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### **The Minister of Justice/Attorney General;**

Pursuant to the Constitution of the Republic of Rwanda of 04 June 2003 as amended to date, especially in Articles 120, 121 and 201;

Pursuant to Law n° 17/2008 of 20/06/2008 establishing the National Forestry Authority (NAFA) and determining its organization, functioning and responsibilities, especially in Article 4;

Pursuant to Law n° 13/2004 of 17/05/2004 relating to the Code of criminal procedure as modified and complemented to date, especially in Article 20;

After consideration and approval by the Cabinet, in its session of 27/10/2010;

### **HEREBY ORDERS:**

#### **Article One – Purpose of this Order**

This Order empowers specific staff of the National Forestry Authority (NAFA) to act as judicial police officers.

#### **Article 2 – Granting the competence**

The staff of NAFA whose functions are referred to in this Article shall be empowered to act as judicial police officers in regard to offences related to forests.

Those are:

- 1° Director of Forestry Field Programs;
- 2° Head of Forests Management Service;
- 3° the in charge of forest inventory, licensing and mapping;
- 4° legal officer;
- 5° Staff in charge of forests in Districts.

#### **Article 3 – Territorial competence**

Staff referred to in point 1°, 2°, 3° and 4° of Article 2 of this Order shall have national jurisdiction

The competence of the Staff referred to in point 5° shall be limited at the level of the District in which they perform their duties.

#### **Article 4 – Execution of judicial police powers**

While executing their investigative powers, the staff of National Forestry Authority (NAFA), shall work independently and in the respect of laws.

#### **Article 5 – Repealing provision**

All prior provisions contrary to this Order are hereby repealed.

#### **Article 6 – Commencement**

This Order shall come into force on the date of its publication in the Official *Gazette* of the Republic of Rwanda.