

**DAR ES SALAAM DECLARATION
ON THE LAKE TANGANYIKA AUTHORITY**

We the representatives of the four riparian countries of Lake Tanganyika, namely, the Republic of Burundi, the Democratic Republic of Congo, the United Republic of Tanzania and the Republic of Zambia,

Having participated in the First Conference of Ministers as called for by the Convention on the Sustainable Management of Lake Tanganyika,

Noting that the Convention on the Sustainable Management of Lake Tanganyika entered into force in 2005,

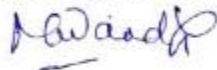
Having assured ourselves that the necessary procedures for starting the institutional organs as prescribed by the Convention have been put into place,

Do hereby pronounce that the Lake Tanganyika Authority, established by the Convention, is now made operational, with the Headquarters to be hosted by the Republic of Burundi in Bujumbura and the staff to be appointed by the Conference of Ministers and the Executive Director on approval by the Lake Tanganyika Management Committee,

Do hereby reaffirm our commitment to support the operations of the Lake Tanganyika Authority,

Done in Dar es Salaam, the United Republic of Tanzania, this fifth day of April 2007, and signed by:

For the United Republic of Tanzania:



Hon. Prof Mark J. Mwandosya
Minister of State, Vice President's Office (Environment)
Chairman, 1st Conference of Ministers Meeting

For the Republic of Burundi:



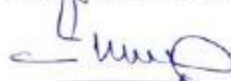
Hon. Odette Kayitesi
Minister of Land Management, Tourism and
Environment

For the Republic of Zambia:



Hon. Kabinga J. Pande
Minister of Tourism, Environment & Natural Resources

For the Democratic Republic of Congo:



S.E. M. Juma-Alfani Mpango
Ambassador for Democratic Republic of Congo in
the United Republic of Tanzania