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## **PREAMBLE**

**PURSUANT** to the Treaty establishing the East African Community (the Community) dated 30<sup>th</sup> November 1999 signed by the Heads of States and Governments of the Republic of Kenya, the United Republic of Tanzania and the Republic of Uganda, and subsequently acceded to by the Republic of Burundi, the Republic of Rwanda, the Republic of South Sudan, the Democratic Republic of Congo and the Republic of Somalia.

**IN RECOGNITION** of the Community's resolve to strengthen its economic, social, cultural, political, technological and other ties for fast balanced and sustainable development;

**AND WHEREAS** the Community has established the sectoral Council of Transport, Communication and Meteorology to coordinate the development of amongst others the communications sectors of the Partner States;

**CONSIDERING** the existing regulatory, postal and telecommunications/ICT cooperation among members under the East African Regulatory Postal and Telecommunications/ICT Organization (EARPTO) established by a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed in 2005;

**CONVINCED** that in order to strengthen EARPTO, it was necessary to determine the EARPTO MoU and establish the East African Communications Organisation (EACO), the signatories agreed to determine the said MoU and resolved to adopt the EACO Constitution of 2012;

**PURSUANT** to the need to streamline and align the governance of EACO for efficient and effective coordination in meeting the changing needs of the communication sector in the East African region.

**IN LIGHT** of the foregoing, the Members adopt this EACO Constitution, 2024.

## ARTICLE 1: DEFINITIONS

In this Constitution unless the context otherwise requires:

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| <b>Assembly</b>              | Means any of the following: Assembly of Regulators, Assembly of Broadcasters, Postal Assembly, and Assembly of Telecommunications/ICT;   |
| <b>Broadcasting Operator</b> | Broadcasting Operator means National Broadcaster licensed by the Regulator of a Member State to operate and/or provide broadcasting networks and/or services;  |
| <b>Chairperson</b>           | Means the Chairperson of the different organs of EACO and includes any temporary Chairperson of the organ;   |
| <b>EACO</b>                  | Means the East African Communications Organisation;  |
| <b>EARPTO</b>                | Means the East African Regulatory Postal and Telecommunications/ICT Organization;  |
| <b>Executive Director</b>    | means a person appointed to head the EACO Secretariat;   |
| <b>ICT</b>                   | Means Information and Communication Technologies;  |
| <b>Member</b>                | Means a Regulator from the Partner States of the East African Community who has signed or acceded to the Constitution;   |
| <b>Non-paying Partner</b>    | Means any organization other than Paying Partners that collaborates with EACO with the aim of advancement and promotion of the objectives of EACO.   |
| <b>Observer</b>              | refers to an organization or institution, rather than a Member or Partner, permitted to attend or participate in EACO activities.  |
| <b>Partner States</b>        | Means the Republic of Kenya, the United Republic of Tanzania, the Republic of Uganda, the Republic of Burundi, the Republic of Rwanda, the Republic of South Sudan, the Democratic Republic of Congo, the Republic of Somalia, and any other Country granted membership of the Community under Article 3 of East African Community Treaty. |

**Partner** Means either Paying or Non-paying Partner.

**Paying Partner** Means Paying Partner means either:

Broadcasting, Postal, Telecommunications/ICT Operators duly licensed by the Regulator or any other ICT related Government institutions; in the Partner States of the East African Community;

**or**

Any institution or organization which has interest in the advancement and promotion of the objectives of EACO.

**Postal Operator** means any organization licensed by a Regulator of a Member State to provide postal and/or courier services;

**Regulator** Means an organisation designated by a Partner State to regulate Broadcasting, Postal and/or Telecommunications/ ICT networks and services;

**Telecommunications/ICT**

**Operator** Means any Government owned licensed by the Regulator of a Member State to operate and/or provide telecommunications/ICT networks and/or services

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**ARTICLE 2: ESTABLISHMENT OF THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNICATIONS ORGANIZATION**

- 2.1 There is hereby established an organization known as the East African Communications Organization (EACO) whose responsibility shall be to strengthen and promote cooperation in the development and provision of postal, telecommunications/ICT and broadcasting services in the East African Community;
- 2.2 EACO shall be duly registered in accordance with the law of the host country of its headquarters, provided that the operations of EACO shall be governed by this Constitution;
- 2.3 EACO shall have legal personality with the capacity to amongst others enter into contracts, acquire, own and/or dispose of movable or immovable property and sue or be sued in its name.

