

**STATEMENT BY HONOURABLE OMAR YUSSUF MZEE ON BEHALF OF THE
GOVERNOR OF TANZANIA HONOURABLE MUSTAFA HAIDI MKULO ON
ACCEPTANCE TO HOST THE 2012 ANNUAL MEETINGS OF THE ADB GROUP IN
ARUSHA, TANZANIA**

**Mr. Chairman,
Honorable Governors and Alternate Governors,
The President of the African Development Bank,
Distinguished Guests,
Ladies and Gentlemen,**

- 1. Mr. Chairman**, on behalf of the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania I would like to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation to Board of Governors of the Bank Group for choosing my country Tanzania as the host of the 2012 Annual Meetings in Arusha, Tanzania.
- 2. Mr. Chairman**, let me also take this opportunity to thank the Permanent Evaluation Committee of the Annual Meetings team (PECAM) under the leadership of the Secretary General who conducted their due diligence in assessing the country's capability in hosting ADB's Annual Meetings. Let me assure Hon. Governors and other participants that Tanzania has the capacity and will to host the Annual Meetings successfully.
- 3. Mr. Chairman**, this is a great honour to my country. We accept this responsibility with great pride. The Government and People of Tanzania are happy to welcome you all to appreciate Tanzania's hospitality.
- 4. Mr. Chairman**, I would also like to inform the Governors and other participants that Tanzania is well endowed with many tourist attractions such as Africa's most famous game reserve "Ngorongoro Crater", "Serengeti National Park", the world's second tallest mountain Kilimanjaro and not to forget the beautiful spice Islands of Zanzibar where you are welcome to swim with dolphins. There is no doubt that participants would have a comfortable, secure and enjoyable stay in Arusha and Tanzania at large.
- Finally, **Mr. Chairman** let me conclude my remarks by saying you are all welcome to Tanzania and we are looking forward to the opportunity of having you all in Arusha in May 2012. **Karibuni Tanzania (Welcome to Tanzania).**

Mr. Chairman and Honorable Governors, I thank you for your kind attention.

Lisbon, June 2011.