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POLITICAL DIALOGUE MEETING BETWEEN THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA AND THE EUROPEAN UNION

1. The Political Dialogue meeting between the United Republic of Tanzania and the European Union (EU) was held on 27 February 2023 at the Julius Nyerere International Convention Centre, in Dar es Salaam. The dialogue was co-chaired by Dr. Stergomena L. Tax (MP), Minister of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation, and Amb. Manfredo Fanti, European Union Ambassador to the United Republic of Tanzania.
2. The Dialogue was also attended by Ministers and Senior Officials of the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania and the Ambassadors and Chargés d’Affaires of the following Member States of the European Union accredited to Tanzania, Belgium, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, the Netherlands, Poland, Slovakia, Spain and Sweden.
3. **The EU and Tanzania** appreciate this renewed opportunity for political dialogue - agreed on 29th October 2021, when the two Parties resumed this important occasion.
4. The dialogue was conducted in a cordial atmosphere and addressed issues of mutual interest including: human rights and democracy, trade and investment between Tanzania and the EU, the Economic Partnership Agreement, the EU Global Gateway Strategy, regional security issues and global issues.
5. On bilateral relations, the two Parties reaffirmed the existing strong partnership, built on decades of friendship, cooperation and shared interests, and commit to deepen it highlighting:
 - The need to deepen economic relations, taking advantage of the opportunities presented under the Global Gateway Strategy. In this context, the Parties agreed to intensify the dialogue on the identification of projects to be implemented under Global Gateway, including through the earmarked Strategic Corridors.
 - Considering the great volume of cooperation on energy between the EU and its Members States and Tanzania and its strategic importance, the Parties agreed to establish a dialogue on energy cooperation.
 - The need to scale up joint efforts in addressing pending issues under EPA for the interest of both sides.

- The need to continue promoting democracy, rule of law, fundamental rights, and addressing common challenges, such as environmental and climate change and loss of biodiversity with a view to achieving sustainable development.
 - The need to enhance cooperation in the gender and youth sectors, noting that employment generation and youth empowerment are key for inclusive growth and go hand in hand with the private sector development and investment. The EU-Tanzania Business Forum, held in Dar es Salaam on 23/24 February 2023, provided an important impetus to the promotion of investment and business partnerships between EU and Tanzanian companies, and the Parties committed to ensure follow up to its outcome.
6. On regional issues, the parties exchanged information about their respective participation in the Southern African Region in addressing peace and security, as well as humanitarian matters. The Parties also exchanged on developments in the Great Lakes region and the East African Community.
 7. The Parties expressed concerns about the ongoing Russia-Ukraine war and the resultant loss of lives and socio-economic impacts that have exposed the global economy to risks of food and energy crisis. The Parties referred to national positions as expressed in the UN Security Council and the UN General Assembly.
 8. **The EU and Tanzania** reiterate their firm commitment to multilateralism and international order built on international law and the UN Charter. The Parties acknowledge the role of regional initiatives to address crisis situations along the principles of subsidiarity, supplemented by approaches that allow other relevant actors and instruments to play contributing roles.
 9. EU and Tanzania agreed to intensify consultations and cooperation on maritime security issues.
 10. The parties agreed on the important role of the Blue Economy for development and growth of the economy, and agreed to further collaborate to promote its potential.
 11. Finally, the Parties confirmed their commitment to holding political dialogue meetings on a regular basis, at least once a year to discuss issues of mutual interest.

Done at Dar es Salaam on 27th February, 2023



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