

EAST AND SOUTHERN REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION SUMMIT

Joint Ministerial Declaration

At a meeting of African Transportation Ministers and U.S. Secretary of Transportation Rodney Slater, hosted by the Minister of Transportation of Zimbabwe in Harare, views were exchanged on transportation issues of common interest in the East and Southern African region. Among the topics addressed were the development and maintenance of safe, efficient transportation systems and the formulation of national transportation policies which facilitate the movement of goods and passengers in a manner which supports the economic growth of the region. The meeting was held as a result of President Clinton's Africa initiative, and specifically to discuss the "Safe Skies for Africa" portion of that initiative.

The Ministers recognized the important role of transportation in the economic and social well-being of each economy in the region. Taking into account different stages of national economic development; differences in political, legal and administrative systems; and the individual views held by various discussion participants; the Ministers favored:

improving regional transportation systems through strategic investment in transportation infrastructure elements;

mobilizing public and private capital for local and regional transportation infrastructure projects; and

increasing cooperative efforts to enhance safety and security in the transportation sector throughout the region.

With Respect to Aviation Safety and Security:

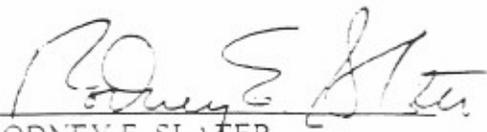
The Ministers agreed that safe air travel and secure airport facilities are prerequisites for Africa's integration into the global economy. "Safe skies" are necessary for increasing trade, attracting investment, encouraging tourism and weaving together an integrated regional society.

Recognizing the importance of safe and secure airports to Africa's development, the Ministers expressed their intention to help marshal the political will and long-term resource commitment necessary to meet "Safe Skies" goals.

The United States intends to assist African states in achieving the stated objectives of the "Safe Skies" initiative. The United States will help to identify internal sources of revenue which will make individual programs self-funding, e.g., air traffic control fees, landing fees, airport service fees, etc. In addition, the United States intends to provide short-term technical advice and financial support, in cooperation with regional institutions, international financial institutions and international civil aviation organizations.

Done at Harare, Zimbabwe on Friday 10th July, 1998.

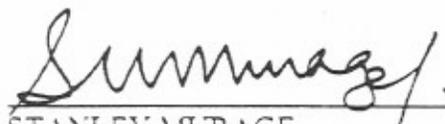
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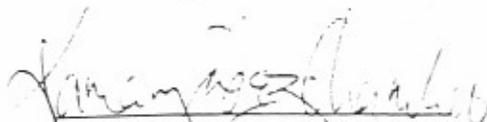
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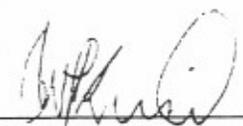
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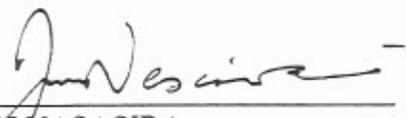


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