



**JOINT COMMUNIQUÉ ON THE OCCASION OF THE THIRD UGANDA-RWANDA CROSS  
BORDER SECURITY MEETING HELD IN MBARARA - UGANDA ON 27<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2025**

1. PURSUANT TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE 11<sup>TH</sup> JOINT PERMANENT COMMISSION (JPC) HELD IN KIGALI IN MARCH 2023, AND AFTER TWO SUCCESSFUL JOINT CROSS BORDER SECURITY MEETINGS HELD IN KABALE, UGANDA IN DECEMBER 2023 AND IN NYAGATARE , RWANDA IN MAY 2024, RESPECTIVELY, THE 3<sup>RD</sup> UGANDA - RWANDA CROSS BORDER SECURITY MEETING WAS HELD IN MBARARA, UGANDA ON 27<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2025.
2. THE UGANDA DELEGATION WAS LED BY MAJ. GEN. (RTD). ROBERT RUSOKE, HIGH COMMISSIONER OF THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA TO RWANDA, WHILE THE RWANDA DELEGATION WAS LED BY AMBASSADOR VINCENT KAREGA, AMBASSADOR AT LARGE AND RWANDA'S ENVOY TO THE GREAT LAKES REGION.
3. THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THE MEETING WAS TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN CROSS BORDER SECURITY COOPERATION BETWEEN UGANDA AND RWANDA AND EASE MOVEMENT OF PERSONS AND GOODS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.
4. THE MEETING ASSESSED THE CURRENT STATUS OF SHARED CHALLENGES FACED IN THE SECTORS OF IMMIGRATION, TRADE, CUSTOMS, HEALTH, BORDER DEMARCATION AND SECURITY ALONG OUR COMMON BORDER.
5. THE MEETING APPRECIATED THE PROGRESS MADE IN IMPLEMENTING DIRECTIVES OF THE NORTHERN CORRIDOR INTEGRATION PROJECTS 14<sup>TH</sup> HEADS OF STATE SUMMIT AND TOOK NOTE OF THE LIKELY CHALLENGES ARISING OUT OF THE EVENTUAL OPERATIONALISATION OF THE PROJECTS .
6. THE MEETING FURTHER COMMENDED THE PROGRESS MADE IN ACHIEVING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PREVIOUS 2 MEETINGS AND URGED BOTH COUNTRIES TO ENSURE THE FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW AGREED RECOMMENDATIONS .
7. THE TWO COUNTRIES WELCOMED THE CONTINUOUS EFFORTS TO PROVIDE A PLATFORM FOR FRUITFUL DIALOGUE AND COOPERATION
8. AT THE CONCLUSION, BOTH MAJ. GEN. ROBERT RUSOKE AND AMBASSADOR VINCENT KAREGA, HAILED THE CONTINUED SPIRIT OF GOOD NEIGHBOURLINESS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES AND EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH THE OUTCOMES OF THE MEETING WHILE COMMITTING TO CARRY OUT REGULAR FOLLOW UPS.

DONE AT MBARARA, 27<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2025

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