

## 3rd EAPCCO council of ministers meeting and 5th EAPCCO chiefs of police annual general meeting

Bwawani hotel Zanzibar - Tanzania, 19th - 23rd august, 2002

delivered by the inspector general of police Tanzania, Mr. Omari Iddi Mahita

Speech delivered by the inspector general of police Tanzania, Mr. Omari Iddi Mahita while welcoming the minister of home affairs of the united republic of Tanzania Mr. Muhammed Seif Khatib (mp) to welcome the guest of honour the prime minister of the united republic of Tanzania Mr. Fredrick t. Sumaye (mp) at the closing ceremony of the 3rd EAPCCO council of ministers meeting and the 5th EAPCCO chiefs of police annual general meeting held at Bwawani hotel Zanzibar - Tanzania. From 19th - 23rd august, 2002.

The Honourable FREDRICK T. SUMAYE (MP) Prime Minister of the United Republic of Tanzania,

The Honourable Muhammed Seif Khatib (MP) Minister of Home Affairs of the United Republic of Tanzania,

Honourable Ministers of Interior/Internal Affairs of EAPCCO member countries,

Honourable Chiefs of Police of EAPCCO member countries

Invited Guests

Members of the Press,

Ladies and Gentlemen.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude for being given this opportunity to welcome the Honourable Minister of Home Affairs of the United Republic of Tanzania Mr. Muhammed Seif Khatib (MP) to give a short speech and ultimately welcome the guest of honour the Prime Minister of the United Republic of Tanzania Mr. Fredrick T. Sumaye (MP). But Before welcoming the Honourable Minister, I would like to make some few remarks.

Honourable Minister,

Today's closure ceremony involves two events, the 3rd EAPCCO Council of Ministers and the 5th EAPCCO Chiefs of Police Annual General Meeting which preceded the latter. The occasion of the opening of the council of Ministers' meeting was graced by His Excellency Mr. Benjamin William Mkapa the President of the United Republic of Tanzania, earlier today. The council of Ministers among other matters adopted a report presented by the EAPCCO Chiefs of Police who had met from 19th to 21st August, 2002 and whose meeting I was privileged to chair. During our meeting we had occasion to revisit the resolutions we made at the 4th Annual General Meeting in Kigali in order to measure our successes. I am pleased to report that we found that most of the resolutions had been implemented. A number of shortfalls were, however, identified and strategies laid in place to ensure full execution.

The EAPCCO Police Chiefs deliberated on the most pressing issue that is the prevalence of cross border crimes which is for concern among the member states. Such crimes include offences like cattle rustling, theft of motor vehicles, illicit drug trafficking, illicit firearms trafficking, terrorism, economic and financial crimes to mention just a few. The gravity of the crimes and the threat they pose was underscored and

amply analysed in various country reports and it was agreed that all efforts should be made to contain and stem their spread. In the course of the discussion, a number of contributions were made by the delegates all of which were aimed at finding sustainable solution to those problems so that the peoples of our region can lead safer lives.

Honourable Minister,

I am pleased to report that some resolutions have been drawn at the end of the EAPCCO Chiefs meeting. Without necessarily going into the details of those resolutions, there is consensus among delegates that there is an urgent need to strengthen collaboration in fighting against crimes among our countries. This entails conducting joint/simultaneous operations between countries that share borders in order to curb particular crimes that are notorious along common borders of our countries. It was realised that there was a need for the establishment of data banks within our countries which will help us to perform our duties with perfection, and to facilitate rapid exchange of information. As I mentioned earlier the report and resolutions emanating from the EAPCCO Chiefs of Police meeting were tabled before the Council of Ministers who adopted them thus assuring of their full support.

Honourable Minister,

As I draw close to the end of my address, I would like on my own behalf and on behalf of the Tanzania Police Force to thank my fellow Police Chiefs and members of their delegations from EAPCCO member countries for effectively participating in this meeting. The sense of dedication, perseverance and professionalism that they demonstrated is highly appreciated. I also take this opportunity to thank the entire staff and management of the different hotels/resorts that accommodated us for the hospitality they accorded us for the past four days.

With those few remarks, I now request Honourable Muhammed Seif Khatib (MP), Minister of Home Affairs of the United Republic of Tanzania to say some few words and then welcome the guest of honour, Honourable Frederick T. Sumaye (MP), Prime Minister of the United Republic of Tanzania to officially close the 3rd EAPCCO Council of Ministers and the 5th EAPCCO Chiefs of Police Annual General Meeting.

THANK YOU!