



JOINT COMMUNIQUE OF THE BILATERAL MEETING BETWEEN THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA AND THE REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA TO ADDRESS TRADE MATTERS, 9TH - 10TH OCTOBER 2023, TUNDUMA-NAKONDE ONE STOP BORDER POST, TANZANIA

1. The United Republic of Tanzania and the Republic of Zambia jointly convened a highly successful Bilateral Trade Meeting on the 9th and 10th of October, 2023 at the Tunduma/Nakonde One Stop Border Post (OSBP) on the Tanzanian side. Zambia expresses its deep appreciation for the warm hospitality extended by the United Republic of Tanzania, which created a welcoming atmosphere in Tunduma and, notably, at the Tunduma/Nakonde One Stop Border Post, fostering a positive and collaborative spirit throughout the meeting.
2. The Bilateral Meeting was convened in accordance with the directives of the Heads of State, His Excellency Mr. Hakainde Hichilema, President of the Republic of Zambia, and Her Excellency Dr. Samia Suluhu Hassan, President of the United Republic of Tanzania, issued during His Excellency Mr. Hakainde Hichilema's State Visit to Tanzania in August 2022.
3. The meeting was co-chaired by Dr. Hashil T. Abdallah, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Industry and Trade of the United Republic of Tanzania and Mrs. Lillian S. Bwalya, Permanent Secretary - Trade, Ministry of Commerce, Trade and Industry. The Meeting was also attended by Prof. Godius Kahyarara, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Transport of the United Republic of Tanzania, Mr. Elijah Mwandumba, Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Finance, Mr. Steven Mbewe, Acting Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Transport and Logistics of the Republic of Zambia, H.E. Lt. Gen. Mathew Edward Mkingule, High Commissioner of the United Republic

of Tanzania to the Republic of Zambia and Mr. Anthony Bwalya, Deputy High Commissioner of Zambia to Tanzania.

4. The meeting considered trade matters, among them, Non-Tariff Barriers (NTBs) that hampers the smooth flow of trade between the two countries. The meeting deliberated on 24 NTBs out of which 8 were resolved and decisions were made on how to resolve the remaining 16 NTBs.
5. The meeting agreed as follows:
 - i. Zambia committed to enhance the flow of traffic across the border through improving infrastructure related challenges and implementation of pre-clearance system with a view to facilitate seamless flow of traffic;
 - ii. Zambia to implement cargo electronic system either through extending the current electronic cargo tracking system implemented in Tanzania, or expediting the current procurement process under ZRA;
 - iii. Zambia to expedite the harmonization of road toll fees with SADC region;
 - iv. Zambia committed to explore the possibility of implementing smart enforcement systems in order to eliminate physical roadblocks.
 - v. Zambia accepted the offer of an office space at Dar es Salam Port by URT and indicated that by 31st December, 2023 officers would be deployed who would handle documentation of Zambian cargo; and
 - vi. URT agreed to review the issue of Railway Development Levy in the context of commitments under SADC Protocol on trade;
 - vii. URT to expedite the process of harmonizing the transport regulations with what is provided for under the Tripartite Framework.

Done on 10th October 2023 at the Nakonde - Tunduma One Stop Border Post, Tanzania

**FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA**

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REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA**

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