**ARTICLE 3: OBJECTIVES OF EACO**

- 3.1 The objectives of the EACO shall be to:
- 3.1.1 harmonise communications policies and regulatory frameworks in the EAC region;
  - 3.1.2 promote the development of broadcasting, postal and telecommunications/ICT services;
  - 3.1.3 devise ways and means to achieve robust, reliable, secure, affordable and efficient communications services within the East African Community; and
  - 3.1.4 any other objective as may be determined by the Board from time to time.

**ARTICLE 4: EACO HEADQUARTERS**

- 4.1. The Headquarter of EACO shall be located in such Partner State as the Board may determine.

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4.2. To create a conducive working environment for the conduct of EACO's activities, the host country shall provide a separate and distinct landed property for the development of EACO Headquarters.

4.3. The host country shall grant the EACO diplomatic status, privileges and immunities similar to those to the Geneva Convention.

#### **ARTICLE 5: MEMBERSHIP**

The Members of EACO shall be organisations designated by a Partner State to regulate Broadcasting, Postal, and/or Telecommunications/ICT.

#### **ARTICLE 6: PARTNERS OF EACO**

The Partners of EACO shall be organizations or persons interested in the advancement of the mandate and/or objectives of EACO and shall either be Paying or Non-paying Partners.

#### **ARTICLE 7: APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP AND PARTNERSHIP**

##### **7.1. Application for Membership**

A Regulator of a Partner State that intends to join EACO shall make a written application for membership to the Executive Director for consideration by the Board.

##### **7.2. Application for Partnership**

An organisation that intends to join EACO shall submit a written application to the Executive Director for consideration by the Board.

##### **7.3. Decision on applications for Membership and Partnership**

The decision of the Board on membership and partnership applications shall be communicated to the applicants in writing within six (6) months after the date of receiving such application.

## **ARTICLE 8: OBSERVER STATUS**

- 8.1. Observer status may be granted by the Board to any institution or organization with a mandate relevant to the objectives of EACO and which has expressed interest in attending EACO activities.
- 8.2. For the purpose of this Article, the term Observer means an organization or institution other than a Member or Partner which is permitted to attend or participate in EACO activities.

## **ARTICLE 9: RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERS AND PARTNERS**

### **9.1. Rights and Privileges for Members**

- 9.1.1. Members shall have the right to attend and participate in all activities of EACO.
- 9.1.2. The Chief Executive Officers of Members shall be permanent members of the Board.
- 9.1.3. Members shall provide leadership of the Board on a rotational basis.
- 9.1.4. Members shall provide leadership of Committees and Working Groups.
- 9.1.5. Members shall have the right to nominate members for Committees and Working Groups.
- 9.1.6. Members shall have the right to participate in all activities of EACO organs.
- 9.1.7. The citizens of the Partner states of Members shall be eligible for competitive recruitment at the EACO Secretariat.

### **9.2. Rights and Privileges for Partners**

- 9.2.1. Partners shall have the right to participate in Working Groups, Assemblies and Advisory Council.
- 9.2.2. Partners may co-organise events with EACO.
- 9.2.3. Partners may nominate members to Working Groups.

### **9.3. Obligations of Members**

- 9.3.1. Members shall be obliged to pay their annual membership fees to EACO in accordance with the EACO membership scheme as reviewed from time to time by the Board.

9.3.2. Members shall attend and participate in EACO activities and meetings as scheduled by the Secretariat from time to time.

**9.4. Obligations for Paying Partners**

9.4.1. Paying Partners shall be obliged to pay their annual subscription fees to EACO in accordance with the EACO subscription scheme as reviewed from time to time by the Board.

