

CHAPTER FOUR

THE SUMMIT

ARTICLE 10

Membership of the Summit

1. The Summit shall consist of the Heads of State or Government of the Partner States.
2. If a member of the Summit is unable to attend a meeting of the Summit and it is not convenient to postpone the meeting, that member may, after consultation with other members of the Summit, appoint a Minister of Government to attend the meeting. A Minister so appointed shall, for purposes of that meeting, have all the powers, duties and responsibilities of the member of the Summit for whom that person is acting.

ARTICLE 11

Functions of the Summit

1. The Summit shall give general directions and impetus as to the development and achievement of the objectives of the Community.
2. The Summit shall consider the annual progress reports and such other reports submitted to it by the Council as provided for by this Treaty.
3. The Summit shall review the state of peace, security and good governance within the Community and the progress achieved towards the establishment of a Political Federation of the Partner States.
4. The Summit shall have such other functions as may be conferred upon it by this Treaty.
5. Subject to this Treaty, the Summit may delegate the exercise of any of its functions, subject to any conditions which it may think fit to impose, to a member of the Summit, to the Council or to the Secretary General.
6. An Act of the Community may provide for the delegation of any powers, including legislative powers, conferred on the Summit by this Treaty or by any Act of the Community, to the Council or to the Secretary General.

7. Subject to the provisions of any Act of the Community, the acts and decisions of the Summit may be signified under the hand of the Secretary General or of any officer in the service of the Community authorised in that behalf by the Summit.
8. The Summit shall cause all rules and orders made by it under this Treaty to be published in the Gazette; and any such rules or orders shall come into force on the date of publication unless otherwise provided in the rule or order.
9. The delegation of powers and functions referred to in paragraphs 5 and 6 of this Article, shall not include:
 - (a) the giving of general directions and impetus;
 - (b) the appointment of Judges to the East African Court of Justice;
 - (c) the admission of new Members and granting of Observer Status to foreign countries; and
 - (d) assent to Bills.

ARTICLE 12

Meetings of the Summit

1. The Summit shall meet at least once in every year and may hold extraordinary meetings at the request of any member of the Summit.
2. The tenure of office of the Chairperson of the Summit is one year and the office of the Chairperson shall be held in rotation among the Partner States.
3. The decisions of the Summit shall be by consensus.
4. The Summit shall discuss business submitted to it by the Council and any other matter which may have a bearing on the Community.
5. Subject to the provisions of this Treaty, the Summit shall determine its own procedure, including that for convening its meetings, for the conduct of business thereat and at other times, and for the rotation of the office of Chairperson among the members of the Summit.