done by our senior officials at meetings held in Bujumbura in February of this year, and in Dar es Salaam over the last two days. They had an enormous task of reviewing and finalizing all the relevant documents and setting up the agenda for this meeting. This has been made possible by the commitment of the riparian states of Lake Tanganyika to sustainable management of the Lake Tanganyika and its basin. Their recommendations to us Ministers should go a long way to laying a strong foundation for our work today.

Your Excellency,

During this first Conference of Ministers, we intend to deliberate on a number of issues. These range from designation of headquarters, establishment of the Secretariat and staffing of the Lake Tanganyika Authority, to providing guidance on priorities, administrative, and financial guidelines, and a vision and a mission for the Authority.

Your Excellency,

You have done us great honour to accept our invitation to officiate the opening of the First Conference of Ministers. By so doing you will in effect kick start the Lake Tanganyika Authority.

It is a singular honour and privilege that I should invite Your Excellency to address us.

Mr. Vice President, Sir.

Annex 4: Opening speech by His Excellency Dr Ali Mohamed Shein, Vice President of the United Republic of Tanzania

Honourable Professor Mark Mwandosya, MP,
Minister of State, Vice President's Office, Responsible for Environmental Affairs of the United Republic of Tanzania.

Honourable Minister Odette Kayitesi, MP,
Minister Responsible for Environmental Affairs of the Republic of Burundi,

Honourable Minister Joseph Nzanga, MP,
Minister Responsible for Environmental Affairs of the Democratic Republic of Congo,

Honourable Minister Kabinga Pande, MP,
Minister Responsible for Environmental Affairs of the Republic of Zambia,

Honourable Ministers,
Invited Guests,
Distinguished Delegates,
Representatives of the Development Partners,
Ladies and Gentlemen.

It is great pleasure for me to have the honour of officiating, this morning, the opening of this first Conference of Ministers of Member Countries of the Lake Tanganyika Authority. I feel greatly privileged to be associated with these endeavours, which aim at ensuring that there is sustainable use of Lake Tanganyika as a shared natural resource. This first ever conference of ministers of the riparian countries is therefore important in both historical significance and opening of a new chapter of cooperation and partnership among our countries in the exploitation of Lake Tanganyika. I would like, therefore, to take this opportunity to highly commend this initiative of organizing the Conference of Ministers for the Lake Tanganyika Authority to deliberate on this important issue.

On behalf of the Government and the people of the United Republic of Tanzania, and on my own behalf, I wish to extend to you, Honourable Ministers and your respective governments, our sincere appreciation for according Tanzania the privilege of hosting this conference. We, in Tanzania, are grateful to have this honour of playing host to this important conference. But as we know, the successful holding of this Conference, here today has all been due to you all, Honourable Delegates, for finding it imperative to attend and participate in the deliberations of this first conference. In hosting the Conference, Tanzania has demonstrated her desire and commitment to the promotion of regional collaboration in the sustainable management of Lake Tanganyika and its basin.

This event, here today, is truly historic. Its context is provided by the wider regional efforts in conflict resolution in the Great Lakes Region. When Heads of States and Government met here in Dar es Salaam in late 2005, on the occasion of the international conference on the Great Lakes, they identified lack of economic development as a cause, as well as a result of, conflict in the region. The Lake Tanganyika initiative is, therefore, a necessary and important step in the implementation of the Dar es Salaam Declaration issued by the Great Lakes Conference.

Honourable Chairman,

We are all aware that Lake Tanganyika is an important resource. But we need to be also aware that, if it is properly managed and utilized, this resource will be able to contribute positively to the biodiversity conservation, to the regional economy as a whole, and to our respective national economies. There are many economic and social activities which are being carried out within the lake basin. These include fishing, agriculture, fuel collection, livestock keeping, human settlements and mining, just to mention a few of them. All these activities have some bearing on the sustainability of this lake resource. It is, therefore, the shared responsibility of our four riparian countries to manage this lake wisely. This should be done while bearing in mind not only the value, but also the fragility of this shared lake. Lake Tanganyika has many values that are only taken for granted by many of us. The lake is more than a food basket for the riparian communities, and its basin is home to more than 10 million people. It is also an excellent highway that links the four riparian countries of Burundi,

Democratic Republic of Congo, Tanzania and Zambia. But also important, is the fact that the lake joins and brings together our countries, rather than separates, or sets them apart.

Honourable Chairman,

The riparian countries not only have common borders, they also share common culture. This is an advantage to riparian cooperation. The lake and its adjacent landscape are a great endowment for the prosperity of the present and future generations. Rich in flora and fauna, the lake and its basin have more than 2,000 different species of plants and animals. You may wish to know that half of these are found nowhere else in the world. Lake Tanganyika is endowed with a wealth of fresh water ornamental fishes, mollusks and other fresh water unique resources that have local as well as global significance.

