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**IGAD BRIEF UPDATE REPORT TO THE SPS COMMITTEE
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**COMMUNICATION FROM THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL
AUTHORITY ON DEVELOPMENT (IGAD)**

The following communication, received on 10 October 2021, is being circulated at the request of the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD).

1. The IGAD Center for Pastoral Areas and Livestock Development (ICPALD) is a regional technical center of IGAD (Intergovernmental Authority on Development), a regional economic community serving the seven member States in East Africa (Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Sudan, South Sudan, Somalia and Uganda).

2. Technical support provided for the above member States by IGAD/ICPALD during the reporting period to enhance trans-boundary animal disease control and livestock trade in the region, complementing the national development efforts of member States, includes:

1 LIVESTOCK-RELATED STANDARDS PROMOTED TO STAKEHOLDERS

3. The main objective of the promotion using a regional workshop was to create awareness of the existing harmonized grades and standards, and enhance market access and expansion. The promotion covered commodities such as live animals, meat, hide and skin, and animal welfare.

2 VALIDATED NATIONAL SPS STRATEGIES FOR SUDAN AND SOUTH SUDAN

4. The IGAD Center for Pastoral Areas and Livestock Development (ICPALD), in collaboration with the African Union Inter-African Bureau for Animal Resources (AU-IBAR) and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), developed and helped the validation of the two national SPS strategies with the national stakeholders. The strategies are aligned with the IGAD regional SPS strategies. A policy brief has also been developed for dissemination to help advocacy and resource mobilization by policy makers for the operationalization of the strategies.

5. Acknowledgement: IGAD/ICPALD is grateful to member States, AU-IBAR, the European Union and FAO for their collaboration and/or financing the implementation of the above activities.
