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**Minutes of Meeting
on the Preparatory Survey
for The Project for Facilitation of Trade and Transportation on the Central Corridor between Rwanda
and Tanzania including Rusumo Bridge**

A Preparatory Survey Team (hereinafter referred to as “the Team”) headed by Mr. Masahiko SUZUKI, Project Formulation Advisor, Infrastructure Development, Regional Support Office for Africa of the Japan International Cooperation Agency (hereinafter referred to as “JICA”) visited the Republic of Rwanda (hereinafter referred to as “Rwanda”) and the United Republic of Tanzania (hereinafter referred to as “Tanzania”), from February 1st to March 14th, 2009. The Team held a series of discussions with the officials concerned of Rwanda and Tanzania as well as the East African Community (hereinafter referred to as “EAC”) and conducted field survey in the survey area.

In the course of the discussions and the field survey, the Japanese side confirmed with the Rwandan side and the Tanzanian side the main items described in the attached sheets.

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ATTACHMENT

1. Objective of the Preparatory Survey

The objective of the Preparatory Survey is to study the current situation of the border between Rwanda and Tanzania at the Rusumo Bridge, assess the necessity of the improvement of the facilities and operation for border crossing, and propose possible projects to the Governments of Rwanda, Tanzania and Japan.

2. Background of the Preparatory Survey

The economy of Rwanda is growing rapidly in recent years and its trade volume has also been increasing considerably. Rwanda as a landlocked country heavily relies on two economic corridors; the Northern Corridor from Mombasa, Kenya via Uganda and the Central Corridor from Dar es Salaam. The latter corridor provides shorter route than the former to Rwanda and has strong potential to accelerate trade along with the improvement of the corridor and Dar es Salaam port. However, Rusumo Bridge, built in 1972, currently suffers from degradation and the limitation of the axle load (less than 8ton). In addition, current customs procedure at the border post between Rwanda and Tanzania needs improvement in both hardware and software (legal framework, procedures and human resources capacity), in order to facilitate efficient flow of traffic.

With respect to this situation, the Government of Rwanda requested to the Government of Japan a Japan's Grant Aid project to reconstruct Rusumo Bridge and construct a One Stop Border Post (hereinafter referred to as "OSBP") facility (hereinafter referred to as "the Project") in 2008. Based on the request, JICA decided to conduct this preparatory survey in Rwanda and Tanzania to better understand the situation at the border including the projection of future traffic as a basis for formulating feasible projects.

3. Survey area

The survey area is illustrated in the Annex 1

4. Target areas of the survey

The Preparatory Survey looked into the possibility of the following:

- 1) Reconstruction of Rusumo Bridge
- 2) Construction of OSBP
- 3) Support of OSBP operation

5. Items discussed

- 5-1 The Governments of Rwanda and Tanzania (hereinafter referred to as "Both sides") recognize the necessity of the reconstruction of Rusumo Bridge, as a way to enhance trade between both countries via the Central Corridor as well as improving the safety for passengers and vehicles crossing the Bridge.
- 5-2 Both sides confirmed with the Japanese side that the reconstruction of Rusumo Bridge has priority and the other projects at the area, e.g. railway and hydropower plant projects will be aligned with the Project when realized, in order not to demolish any facilities constructed within the scope of the Project.
- 5-3 Both sides understand the necessity of the establishment of OSBP, in order to activate and improve efficiency of logistics between the two countries.
- 5-4 Both sides understand the necessity of capacity building of personnel working at the OSBP to improve the efficiency of cross-border procedures.
- 5-5 Both sides understand that it is indispensable to establish a joint technical committee for the reconstruction



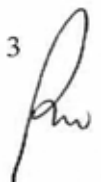
of Rusumo Bridge, construction of OSBP facility and elaboration of a bilateral agreement necessary for OSBP operation (hereinafter referred to as “Joint Technical Committee”) as described in Annex 2, in order for the Government of Japan to consider steps forward.

- 5-6 Both sides understand that the operation of OSBP at Rusumo needs to be based on bilateral agreement between the two governments.
- 5-7 The Team will report the results of the study to JICA and the Government of Japan, and discuss the most feasible way of improving the cross border facilities and procedures at the Rusumo Bridge.

Annex 1: Survey area

Annex 2: Provisional Plan of Joint Technical Committee



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Survey area



- Note:*
1. This Map is not to scale. It should therefore not be used for any other purpose other than purposes of reflecting the general alignment of the East African Road Network Corridors.
 2. The additional road links are in dotted lines in colours similar to the Corridors of their alignment.

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Provisional Plan of Joint Technical Committee

1. Function of the Joint Technical Committee

Function of the Joint Technical Committee is to coordinate technical, legal and administrative matters related to the reconstruction of Rusumo Bridge, construction of OSBP facility and elaboration of a bilateral agreement necessary for OSBP operation. The detail Terms of Reference of the Joint Technical committee will be elaborated in the early stage of Joint Technical Committee meetings.

2. Provisional members of the Joint Technical Committee

Provisional members of the Joint Technical Committee are as follows:

Both sides appoint their Team Leader respectively, and the chair of the Joint Technical Committee will be decided accordingly.

- Rwandan side

Director of Africa, Asian and Oceania, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation

Director of the Planning Unit, Ministry of Infrastructure

Coordinator of Transport, Ministry of Infrastructure

Engineer of Bridge, Ministry of Infrastructure

Bilateral Cooperation Officer, Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning

Commissioner for Customs & Excise Department, Rwanda Revenue Authority

Executive Secretary of Eastern Province

Other officials appointed by the Joint Technical Committee

- Tanzanian side

Representative from Department of African Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Co-operation

Representative from Department of Policy and Planning, Ministry of Infrastructure Development

Representative from Department of Transport Infrastructure, Ministry of Infrastructure Development

Representative from Department of External Finance, Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs

Representative, Tanzania Revenue Authority

Other officials appointed by the Joint Technical Committee

- EAC

Representative

3. Responsible agencies of the Project

- Rwandan side

Ministry of Infrastructure

- Tanzanian side

Ministry of Infrastructure Development