There is no doubt that the lives of the riparian communities depend immensely on the stability and resources of the lake. But in many respects these resources also benefit human kind as a whole. Long time global economic development is dependent, as we are often reminded; on the way we manage the environment today. Fundamental challenges, therefore, lie in protecting and managing the environment and the natural resource base for economic and social development. This entails, as far as it is concerned, addressing the unsustainable consumption for poverty eradication, and sustainable development of our people. Unsustainable activities, which are currently carried out in Lake Tanganyika and its basin, have proved to have negative impacts on the quality of environment of this lake. Negative impacts include over fishing of sardines and ornamental fish, sedimentation of the lake due to unsustainable agriculture, livestock keeping and mining practices, pollution arising from release of domestic and industrial waste into the lake; and overuse of agrochemicals within the lake and its basin. All these elements constitute threats to the lake ecosystem. Urgent action, therefore, needs to be taken to curb these threats to the lake and its whole ecosystem. Short of such concrete action, it is obvious, the riparian populations, and the riparian countries, will lose all the benefits they currently derive from the lake and its resources.

Honourable Chairman,

This is the first Conference of Ministers, and it marks a milestone in the promotion of cooperation among our countries in the utilization of the resources of Lake Tanganyika in a sustainable manner. The task ahead of us is absolutely urgent, and important. But as we have observed, we must first address the enormous challenges facing the lake, and its basin, before we can fully exploit the opportunities that exist, and which the lake offers to our countries, for socio-economic development of our people in the region. We need to translate, into field-based practical actions, our regional and national experience of working together, in the last twelve years. We can do it by establishing working mechanisms with communities, in order to promote increased regional cooperation, and sustainable development of our countries. But achievement in this area can only be made through a strong regional institution. I am pleased to know that the Conference has, before it here today, the task of operationalising such an institution. The appointment, during the Conference, of the personnel for the Lake Tanganyika Authority could not have come at a better time than now. This regional institution puts in place a mechanism, without which we will be risking not only mismanaging the valuable resources of Lake Tanganyika, but also creating cross-border tension over uncoordinated utilization of the lake resources.

Honourable Chairman,

I am pleased to know that Republic of Burundi has offered to host the Headquarters of the Lake Tanganyika Authority. This comes in the wake of an earlier acceptance by the Republic of Burundi to host the headquarters of the Secretariat of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region. Let me take this opportunity on behalf of the United Republic of Tanzania to express our appreciation for this noble gesture. The offer of hosting the Authority entails taking up the responsibility, on our behalf, of caring and nurturing this regional institution. All in all, the setting up of this important institution is an important step in the implementation of the Programme on the Sustainable Development of Lake Tanganyika Basin, the operationalisation of the Lake Tanganyika Authority and the implementation of the resolutions of the International conference on the Great Lakes Region.

Honourable Chairman, Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Before concluding my remarks, I would like to emphasize the point that, in order to achieve desired socio-economic development, through sustainable and equitable utilization of the resources of the Lake Tanganyika, we must stand up to our commitment, partnership and cooperation. I wish to

commend you, Honourable Ministers, for your determination to promote cooperation in the use of shared resources of Lake Tanganyika. It is my earnest hope that you will be able to accomplish the task that is before you during this Conference. Let me also take this opportunity, before ending, to acknowledge and appreciate most sincerely, on behalf of the member countries of the Lake Tanganyika Authority, 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 The World Conservation Union (IUCN) to the entire process over the years, since 1995, in putting in place this cooperation framework.

Honourable Chairman,

I need not emphasize that Tanzania is committed to regional cooperation and to the effective implementation of the Convention for Sustainable Development of Lake Tanganyika. It is in this context that I am looking forward to the outcome of this Conference in the realization of our shared vision in this region. I therefore wish you success in your deliberations.

Finally, having said all this, it is now my pleasant honour to declare this first Conference of Ministers for the Lake Tanganyika Authority officially open.

Thank you for your kind attention.

