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## MEETING DOCUMENT

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| From: | Steering Committee of the EU-Horn of Africa Migration Initiative (Khartoum process) |
| To: | Delegations |
| Subject: | Steering Committee meeting of the EU-Horn of Africa Migration Route Initiative (Khartoum Process) (Sharm El Sheikh 23-24 April 2015)<br>- Sharm El Sheikh Plan of Action |

Delegations will find attached the above-mentioned Plan of Action.

Steering Committee meeting of the EU-Horn

Of Africa Migration Route Initiative (Khartoum Process)

Sharm El Sheikh 23 – 24 April 2015

Sharm El Sheikh Plan of Action

We, Officials, as members of the Steering Committee of the EU-Horn of Africa Migration Route Initiative (Khartoum Process) established by Rome Declaration,

Meeting in Sharm El-Sheikh, 23 – 24 April 2015,

We, members of the Steering Committee:

Having discussed the phenomena of illegal migration and human trafficking and showed willingness to tackle them:

1.  Address the root causes of illegal migration in a comprehensive and balanced way, and underlining in this context the importance of promoting sustainable development, in line with the global development agenda.

2.  Commit to undertake concrete actions to prevent and tackle the challenges of human trafficking and smuggling of migrants between the Horn of Africa and Europe, in a spirit of partnership, shared responsibility and cooperation.

3.  Meet on a regular basis. Moreover, it will report to a Senior Officials' meeting to ensure the proper follow-up of the EU-Horn of Africa Migration Route Initiative (Khartoum Process)

4.  Agree on setting up focal points for direct and rapid exchange of information and coordination among its members.

5.  Develop a long-standing dialogue on migration in order to enhance the current cooperation and, first and foremost, identify and implement concrete priorities and projects, and Agree to mobilize appropriate funding for agreed concrete projects implementing these priorities.

6.  Take a highly practical approach, generating projects for the management of migration flows using available funding instruments and coordinating Member State bilateral or multilateral efforts.

7.  **Adopt** the attached rules of procedure on the work of the Steering Committee as annexed.

8.  **Set** priorities for actions to be implemented over the next years to facilitate and step up cooperation including capacity building, setting up of regional training centers and exchanging best practices.

9.  **Appreciate** the various projects presented as annexed by member states which will be further studied and discussed with a view to their rapid implementation and to present their follow up status at the following meeting.

10. **Encourage** members of the process to submit further projects for consideration for financing.

11. **Hold** its second meeting.

## Annex I

### Steering Committee's Rules of Procedure

The Purpose of this document is to clarify the organization and rules of procedure of the Steering Committee of the EU-Horn of Africa Migration Route Initiative (Khartoum Process), while bearing in mind the AU-Horn of Africa initiative on human trafficking and smuggling of migrants launched by the Khartoum Declaration in October 2014.

### 1. Role of the Steering Committee

- The Steering Committee of the EU-Horn of Africa Migration Route Initiative(Khartoum Process), is a permanent committee, which strategically steers and stimulates work and cooperation and ensure its effective implementations.

- The Steering Committee is also responsible for supporting, discussing, and the preparation of multiannual programs and projects for implementation in accordance with the ministerial declaration of the EU-Horn of Africa Migration Route Initiative (Khartoum Process).

### 2. Composition of the Steering Committee

- The Steering committee is hosted on a voluntary basis by an African country followed by a European country, chaired by the hosting country, and the previous chair should act as a rapporteur.

- The Steering Committee consists of the following EU Member States: France, Germany, Italy, Malta and the United Kingdom, and the following African States: Egypt, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Sudan, South Sudan as well as the African Union Commission, European Commission and the European External Action Service.

- The number of members of the Steering Committee should be limited to ensure effective cooperation within the process, respecting geographical balance.

- The work of the steering committee will be assisted by a Secretariat.

### 3. Enlargement of the Steering Committee

- Any member country of the EU-Horn of Africa Migration Route Initiative (Khartoum Process) may apply in writing to join the Steering Committee.

- Enlargement is discussed by the members of the Steering Committee at the meeting following the written request. Decision on enlargement is voted unanimously with consideration for the geographical balance.

## 4. Method of decision of the Steering Committee

- The Steering Committee operates on a consensual basis. Decisions are taken by consensus by the members attending the meetings of the Committee.

## 5. Steering Committee Meetings

- The Steering Committee meetings take place at least once a year. Meetings may take place on the margin of the EU-Horn of Africa Migration Route Initiative (Khartoum Process) meetings of senior officials and ministerial conferences, by prior notification and agreement of all members of the Steering Committee.

