

Joint Statement between Japan and the Republic of Uganda  
on the Occasion of the Official Working Visit by  
H.E. Mr. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, President of the Republic of Uganda

- 1 H.E. Mr. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, President of the Republic of Uganda, and Hon. Janet Kataaha Museveni paid an Official Working Visit to Japan from 9 to 12 September, 2015 at the invitation of the Government of Japan.
- 2 H.E. Mr. Shinzo Abe, Prime Minister of Japan and President Museveni held a bilateral summit meeting in Tokyo on 10 September, 2015. Prime Minister Abe expressed his pleasure at President Museveni's sixth visit to Japan. Both leaders welcomed that long-standing friendly and cooperative relationship had been nurtured between the two countries in both bilateral and multilateral contexts, and shared the recognition that it is important to further strengthen the bilateral relationship.
- 3 Both leaders affirmed the importance of universal values including democracy and the rule of law. Prime Minister Abe explained Japan's willingness to play an even more active role in securing peace and stability of the region and the international community under the policy of "Proactive Contribution to Peace" based on the principle of international cooperation. President Museveni appreciated Japan's post-war contributions made as a peace-loving nation and expressed his support for the policy of Proactive Contribution to Peace.
- 4 Prime Minister Abe highly commended Uganda's achievement of steady growth in the recent years by its tireless efforts to overcome long-standing challenges and its contribution to peace and stability in East Africa including the dispatch of personnel to African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM), and expressed his determination to continue to support Uganda. President Museveni valued and expressed his gratitude for Japan's long-standing assistance for the growth of Uganda.
- 5 Both leaders shared the recognition that both Governments would

encourage Japanese companies to do business in Uganda. Prime Minister Abe expressed his expectation for further dissemination of Uganda's attractiveness as business destination and further improvement of business environment in Uganda. President Museveni highly commended Japanese technology and products stating that Uganda would extend its utmost efforts in cooperation with Japan to make Japanese companies further understand the advantage of doing business in Uganda.

6 Both leaders shared the view on facilitating Japanese quality infrastructure investment in Uganda based on the outcome of TICAD V. From this perspective, both leaders welcomed the signing of the Exchange of Notes concerning Japanese ODA loan for "Kampala Flyover Construction and Road Upgrading Project" today. President Museveni expressed his continuous expectation that Japan would make more quality infrastructure investment in Uganda.

7 Both leaders welcomed that the next TICAD summit meeting would be held in 2016 for the first time in Africa and expressed their determination to further strengthen their cooperative relations between Japan and Uganda toward the successful holding of this meeting. Prime Minister Abe expressed his gratitude to President Museveni for his contributions to the TICAD process including his attendance at the past four TICAD summit meetings. Prime Minister Abe further expressed his view that Japan, at the next TICAD summit meeting, would present its unique contributions to realizing human security through quality infrastructure investment, human resource development and putting an emphasis on cooperation with civil society. President Museveni welcomed these ideas.

8 Both leaders shared the recognition that this year is an important milestone to move forward the United Nations Security Council reform as it marks the seventieth anniversary of the establishment of the United Nations, and reconfirmed their determination for the reform of the Security Council working with the relevant stakeholders. Both leaders shared the intention that they would greatly enhance their cooperation towards the reform of the Security Council to increase its effectiveness, transparency and representativeness, reflecting the realities of the

international society at 21<sup>st</sup> century.

9 Both leaders highly appreciated the significant progress made at the intergovernmental negotiations on the Security Council reform, while Uganda reconfirmed its continued support for the AU position as contained in the Ezulwini consensus. Both leaders shared recognition that there is a need to continue to cooperate to achieve the Security Council reform. President Museveni emphasized the importance of strengthening cooperation between the Security Council and regional organizations, and Prime Minister Abe welcomed the statement. President Museveni expressed his support for Japan's candidacy at the election for a non-permanent seat of the Security Council this year, and Prime Minister Abe extended his sincere gratitude for Uganda's valuable support. Both leaders expressed their intention to enhance their coordination on issues facing the United Nations should Japan join the Security Council.

10 Both leaders shared the intention to strengthen cooperation in addressing a wide range of issues in the international arena such as climate change, the sustainable use of fisheries resources including cetaceans, promotion of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the establishment of the "World Tsunami Day" at the United Nations.

11 President Museveni thanked Prime Minister Abe and the Government of Japan for the warm hospitality accorded to him and his delegation. President Museveni extended an invitation to Prime Minister Abe to visit Uganda at a date to be mutually decided upon, and wished Prime Minister Abe success in organizing the 2020 Olympic and Paralympic games in Tokyo.

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