Annex 5: Resolution No. 01/07 of the First Conference of Ministers on the Status of the Convention on the Sustainable Management of Lake Tanganyika

The Conference of Ministers,

Aware that it is crucial for the attainment of the goals set in the Convention on the Sustainable Management of Lake Tanganyika that the Democratic Republic of Congo, as a major riparian State, becomes a Party to the Convention,

Noting with satisfaction that significant progress towards political stability and national reconciliation has been achieved,

Welcoming the holding of peaceful general elections on 30 July 2006 and the constitution of a new Parliament in the Democratic Republic of Congo,

Noting that, during the First Ministerial Preparatory Meeting (Bujumbura, Burundi, 28 February 2007), the delegates of the State Parties to the Convention expressed their wish to associate the representatives of the Democratic Republic of Congo with the work of establishing the Lake Tanganyika Authority pending ratification of the Convention on the Sustainable Management of Lake Tanganyika by the Democratic Republic of Congo,

Recognizing the political will of the Democratic Republic of Congo to ratify the Convention on the Sustainable Management of Lake Tanganyika,

1. Welcomes the participation of representatives of the Democratic Republic of Congo in the work of establishing the Lake Tanganyika Authority as a concerned riparian State, pending ratification of the Convention on the Sustainable Management of Lake Tanganyika by the Democratic Republic of Congo in accordance with its internal procedures.
2. Stresses that Democratic Republic of Congo candidates recommended by the Regional Interview Panel during the selection process will become eligible for appointment to positions within the Lake Tanganyika Authority upon ratification of the Convention by the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Annex 6: Resolution No. 02/07 of the First Conference of Ministers on the Designation of the Lake Tanganyika Authority Headquarters

The Conference of Ministers,

Having considered the work of the preparatory process in identifying Bujumbura, Burundi, as the most suitable location for the Lake Tanganyika Authority Headquarters,

designates the Republic of Burundi as the Host Country for the Lake Tanganyika Authority Headquarters.

Annex 7: Resolution No. 03/07 of the First Conference of Ministers on the Draft Headquarters Agreement for the Lake Tanganyika Authority

The Conference of Ministers,

Noting that the principles laid down in the draft Headquarters Agreement reflect the generally agreed principles forming the basis of Headquarters Agreements for other International Organizations,

Recognizing that final details of the draft Headquarters Agreement will require further consultation between the Lake Tanganyika Authority and the Host Country,

Having considered the recommendations of the Second Ministerial Preparatory Meeting held in Dar es Salaam, from 3 to 4 April 2007,

1. Endorses the general principles laid down in the draft Headquarters Agreement.
2. Requests the Executive Director of the Lake Tanganyika Authority to negotiate and finalise the draft Headquarters Agreement with the Government of the Host Country.
3. Requires that the final draft Headquarters Agreement be submitted to the Conference of Ministers, at its next meeting, for approval in accordance with article 23(5) of the Convention on the Sustainable Management of Lake Tanganyika.

Annex 8: Resolution No. 04/07 of the First Conference of Ministers on the Appointment of the First Executive Director of the Lake Tanganyika Authority

The Conference of Ministers,

Recalling that article 26(4) of the Convention on the Sustainable Management of Lake Tanganyika provides for the appointment of an Executive Director of the Lake Tanganyika Authority by the Conference of Ministers,

Acknowledging the work of the Regional Interview Panel constituted through the selection process to identify the most suitably qualified candidates in each Lake Tanganyika riparian State for the position of Executive Director,

Having considered the list of suitably qualified candidates forwarded by the Second Ministerial Preparatory Meeting,

hereby offers the position of Executive Director of the Lake Tanganyika Authority to Dr. Henry Mwima from the Republic of Zambia for a period of three years.

Annex 9: Resolution No. 05/07 of the First Conference of Ministers on the Appointment of the Deputy Executive Director of the Lake Tanganyika Authority

The Conference of Ministers,

Recalling that article 26(4) of the Convention on the Sustainable Management of Lake Tanganyika provides for the appointment of a Deputy Executive Director by the Conference of Ministers,

Underscoring the importance of the position of Deputy Executive Director,

Acknowledging the work of the Regional Interview Panel constituted through the selection process to identify the most suitably qualified candidates in each Lake Tanganyika riparian State for the position of Executive Director,

Noting that, due to lack of resources to finance the post of Deputy Executive Director, the Regional Interview Panel did not undertake to select candidates for this post,

Further noting that the Second Ministerial Preparatory Meeting proposed that, upon availability of resources, the Deputy Executive Director either be recruited through a separate process or be chosen from the list of suitably qualified candidates recommended by the Regional Interview Panel for the post of Executive Director,

requests the Executive Director to advise the Conference of Ministers on the most appropriate course of action to follow with a view towards mobilizing sufficient resources for the appointment of the Deputy Executive Director.

