Decisions of the 12th CEWARN Committee of Permanent Secretaries (CPS), 4 December 2014

The 12th meeting of the CEWARN Committee of Permanent Secretaries (CPS) representing IGAD Member States convened on 4 December 2014 at the Sarova Mara Game Camp, Kenya. The CPS Meeting was preceded by the 11th meeting of the Technical committee of Early Warning (TCEW) that comprises heads of national Conflict Early Warning and Response Units (CEWERUs), country coordinators and CSO Partners that convened from 2 to 3 December 2014 in the same venue.

Based on an appraisal report of CEWARN’s activities from October 2012 – November 2014 and a set of recommendations on CEWARN’s planned operations for 2015 that was tabled by the TCEW, the CPS has adopted the following decisions:

1. The CEWARN Mechanism pilots the proposed integrated data collection and analysis system in collaboration with CEWERUs and on that basis, progressively rolls out the mechanism in the Member States;

2. Member States to position CEWERUS as the primary national peace building and conflict prevention platforms;

3. Mandates the CEWERUs to engage in alternative resource mobilization for their national activities including by seeking increased budgetary support from their respective governments.

4. The CEWARN unit should continually build CEWERUS capacity for resource mobilization and support their action plans;

5. That the CEWARN unit to implement measures aimed at revamping the RRF and urges all partners to enhance support to the pool fund;

6. Increased partnership and network between CEWARN, CEWERUs and CSOs, government institutions and development agencies in implementation of 2012-2019 strategy;

7. That the CEWARN Unit to initiate and fast track the processes of engendering the CEWARN Protocol to align it with applicable international best-practices;

8. That the CEWARN mechanisms evolves innovative means of addressing the emerging threats to peace and security posed by violent extremism and terrorism in the region;
9. Approves the CEWARN Unit work plan and budget for 2015;

10. That IGAD Member States to fully commit to sharing information with the CEWARN Unit and with each other in line with the CEWARN Protocol;

11. That CEWARN and CEWERUs should increasingly participate in the bilateral border commissioners/administrators Meetings;

12. That the CEWARN Mechanism to explore possibility of utilizing satellite technology for data real time monitoring of conflicts in the region.