9.4.2. Paying Partners shall attend and participate in EACO activities and select meetings as scheduled by the Secretariat from time to time.

**ARTICLE 10: RESTRICTIONS OF RIGHTS OF MEMBERS AND PARTNERS**

**10.1. Restriction of rights of Members**

A Member that accumulates any arrears equivalent to or above the annual membership fees payable shall not, subject to the consideration and decision of the Board:

- (a) Participate in EACO leadership at the Board, Working Groups and Committees; and
- (b) Have the citizens of the respective Partner State(s) be eligible for appointments to positions at the EACO Secretariat.

**10.2. Restriction of rights of Paying Partners**

Paying Partners that do not discharge their obligation to pay the annual subscription fees and have accumulated arrears equivalent to or above the amount payable for a period of two (2) years shall, subject to the consideration and decision of the Board:

- (a) lose the rights and privileges under Article 9.2 of the Constitution, and
- (b) be liable to deregistration and cease to be Partners in accordance with Rules and Procedures as shall be prescribed by Board.

## **ARTICLE 11: ORGANS OF EACO**

The organs of EACO shall be:

- 11.1. The Board;
- 11.2. The Advisory Council;
- 11.3. The Assemblies; and
- 11.4. The Secretariat.

## **ARTICLE 12: THE BOARD**

### **12.1. Composition**

12.1.1. There is hereby established the Board, which shall comprise the following:

- i. The Chief Executive Officers of the Members;
- ii. The Executive Director of EACO as an ex-official member.

12.1.2. The Board shall make rules and procedures for the implementation of the Constitution.

### **12.2. Leadership and Attendance of Board Meetings**

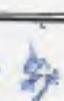
12.2.1. The Chairperson of the Board shall be from amongst Chief Executive Officers of the Members based on the principle of rotation. The Chairperson shall serve for a term of two (2) years.

12.2.2. The Chairperson of Board shall preside at all meetings of the Board and in his/her absence, the next Chairperson of Board in the line of rotation shall act as Chairperson.

12.2.3. If a substantive CEO is not able to attend the Board meeting, he/she shall designate a Representative to attend the meeting by signing a Designation of Representative Form as shall be prescribed by Board.

12.2.4. The Designated Representative shall for the purpose of that meeting have all powers, duties and responsibilities of the member of Board for whom that person is acting, except the duty to act as Chairperson of the meeting.

12.2.5. If a substantive CEO fails to attend two meetings consecutively, the

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Chairperson of the Board shall issue a letter of reminder to him/her to attend meetings.

**12.3. Roles of the Board**

**12.3.1.** The Board shall be the highest decision-making organ of EACO.

**12.3.2.** The Board shall provide oversight of the management of EACO Secretariat and shall be responsible for:

- (a) The direction of the affairs of the EACO;
- (b) Consider and approve the policies of EACO;
- (c) Consider and approve the Constitution, and other EACO rules, policies and procedures.
- (d) Consider and approve EACO's annual plans and budgets;
- (e) Consider and approve EACO's financial statements and Auditor's reports;
- (f) Consider and approve the Strategic Plan;
- (g) Consider and approve EACO's performance reports;
- (h) Recruitment of the Independent Experts and Staff at the Secretariat;
- (i) Consider and approve the organizational structure;
- (j) Establishing Committees and Working groups;
- (k) Consider and approve the reports from various organs of EACO and make appropriate decisions;
- (l) Consider and approve the Membership fees structure and Partner's subscription scheme; and
- (m) Consider and approve amendments to the Constitution, and other EACO rules, policies and procedures.

**ARTICLE 13: EACO ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**13.1.** There is hereby established an EACO Advisory Council which shall comprise of Members and Partners.

**13.2.** The Advisory Council shall be a forum to receive and adopt reports from the Assemblies and to generate recommendations therefrom to be forwarded to the Board for consideration and approval.

**13.3.** The Chairperson of the Advisory Council shall be the Chairperson of the Regulatory Assembly.

**ARTICLE 14: ASSEMBLIES**

**14.1. Assembly of Regulators**

(a) There is hereby established an Assembly of Regulators, which shall comprise of the Members.