Annex 10: Resolution No. 06/07 of the First Conference of Ministers on the Mobilization of Resources for Financing Senior Staff Positions within the Lake Tanganyika Authority

The Conference of Ministers,

Noting that funding of the positions of Executive Director and Director of Environment is only assured for a an initial period of 12 months,

Aware of the need to determine the level of annual contribution by the State Parties to the Convention on the Sustainable Management of Lake Tanganyika,

Mindful of the need to ensure the long-term financial sustainability of the Lake Tanganyika Authority,

Conscious of the urgency of the matter,

1. Directs the Executive Director, together with the Management Committee, to actively seek resources for the financing of senior staff positions within the Lake Tanganyika Authority.
2. Calls upon international agency partners to provide the necessary support to help the Lake Tanganyika Authority mobilize sufficient resources to ensure the financing of senior staff positions within the Lake Tanganyika Authority.
3. Further calls upon the riparian countries to mobilize contributions to the financing of senior staff positions within the Lake Tanganyika Authority.

Annex 11: Resolution No. 07/07 of the First Conference of Ministers on Draft Rules of Procedure

The Conference of Ministers,

Recalling that article 24(4) of the Convention on the Sustainable Management of Lake Tanganyika requires that the Conference of Ministers adopt rules of procedure for its meetings,

Recognizing that further consultation is required to finalize the draft Rules of Procedure of the Lake Tanganyika Authority,

Having considered the recommendations formulated by the Second Ministerial Preparatory Meeting held in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, from 3 to 4 April 2007,

requests the Executive Director, in consultation with the State Parties to the Convention and the Democratic Republic of Congo, to finalize the draft Rules of Procedure for submission to and approval by the next meeting of the Conference of Ministers.

Annex 12: Resolution No. 08/07 of the First Conference of Ministers on the Draft Financial Regulations

The Conference of Ministers,

Recalling article 24(4) of the Convention on the Sustainable Management of Lake Tanganyika, which provides that the Conference of Ministers should approve financial regulations,

Noting that further consultation is required to finalize the draft financial regulations,

Having considered the recommendations of the Second Ministerial Preparatory Meeting held in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, from 3 to 4 April 2007,

requests the Executive Director, in consultation with the State Parties and the Democratic Republic of Congo, to finalize the draft Financial Regulations for submission to and approval by the next meeting of the Conference of Ministers.

Annex 13: Resolution No. 09/07 of the First Conference of Ministers Providing for the Inaugural Meeting of the Management Committee

The Conference of Ministers,

Noting the proposal of the Second Ministerial Preparatory Meeting requesting that Senior Officials of the State Parties to the Convention on the Sustainable Management of Lake Tanganyika and of the Republic Democratic of Congo convene an Inaugural Meeting of the Lake Tanganyika Authority Management Committee for the specific purpose of approving candidates for the director-level positions within the Lake Tanganyika Authority,

Conscious of the urgency of the matter,

endorses the proposal of the Second Ministerial Preparatory Meeting and directs that the Inaugural Meeting of the Management Committee be convened immediately after the First Conference of Ministers.

Annex 14: Dar es Salaam Declaration

**DAR ES SALAAM DECLARATION
ON THE LAKE TANGANYIKA AUTHORITY**

We the representatives of the four riparian countries of Lake Tanganyika, namely, the Republic of Burundi, the Democratic Republic of Congo, the United Republic of Tanzania and the Republic of Zambia,

Having participated in the First Conference of Ministers as called for by the Convention on the Sustainable Management of Lake Tanganyika,

Noting that the Convention on the Sustainable Management of Lake Tanganyika entered into force in 2005,

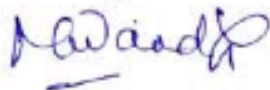
Having assured ourselves that the necessary procedures for starting the institutional organs as prescribed by the Convention have been put into place,

Do hereby pronounce that the Lake Tanganyika Authority, established by the Convention, is now made operational, with the Headquarters to be hosted by the Republic of Burundi in Bujumbura and the staff to be appointed by the Conference of Ministers and the Executive Director on approval by the Lake Tanganyika Management Committee,

Do hereby reaffirm our commitment to support the operations of the Lake Tanganyika Authority,

Done in Dar es Salaam, the United Republic of Tanzania, this fifth day of April 2007, and signed by:

For the United Republic of Tanzania:



Hon. Prof Mark J. Mwandosya
Minister of State, Vice President's Office (Environment)
Chairman, 1st Conference of Ministers Meeting

For the Republic of Burundi:



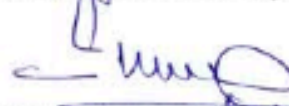
Hon. Odette Kayitesi
Minister of Land Management, Tourism and
Environment

For the Republic of Zambia:



Hon. Kabinga J. Pande
Minister of Tourism, Environment & Natural Resources

For the Democratic Republic of Congo:



S.E. M. Juma-Alfani Mpango
Ambassador for Democratic Republic of Congo in
the United Republic of Tanzania