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IGAD BRIEF UPDATE REPORT TO THE SPS COMMITTEE

COMMUNICATION FROM THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITY ON DEVELOPMENT (IGAD)

The following communication, received on 21 June 2018, is being circulated at the request of the <u>Intergovernmental Authority on Development</u> (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 (MS) by IGAD/ICPALD during the reporting period to enhance trans-boundary animal disease control and livestock trade in the region that complement the national development efforts of MS include:
 - Organized and delivered a regional training on halal food and slaughtering to some regulatory staff and export slaughter houses;
 - Facilitated the 3rd joint animal health regulatory bodies meeting of some IGAD exporting and Middle East and North Africa importing countries to help enhance trust and transparency among the two regions;
 - Organized a learning mission for Somalia (Kismayo Export quarantine staff) to Djibouti export quarantine.
- 3. Acknowledgement: IGAD/ICPALD is grateful for member States, African Union, European Union, Italian government, World Bank and FAO for collaboration and/or financing the implementation of the above activities.