(b) The Chairperson of the Board shall chair the Assembly of Regulators.

(c) The Assembly of Regulators shall receive and deliberate on reports from all Committees and Working Groups.

(d) The Chairperson of the Regulatory Assembly shall be appointed by the Assembly annually on a rotational basis.

**14.2. Postal Assembly**

(a) There is hereby established Postal Assembly which shall comprise of Members, Partners and experts in the postal sector.

(b) The Chairperson of the Postal Assembly shall be appointed annually by the Assembly on a rotational basis.

(c) The Postal Assembly shall receive and deliberate on reports from Working Groups on postal issues.

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#### **14.3. Telecommunications/ICT Assembly**

- (a) There is hereby established a Telecommunications/ICT Assembly, which shall comprise of members, partners and experts in the telecommunications/ICT sector.
- (b) The Chairperson of the Telecommunications/ICT Assembly shall be appointed annually by the Assembly on a rotational basis.
- (c) The Telecommunications/ICT Assembly shall receive and deliberate on reports from Working Groups on telecommunications/ICT issues.

#### **14.4. Assembly of Broadcasters**

- (a) There is hereby established an Assembly of Broadcasters, which shall comprise of Members, Partners and experts in the broadcasting sector.
- (b) The Chairperson of the Assembly of Broadcasters shall be appointed annually by the Assembly on a rotational basis.
- (c) The Assembly of Broadcasters shall receive and deliberate on reports from Working Groups on broadcasting issues.

#### **ARTICLE 15: SECRETARIAT**

- 15.1.** There shall be a Secretariat headed by an Executive Director;
- 15.2.** The Secretariat shall have such other staff in accordance with the organizational structure approved by the Board;
- 15.3.** The Secretariat shall be located at the Headquarters of EACO;
- 15.4.** The Secretariat shall be responsible for: -
  - (a) conducting and executing EACO business operations on a day-to-day basis;
  - (b) the development and implementation of the strategic plan and management of all EACO programmes and projects;
  - (c) convening, in consultation with the Chairpersons of the relevant organs, the meetings of various organs or committees, taking and maintaining records of those meetings;

- (d) development of necessary information and position papers to be discussed by the various EACO Organs;
- (e) providing strategic and technical facilitation as well administrative and logistical support to the meetings of all EACO organs;
- (f) establishing an information data base and documentation for the communications industry and disseminating such information to the Members and Partners as may be necessary;
- (g) carrying out of the general and financial administration of EACO including preparation and implementation of operational and financial plans and budgets, keeping proper books of accounts and ensuring annual auditing of those accounts;
- (h) mobilising funds from development partners and other sources for the implementation of EACO programs and activities;
- (i) representing and promoting EACO regionally and internationally;
- (j) maintaining and safekeeping of all official documents, records and assets; and
- (k) Such other activities as the Board may from time to time determine.

#### **ARTICLE 16: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

- 16.1.** There shall be an Executive Director who shall be appointed by the Board based on a competitive recruitment procedure.
- 16.2.** The Executive Director shall be the Chief Executive Officer of EACO and shall be responsible for the day-to-day management of EACO.
- 16.3.** The Executive Director shall be a citizen of a Partner State of a Member of EACO and shall serve for a fixed term of four (4) years, renewable once upon satisfactory performance.
- 16.4.** The appointment of the Executive Director shall have due regard to the principle of rotation.
- 16.5.** There shall be developed, for approval of the Board, policies for the implementation of this Article.
- 16.6.** The Executive Director may be removed from office before the end of a term of service by the Board for the following reasons:

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- 16.6.1. mental infirmity;
- 16.6.2. incompetence;
- 16.6.3. gross negligence;
- 16.6.4. misuse of EACO funds or property;
- 16.6.5. conviction of a criminal offence in respect of which a penalty of imprisonment of six (6) months or more is imposed without an option of a fine;
- 16.6.6. Declaration of bankruptcy; and
- 16.6.7. conduct likely to bring EACO into disrepute;

16.7. In the event of death or removal of an Executive Director before the end of a term, the Board shall ensure that a new Executive Director is appointed within six (6) months, based on the principle of rotation.

