



## **JOINT PRESS RELEASE**

### **ON THE OCCASION OF THE OFFICIAL VISIT TO UGANDA BY HIS EXCELLENCY BRICE CLOTAIRE OLIGUI NGUEMA, TRANSITIONAL PRESIDENT OF THE GABONESE REPUBLIC**

1<sup>st</sup> August 2024

1. AT THE INVITATION OF HIS EXCELLENCY, YOWERI KAGUTA MUSEVENI, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA, HIS EXCELLENCY, BRICE CLOTAIRE OLIGUI NGUEMA, TRANSITIONAL PRESIDENT OF THE GABONESE REPUBLIC, PAID AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO UGANDA FROM 1<sup>ST</sup> TO 2<sup>ND</sup> AUGUST 2024.
2. HIS EXCELLENCY YOWERI KAGUTA MUSEVENI WAS SUPPORTED BY HER EXCELLENCY JANET KATAAHA MUSEVENI, FIRST LADY AND MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND SPORTS; AND MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS; DEFENCE AND VETERAN AFFAIRS; HEALTH; INTERNAL AFFAIRS; FINANCE, PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; AND MINISTER OF STATE FOR HIGHER EDUCATION.
3. HIS EXCELLENCY BRICE CLOTAIRE OLIGUI NGUEMA WAS ACCOMPANIED BY HER EXCELLENCY ZITA OLIGUI NGUEMA, FIRST LADY OF THE GABONESE REPUBLIC, THE VICE PRIME MINISTER IN CHARGE OF PLANNING, AND MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS RESPONSIBLE FOR SUB-REGIONAL INTEGRATION AND GABONESE ABROAD; MISSIONS AT THE PRESIDENCY AND SPOKESPERSON FOR THE COMMITTEE

FOR THE TRANSITION AND RESTORATION OF INSTITUTIONS (CTRI) AND; AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND FISHERIES.

4. ON THE POLITICAL SITUATION IN GABON, HIS EXCELLENCY BRICE CLOTAIRE OLIGUI NGUEMA UPDATED HIS HOST ON THE PROGRESS OF THE TRANSITION TIMETABLE, INCLUDING THE UPCOMING REFERENDUM. ON HIS PART, HIS EXCELLENCY YOWERI KAGUTA MUSEVENI COMMENDED HIS EXCELLENCY BRICE CLOTAIRE OLIGUI NGUEMA FOR STEPS SO FAR TAKEN BY TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT TOWARDS GABON'S RETURN TO CONSTITUTIONAL DEMOCRACY.
5. THE TWO PRINCIPALS WELCOMED THE EFFORTS TOWARDS ENHANCEMENT OF BILATERAL COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES AND EXPRESSED THE DESIRE TO INTENSIFY THIS FOR THE MUTUAL BENEFIT OF THEIR PEOPLES. IN THIS REGARD, THE TWO LEADERS EXPRESSED THE SHARED COMMITMENT TO BOOST AND BROADEN COOPERATION AND COLLABORATION IN VARIOUS SECTORS.
6. IN THE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS, THE PRESIDENT OF GABON EXPRESSED HIS COUNTRY'S DESIRE TO END DEPENDENCE ON FOOD IMPORTS AND HOPED TO BENEFIT FROM UGANDA'S EXPERIENCE IN ITS AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPEPMEMENT PROGRAM WITH PARTICULAR INTEREST IN WEALTH CREATION.
7. THE TWO PRINCIPALS EXCHANGED VIEWS ON VARIOUS REGIONAL, CONTINENTAL, AND INTERNATIONAL ISSUES OF MUTUAL INTEREST AND CONCERN AND REITERATED THE COMMITMENT OF THEIR GOVERNMENTS TO CONTINUE COLLABORATING AT REGIONAL, CONTINENTAL, AND INTERNATIONAL LEVELS.

8. HIS EXCELLENCY, BRICE CLOTAIRE OLIGUI NGUEMA EXPRESSED HIS GRATITUDE TO HIS EXCELLENCY YOWERI KAGUTA MUSEVENI FOR THE WARM RECEPTION AND HOSPITALITY ACCORDED TO HIM AND HIS DELEGATION SINCE THEIR ARRIVAL IN KAMPALA.
  
9. HIS EXCELLENCY, BRICE CLOTAIRE OLIGUI NGUEMA EXTENDED AN INVITATION TO HIS EXCELLENCY YOWERI KAGUTA MUSEVENI, TO PAY A STATE VISIT TO THE GABONESE REPUBLIC AT A DATE TO BE MUTUALLY AGREED UPON AND COMMUNICATED THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS.

**DONE** AT ENTEBBE, UGANDA this **1st** day of **August 2024**.