

TELEPHONES: 041- 4340100/4340112

E-MAIL: meaca@meaca.go.ug

Website: www.meaca.go.ug

TELEFAX: 041-4348171

In any correspondence on this subject please quote No: PLA/338/573/01



MEACAWA 23.03
Ministry of East African
Community Affairs
Postel Building, 2nd Floor
Yusuf Lule Road
P.O. Box 7343, Kampala,
UGANDA

12th November 2019

PRESS RELEASE

Uganda is to establish the East African Fusion and Liaison Unit in line with a resolution of the peace and Security Council of the African Union.

In September 2014, the Peace and Security of the African Union sitting in Nairobi, Kenya, at the level of Heads of State and Government noted with concern the increasing scourge of terrorism and violent extremism especially in northern, eastern and central Africa. The Council also observed the growing linkages between terrorism and extremism on one hand and transnational crime on the other, and the threat they pose to peace, security stability and development. *of Africa*

Drawing from the experience of Sahel region on tackling terrorism and extremism, the Council encouraged the establishment of Fusion and Liaison Units.

Accordingly, Uganda was chosen to host the East African Fusion and Liaison Unit.

The main reasons for establishment of the Fusion and Liaison Unit is:

- To coordinate exchange of information, analysis and operations against the threats of terrorism, extremism and trans-boundary crime.
- It will facilitate security agencies in the region in sharing intelligence and in coordinating operations.
- Then unit will also create and operate a database on terrorism, and other forms of organized crime.

The East African Fusion and Liaison Unit comprises the Intelligence and security services of the following countries: Burundi, Djibouti, Ethiopia Kenya Rwanda Somalia south Sudan Tanzania and Uganda. *will host*

The member states will be represented by one liaison officer deployed at the unit and supported by a technical team from the host country in this case it will be a team from Uganda.

Ends

Maganda Julius Wandera

MINISTER OF STATE FOR EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

12TH NOVEMBER 2019.