#### **ARTICLE 17: COMMITTEE(S) AND WORKING GROUPS**

17.1. The Board is mandated to establish Committees and technical Working Groups with specific Terms of Reference for the purposes of meeting EACO's objectives. Committees shall report to the Board and Working Groups to Assemblies respectively.

17.2. There shall be developed Rules of Procedure for the functioning of Committees and Working Groups which shall be approved by the Board.

#### **17.3. Committees**

There is hereby established the following standing committees of EACO:-

- (a) Human Resources Committee;
- (b) Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee;
- (c) Finance, Audit and Risk Management Committee; and
- (d) Any other Committees as the Board shall from time to time establish

**17.4. Human Resources Committee**

- (a) This Committee advises the Board on matters related to Human Resource.
- (b) The Human Resource Committee shall comprise of members nominated by Members.
- (c) The leadership tenure shall be a non-renewable term of four (4) years or as may be determined by the Board.

**17.5. Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee**

- (a) This Committee advises the Board on matters related to Legal and Constitutional Affairs.
- (b) Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee shall comprise of members nominated by Members.
- (c) The leadership tenure shall be a non-renewable term of four (4) years or as may be determined by the Board.

**17.6. Finance, Audit and Risk Management Committee**

- (a) This Committee advises the Board on matters related to finance, audit, risk management, and planning.
- (b) The Finance, Audit and Risk Management Committee shall comprise of members nominated by Members.
- (c) The leadership tenure shall be a non-renewable term of four (4) years or as may be determined by the Board.

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### **17.7. Working Groups**

- (a) The technical Working Groups shall deliberate and make recommendations to the Board on matters related to postal, telecommunications/ICT and broadcasting sectors.
- (b) The leadership tenure of Working Groups shall be a non-renewable term of four (4) years or as may be determined by Board.

## **ARTICLE 18: MEETINGS**

### **18.1. Meetings of the Board**

The Board shall hold two (2) ordinary meetings in each financial year and may hold special meetings as and when necessary.

### **18.2. Meetings of the Advisory Council**

The meeting of the Advisory Council shall be held every two (2) years in a Partner State of a Member on rotational basis.

### **18.3. Meeting of Assemblies**

The meeting of Assemblies shall be held annually in a Partner State of a Member on rotational basis.

### **18.4. Other meetings**

Other meetings of EACO shall be held periodically as may be approved by the Board, in a Partner State of a Member on rotational basis.

### **18.5. Financing of Meetings**

The cost of attending EACO meetings shall be borne by individual Members and Partners, provided that the costs of convening meetings shall be borne by a Member from the host country.

## **ARTICLE 19: RULES OF PROCEDURE**

The Board shall make Rules of Procedure under this Constitution to govern the conduct and proceedings of meetings of all organs of EACO, meetings for Committees and Working Groups.

## **ARTICLE 20: FINANCE AND BUDGET**

**20.1.** The finances of EACO shall comprise:

- (a) Annual membership fees from Members and annual subscription fees from Partners;
- (b) Gifts, donations, grants and project funds;
- (c) Self-generated income and investments; and
- (d) Any other funds availed to EACO, and approved by Board, for the furtherance of EACO's objectives.

**20.2.** Each EACO Member and Paying Partner shall remit their contributions to the Secretariat in the manner and during the time frame prescribed by the Board.

**20.3.** The financial year of EACO shall run from 1<sup>st</sup> July to 30<sup>th</sup> June.

**20.4.** The Secretariat shall prepare a budget with estimates of revenue and expenditure for the subsequent financial year for the consideration and approval by the Board.

**20.5.** The Secretariat shall receive the finances of EACO and manage the use of such resources in accordance with the budget approved by the Board.

**20.6.** The Board shall appoint an Audit firm, to audit EACO's books of accounts in accordance with the laws of the host country of the EACO headquarters. The Auditors shall be entitled to serve for a maximum of two consecutive financial years.

**20.7.** The Board shall consider and adopt the statements of annual accounts before submission for audit by the External Auditor.

