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**COMMITTEE OF INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY SERVICES OF AFRICA  
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**Press release on**

**TROIKA/CISSA REGIONAL CHAIRPERSONS INAUGURAL MEETING**

1. The Maiden joint meeting of the CISSA Troika/Regional Chairpersons, presided over by the current Chair of CISSA and Director General of the National Intelligence and Security Services (NISS) of Sudan, **1<sup>st</sup> Lt. General Engineer Mohamed Atta AL-Mulla ABBAS**, was convened in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, on 27 November 2017.
2. In his opening remarks, the Chairperson of CISSA and Director General of the National Intelligence and Security Services (NISS) of Sudan, **1<sup>st</sup> Lt. General Engineer Mohamed Atta AL-Mulla ABBAS**, welcomed all the Directors-General and Heads of Delegations to the meeting, and explained that it was the first meeting of its kind that brought together Troika and Regional Chairs to discuss strategic and important issues pertinent to the realization of the CISSA objectives in achieving peace and security on the continent. He seized the opportunity to thank the Troika Members and Regional Chairpersons for attending and participating in the recent 14th Ordinary CISSA Conference held in Khartoum, Sudan in September 2017. He also expressed his condolences to both Somalia and Egypt, over the recent terrorist attacks on the two sister countries which claimed the lives of hundreds of innocent citizens. He stated that security coordination, cooperation, and exchange of information between the African intelligence services is the only way to overcome these common threats and other security challenges confronting our respective countries.
3. The Chairperson of CISSA reminded the meeting that one of the obligations and functions of the Troika as the highest CISSA organ in between Conference, is to brief the African Union Peace and Security Council (AUPSC) on the state of Peace and Security in Africa, and to strategize on how to carry out joint actions of great importance to the accomplishment of the objectives of CISSA. He also noted that the aim of the meeting was to come up with an Actionable work Programme for the period from November 2017 to June 2018.
4. The meeting discussed a number of organizational issues, threats and security challenges affecting the stability and peace on the African continent and proposed a number of activities in addressing the security challenges,

including, continuing the tradition of briefing the African Union Peace and Security Council (PSC); responding to the AU tasking on the Roadmap for silencing the guns in Africa by 2020; continue holding regional workshops; and expediting action on the construction of CISSA permanent Headquarter.

5. In this regard, the meeting took a number of decisions and recommendations on the way forward in dealing with the various security threats. The meeting also decided that CISSA's role and contribution should be enhanced in the implementation of AU tasks on the practical steps to silence the guns in Africa by 2020. The meeting further reiterated Conference decision on the imperative of holding workshops in each of the five CISSA regions, to discuss the most important threats and security challenges, including, illicit Proliferation of Small Arms and Light Weapons on the continent and the efforts to eliminate them; illegal immigration and Security Ramifications and its implications on the security and stability of Africa; as well as on the activities of negative forces and mercenarism.
6. The meeting also commended the generous support extended by H.E, the President of Equatorial Guinea by way of donation to construct the CISSA permanent headquarters in Addis Ababa.
7. After the meeting, the chairman of CISSA, **1st Lt. General Engineer Mohamed Atta AL-Mulla ABBAS**, accompanied by members of the Troika, the Regional Chairpersons and the Executive Secretary visited the construction site of the CISSA headquarters, to observe the construction in progress and also take the necessary measures to ensure that the construction is completed on schedule.

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