

## **1.0 Introduction**

During the State Visit of H.E Isaias Afwerki, the President of the State of Eritrea and based on the guidance of the Heads of the Republic of Uganda and the State of Eritrea, the two delegations held bilateral talks on 16 and 17 August 2011. Uganda's delegation led by Hon Sam Kutesa, Minister of Foreign Affairs, was comprised of Hon Crispus Kiyonga, Minister of Defence, Hon Ruhakana Rugunda, Minister of Information, Communication and Technology, Hon Asuman Kiyingi, Minister for Regional Cooperation. The Eritrean delegation was led by Hon Osman Saleh, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and accompanied by Mr. Yemane Ghebreab, Special Advisor to the President, Mr. Amin Hassen, Director, Office of the President, Mr. Beyene Russom, Ambassador of Eritrea to Kenya. Other senior officials from both sides attended the meeting.

## **2.0 Discussions**

The two delegations discussed a range of issues of bilateral, regional and international interest. They noted the need to forge closer cooperation in various areas including regional peace and security, trade and investment, education, civil aviation and communication.

### **The Delegation Agreed as Follows:**

- (i)** For their officials to meet in the near future to identify areas of cooperation, including regional peace and security, international issues, trade, investment, education, health, civil aviation and communication;
  
- (ii)** Conclude a Framework Agreement for promoting bilateral cooperation, taking into account their respective obligations under other regional and international frameworks;
  
- (iii)** To establish a Joint Ministerial Commission for follow up and implementation of the framework Agreement for cooperation;

(iv) Agreed to hold the next ministerial meeting by the first week of October 2011 in Asmara.

Signed This 17th Day of August, 2011 at Kampala

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**Hon Sam K. Kutesa**      **Hon Osman Saleh**  
**Minister of Foreign Affairs**      **Minister of Foreign Affairs**  
**Of the Republic of Uganda**      **Of the State of Eritrea**