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## **ARTICLE 21: EXHIBITIONS**

Members and Partners may be allowed to make exhibitions during the EACO meetings under the general direction of the Secretariat. The cost of the venue of the exhibition shall be borne by the Member of the host Partner State. Any revenue obtained from exhibitions shall be remitted to EACO Secretariat.

## **ARTICLE 22: SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES**

Any dispute arising from the interpretation or application of this Constitution that cannot be settled amicably shall be referred to the Board for determination. The decision of the Board shall be final.

## **ARTICLE 23: RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN EACO AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL BODIES**

- 23.1.** EACO may, with approval of the Board, collaborate and/ or enter into agreement with other regional and international bodies with similar objectives and interests.
- 23.2.** With a view to promoting the improvement, harmonization and development of East Africa Postal services, EACO shall maintain privileged relations with the Universal Postal Union (UPU).
- 23.3.** Pursuant to Article 23.2 of the EACO Constitution, EACO shall not introduce provisions in its Constitutions or Regulations, which are less favourable to the public as provided under Article 8.1 of the UPU Constitution and Article 119.2 of the UPU General Regulations.

## **ARTICLE 24: ENTRY INTO FORCE**

- 24.1.** This Constitution shall enter into force after its approval by the Board and upon being signed by at least two-thirds of the Members.
- 24.2.** Members shall indicate acceptance of this Constitution by having the authorised signatory sign against the name of the respective member under the **First Schedule**.

24.3. Upon coming into force of this Constitution, the previous Constitution shall cease to operate.

**ARTICLE 25: ACCESSION TO THE CONSTITUTION**

After the coming into force of this Constitution, any applicant admitted into membership or member who has not signed this Constitution shall submit to EACO a letter of accession to the Constitution within six (6) months from the date of admission to membership, indicating full acceptance of the obligations provided in the Constitution.

**ARTICLE 26: WITHDRAWAL**

26.1. Any Member or Partner intending to withdraw from EACO shall give six (6) months written notice to the Executive Director. Upon receipt of the notice, the Executive Director shall inform Board accordingly.

26.2. During the period of notice of intention to withdraw from membership or partnership, the Member or Partner shall comply with the provision of this Constitution and shall continue to be bound by the same.

26.3. Upon the expiry of the period of notice, the Member or Partner shall, unless the notice is withdrawn, cease to be a Member or Partner.

26.4. A Member or Partner who has withdrawn its membership shall not be entitled to a claim on any property of EACO.

26.5. The obligations assumed by a Member or Partner under this Constitution shall to the extent necessary survive the termination of membership or partnership of that Member or Partner.

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**ARTICLE 27: LANGUAGE OF EACO**

The official language(s) of EACO shall be the language(s) of the East African Community (EAC).

**ARTICLE 28: AMENDMENTS**

- 28.1. Any Member may propose amendment(s) to this Constitution by submitting a written proposal to the Executive Director.
- 28.2. Proposed amendments shall be circulated by the Executive Director to all Members for their consideration.
- 28.3. The Members may approve amendments by consensus.
- 28.4. In the event there is no consensus, the Members shall approve such amendments by a two thirds majority of the Members.

**ARTICLE 29: DEPOSITORY OF THE CONSTITUTION**

- 29.1. The Constitution shall be deposited in its original form with the Executive Director.
- 29.2. The Executive Director shall transmit certified copies of the Constitution to the Members and in the case of Partners, upon request.

**ARTICLE 30: DETERMINATION OF THE CONSTITUTION AND DISSOLUTION OF EACO**

- 30.1. This Constitution shall be determined by an agreement of two-thirds (2/3) of the Members.
- 30.2. Upon determination of this Constitution, its provisions and the provisions of any separate contracts or agreements made in that respect shall continue to govern the outstanding obligations or projects as if this Constitution had not been determined.
- 30.3. A resolution of the Board to dissolve EACO shall determine the terms and conditions of dealing with the liabilities and the disposal of any EACO Assets; provided that such assets shall not be disposed off to the private benefit of any persons.



