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### STATEMENT BY AMB. PATRICK S. MUGOYA, PERMANENT SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, OF THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA ON THE OCCASION OF THE THIRD SESSION OF THE JOINT PERMANENT COMMISSION BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA AND THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA

Your Excellency Dr. Faraji Kasidi Mnyepe, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation of the United Republic of Tanzania

Colleagues Permanent Secretaries,

Your Excellencies the Ambassadors,

Distinguished Delegates,

Ladies and Gentlemen

On behalf of the Government of the Republic of Uganda and on my own behalf, I would like to express my gratitude to you and the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania, for the warm reception and hospitality extended to me and my delegation since our arrival in Dar es Salaam for this Third Session of the Joint Permanent Commission.

Our bilateral relations are historical and fraternal, informed in part by the solidarity in the struggle for freedom, Justice and liberty from a turbulent past. Tanzania has stood side by side with Uganda when it mattered the most. We therefore do not take our relations for granted.

Your Excellency,

Our two Heads of State, H.E Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, President of the Republic of Uganda; and H.E John Pombe Magufuli, President of the United Republic of Tanzania, have a warm friendship rooted in a deep bond of brotherhood and mutual respect. Both Heads of State have visited each other from time to time and have regularly consulted on many key strategic issues of mutual interest.

To that end, we are convinced that it is imperative that we move our relations to an even higher level beyond where it is now, riding on the good will of our two Heads of State. In doing so, we envision a relationship where our two countries build on the peace and stability in our region for prosperity; A relationship of inclusive and shared prosperity; one where we encourage regional value chains feeding numerous streams of commerce; A relationship where members of the private sector in our two respective countries meet regularly in Joint Business Fora or Business Councils intended to share experiences, and seek common solutions; A relationship where we have co-created corridors of success aimed at structurally transforming our economies through industrialization; A relationship where there is seamless flow of trade between our two countries; and Indeed a relationship where the overriding goal is the development of two countries and their peoples.

Your Excellency,

We commend the United Republic of Tanzania for organizing the Joint Business Forum that will take place immediately after the JPC. The Joint Business Forum is a good platform for the private sector to interact with each other, with the view to identifying opportunities; sharing experiences; identifying challenges and agreeing on an appropriate way forward. It also enables the private sector to provide us with feedback on what is working and what needs improvement. Our leaders are keen to listen to the members of the private sector because these are indeed the drivers of our economies.

According to Uganda Bureau of Statistics, the volume of trade between our two countries is approximately 355,633,000 (Three Hundred and Fifty-Five Million, Six Hundred and Thirty-Three Thousand USD Only) as at 17 May 2019. We believe that this can be enhanced, if we address all non-trade facilitating measures with the view to ensuring that the administrative procedures and practices are objective and transparent; and are not burdensome or a restriction to the supply and flow of goods and services.

Your Excellency,

As you will recall, Uganda and Tanzania have agreed and concluded many cooperation frameworks in various fields. During the Second Session of the JPC, a number of decisions were made. However, implementation of these decisions has been mixed. There is, therefore, need for us to put in a place a robust coordination and implementation mechanism at all levels to follow up on the

timely implementation of the decisions of Ministers. In this connection, I wish to commend the efforts of our respective High Commissioners, Ambassador Aziz Mlima and Ambassador Richard Kabonero, for the efforts they have put in to follow up on the implementation of the decisions of the last JPC. However, as you may be aware, the Ministries of Foreign Affairs mainly play a coordination role in the organization and implementation of the decisions of the JPC. Most of the work should be done by the relevant sectors. I, therefore, wish to call upon these sectors to implement the decisions that we make.

Whenever we meet during the JPC, we should take stock of progress that has been made and the challenges being faced. We commend the sectors that have made good progress. We hope to build on that momentum to re-invigorate other sectors as well. We could in the future, agree, to re-prioritize our areas of engagement from time to time to allow for a dedicated discussion on particular streams of work to enable quick and robust implementation. The idea would be to carry a few issues in the basket, for which we can deliver quick results that have a positive and immediate impact on the lives and livelihoods of our people to whom we are accountable.

To that end therefore, during this third session of the the JPC we look forward to:

- (i) Taking stock of the progress made in the implementation of the Decisions, Agreements, and Memoranda of Understanding that were concluded during the previous sessions, including the directives of their Excellencies the Heads of State issued from time to time;
- (ii) Addressing all outstanding issues or agreeing on an appropriate way forward in fast tracking progress on earlier decisions; and
- (iii) Exploring new areas of cooperation between the two countries.

In doing all this, our joint efforts will greatly contribute to the integration agendas under the East African Community and the African Union, where both of us are very active members.

With these remarks, I once again thank you for receiving us here in Dar es Salaam. I wish this session of Permanent Secretaries fruitful deliberations.

I thank you

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