- Steering Committee meetings are held in English. The hosting country is responsible for logistics and the preparation of the content of the meeting including its agenda. The agenda should be circulated at least 15 working days before the Steering Committee meeting for consultation, and adopted at the beginning of each meeting.

- Upon request of a Member, the Steering Committee may convene an extraordinary meeting of the Steering Committee.

- The summary of the Steering Committee meetings is prepared and circulated by the host country within two weeks after the meeting and to be adopted by members in the following meeting.

- The Steering Committee may decide to invite to its meetings upon approval by member states, representative(s) of UN and Specialized International Organizations whose presence, expertise and advice may provide an added value in deliberations of the Committee.

## 6. Changes in this document

- Any Member of the Steering Committee may request an amendment to this document. It will be submitted for consideration at the following meeting of the Steering Committee. Any amendments must be submitted in writing.

## List of Projects

**Egypt:**
- Supporting National Insolvent Factories.
- The Regional Center for Human Resources Development and Raising Awareness on illegal migration risks.
- Offices of Immigration Consultation and Returned Immigrants Assistance.
- Technical Assistance and Cooperation among Law Enforcement Authorities responsible for combatting illegal migration for African Countries, members of the EU-Horn of Africa Migration Route Initiative.
- Cooperation between the Social Fund for Development and The National Coordinating Committee on Preventing and Combating Illegal Migration to create new job opportunities for vulnerable youth and their families.
- Transfer of the national experience in establishing institutional coordinating mechanisms to combat illegal migration to the interested African countries.

**Eritrea:**
- Strengthening the Human and Institutional Capacity of the Government of state of Eritrea in the fight against human trafficking and smuggling.
- Judiciary Capacity Building.
- Awareness Raising.

**Ethiopia:**
- Protection of Direct Assistance to Victims of Trafficking and Stranded Migrants.
- Skills Training Programs for Returnees and Potential Migrants.
- Awareness Raising Programs.
- Capacity Building Programs.
- Promoting regular dialogue and discussion among member states and other partners.
- Development of National Migration Policy.

**Sudan:**
- Establishment of Regional Training Center for Combating Trafficking and Smuggling of Persons.
- Capacity Building for National Stakeholders.
- Developmental Project.

**South Sudan:**
- Improving national coordination and dialogue among key government agencies, non-governmental institutions and countries of origin.
- Strengthening legal framework.
- Enhancing protection of victims of trafficking and other vulnerable migrants.
- Improving border management capacity.

EU/Member States list of projects/Steering Committee,
Sharm el Sheikh 23-24 April 2015

| | Title | Country |
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| 1 | Support for the EU-Africa Dialogue, on Migration Mobility and Development | EU |
| 2 | Addressing Mixed Migration Flows in East Africa (Global Public Goods and Challenges) | EU/FR |
| 3 | Migration EU Expertise | EU |
| 4 | ACP-EU Action on Migration (European Development Fund) | EU |
| 5 | 11*EDF Indicative Programme for East Africa, Southern Africa and Indian Ocean dedicated to migration | EU |
| 6 | IGAD sub-regional envelope | EU |
| 7 | Supporting Migrant Information Points in the African countries of the EU-Horn of Africa Migration Route Initiative (Khartoum Process) | IT/DE |
| 8 | Assistance to existing reception camps in terms of security and education in Horn of Africa countries | IT/DE |
| 9 | Development of a "model" national strategy supporting the implementation of the "Palermo Convention" and related Protocols in interested States of the region | IT/DE |
| 10 | Supporting Somali refugees in Kenyan camps and hosting communities | IT/DE |
| 11 | Training Centre for the EU-Horn of Africa Migration Route Initiative (Khartoum Process) Countries at the Police Academy in Cairo | IT |
| 12 | Information campaigns by traditional and innovative means (TV/radio/videos/internet/social media | IT |
| 13 | Training Sudanese officials in the management of labor migration, trafficking and smuggling of migrant workers at the ITC-ILO | IT |
| 14 | Research project to identify smuggling networks and routes in the Horn of Africa | UK |
| 15 | Bridging project for un accompanied minors in Cairo providing skills needed to survive. | UK |
| 16 | Vocational training for Eritrean youth | UK |
| 17 | Field study and livelihood training in a refugee camp in Ethiopia | UK |
| 18 | Cooperation through Egypt with the countries of the Horn of Africa in the field of human trafficking and forged documents (police training) | FR |
| 19 | Resettlement of victims of human trafficking from the Horn of Africa | DE |
| 20 | Training of law enforcement in prevention and investigation of criminal networks involved in human trafficking | MT |