#### **ARTICLE 31: TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS**

- 31.1. All current Regulatory members of EACO shall transit to be Members after signing this Constitution within six months upon approval of the Board established under the EACO Constitution, 2012.
- 31.2. Any current Regulatory Member who shall not have signed the Constitution within six months of the coming in force of this Constitution, shall cease to be a Member and shall be required to apply for membership, in accordance to Article 7.
- 31.3. Within six (6) months of coming into force of this Constitution, all Partners who wish to transit under this Constitution shall indicate so in writing through the Executive Director of EACO.
- 31.4. All outstanding membership fees owed by a Regulatory Member shall be recognized as arrears under this Constitution. The arrears owed by Regulatory Members prior to the coming into force of this Constitution shall however not constitute or form part of arrears under Article 10.1 of this Constitution.
- 31.5. All current Sector and Associate members who have signed the Constitution and are up to date in payment of the membership fees shall transit to Paying Partners under this Constitution.
- 31.6. All Partners under the current Constitution shall transit to Non-paying Partners under this Constitution.
- 31.7. All current Sector and Associate members with membership fees arrears shall pay all their arrears before transiting as Paying Partners under this Constitution.
- 31.8. All decisions made, and contracts entered into by the various Organs of EACO prior to commencement of this Constitution shall continue to be in force and binding as if the same were made pursuant to the provisions of this Constitution.

APPROVED this ... 28<sup>th</sup> ... day of the month of ... JUNE ... in the year 2024

In two (2) originals, all in the English Language and all of them being equally authentic.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, being duly authorised by respective members of EACO, have appended their signatures hereto:

### FIRST SCHEDULE

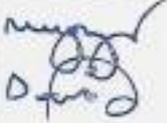
#### 1. NAME OF PARTNER STATE: REPUBLIC OF BURUNDI

| Member  | Full Names and title of Representative       | Date       | Signature and Stamp  |
|---|--|------------|--|
| Agence de Régulation et de Contrôle des Télécommunications (ARCT) | Dr Samuel MUKAZI<br>Director General<br>ARCT | 17/05/2024 |  |

#### 2. NAME OF PARTNER STATE: DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

| Member  | Full Names and title of Representative | Date | Signature and Stamp |
|---|--|------|---------------------|
| Autorité de Régulation de la Poste et des Télécommunications du Congo (ARPTC) |  |      |                     |

**3. NAME OF PARTNER STATE: REPUBLIC OF KENYA**

| Member                                 | Full Names and title of Representative | Date       | Signature and Stamp   |
|--|--|------------|---|
| Communications Authority of Kenya (CA) | DAVID MUGONYI                          | 17/12/2024 |  |

**4. NAME OF PARTNER STATE: REPUBLIC OF RWANDA**

| Member                                       | Full Names and title of Representative | Date       | Signature and Stamp  |
|--|--|------------|--|
| Rwanda Utilities Regulatory Authority (RURA) | RUGIGANA EVARISIE                      | 28/11/2024 | <br> |

**5. NAME OF PARTNER STATE: REPUBLIC OF SOUTH SUDAN**

| Member                                  | Full Names and title of Representative | Date       | Signature and Stamp  |
|---|--|------------|--|
| National Communications Authority (NCA) | Napoleon Achok Gial                    | 13/01/2025 | <br> |

**6. NAME OF PARTNER STATE: UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA**

| Member  | Full Names and title of Representative   | Date       | Signature and Stamp   |
|---|--|------------|---|
| Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority (TCRA) | DR. JABIRI K. BAZARI<br>DIRECTOR GENERAL | 01/11/2024 |  |

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**7. NAME OF PARTNER STATE: REPUBLIC OF UGANDA**

| Member                                 | Full Names and title of Representative | Date     | Signature and Stamp  |
|--|--|----------|--|
| Uganda Communications Commission (UCC) | Nyombi Thembu<br>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR    | 18/10/24 | <br> |

**8. NAME OF PARTNER STATE: .....**

| Member | Full Names and title of Representative | Date | Signature and Stamp |
|--------|--|------|---------------------|
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