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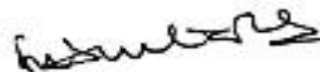


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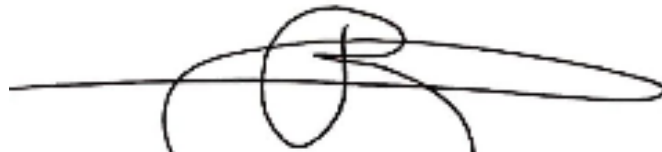
**JOINT COMMUNIQUE ON IMPROVING BILATERAL TRADE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA AND REPUBLIC OF KENYA, 21<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER, 2021**

1. The Republic of Kenya and the Republic of Uganda on 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2021 held a cordial bilateral meeting in Nairobi to discuss and resolve issues that impede smooth bilateral trade flows. The meeting was held at Cabinet Secretary/Minister level, and hosted at the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Co-operatives.
2. The Ugandan delegation was led by Hon. Frank K. Tumwebaze, MP, Minister of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries; while the Kenyan delegation was led by Hon. Peter Munya, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Co-operatives and accompanied by Ms. Betty Maina, Cabinet Secretary for the Ministry of Industrialization, Trade and Enterprise Development.
3. The two delegations discussed the following issues and agreed as follows:

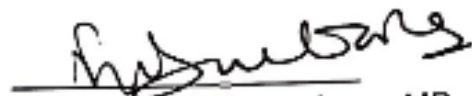
- i. **Trade in poultry and poultry products** – The Ministers noted there have been disruptions in trade in poultry and poultry products between the two countries.  
*Both parties agreed to immediately remove any administrative measures that have hitherto inhibited trade in poultry and poultry products.*
- ii. **Fish on transit** – The Ministers took note of the circumstances surrounding the recent interception of fish in transit from Kenya to the Democratic Republic of Congo.  
*Both parties agreed that the two countries establish a team of key stakeholders including the Revenue and Fisheries Authorities to work out a transit mechanism for fish from Lake Turkana in Kenya to the Democratic Republic of Congo through Uganda.*  
*Both countries also agreed to work jointly to address the challenges of harvesting immature fish in Lake Victoria.*
- iii. **Domestic levies** – The Ministers took note of the persistence of domestic levies maintained by both countries in contravention of the EAC Customs Union Protocol. Both parties recalled their commitment to remove the levies during the April 2021 bilateral trade meeting in Kampala. The Ministers undertook to remove the levies immediately and in any case not later than 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2022.
- iv. **Trade in sugar** - The Ministers agreed to continue cooperating on matters relating to trade in sugar, including streamlining issuance of import permits.



- v. **Trade in Milk** - The Ministers took note of the ongoing trade in milk and milk products and agreed that Kenya undertakes a verification exercise of Uganda's dairy sector during the last week of January, 2022.
- vi. The meeting was held under a very cordial atmosphere.
- vii. Done and signed at Nairobi on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2021



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