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MINISTÉRIO DA INDÚSTRIA E COMÉRCIO
DIRECÇÃO NACIONAL DO COMERCIO EXTERNO

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À Atenção do Exmo. Senhor
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Assunto: Comunicado Conjunto do TIFA

Exmo. Senhor;

No âmbito da realização da Reunião do TIFA, que teve lugar a 07 de Novembro de 2016, servimo-nos da presente, para informar que, o Ministério da Indústria e Comércio concorda com os termos do Comunicado Conjunto do TIFA.

Com os nossos melhores cumprimentos.

Maputo, 15 de Dezembro de 2016

O Director Nacional


Amílcar Carlos Arone



Communique for Mozambique - United States Trade and Investment Framework Agreement Council Meeting

Maputo, Mozambique

We, the leaders of the delegations of the governments of the Republic of Mozambique and the United States of America, met in Maputo on 07 November 2016, for the fourth Trade and Investment Framework Agreement (TIFA) Council Meeting. The delegations were led by His Excellency Ernesto Max Tonela, Mozambique's Minister for Industry and Trade; the Honorable U.S. Ambassador H. Dean Pittman; and the Honorable Florizelle Liser, Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Africa. The delegations discussed efforts to enhance the longstanding trade and investment relationship between the United States of America and the Republic of Mozambique. The U.S. Government emphasized that secure peace and economic stability in Mozambique are a necessary step towards accelerating international trade and development.

The TIFA, signed in 2005, provides the principal mechanism for trade dialogue between the United States of America and Mozambique to expand trade and investment links and deepen cooperation. The TIFA Council Meeting was the first to be held with Mozambique as a new partner under Trade Africa, an initiative launched by the U.S. President Barack Obama that seeks to increase internal and regional trade within Africa, and further strengthen and expand the trade and economic ties between Sub-Saharan Africa, the United States of America and other global markets.

Discussions took stock of developments since the last TIFA Council Meeting in 2012, and focused on several strategic objectives and priorities to guide the engagement under the trade and investment relationship, including the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA), the U.S.-Mozambique Trade Africa Partnership, and the relationship beyond AGOA.

With respect to the Trade Africa partnership, we discussed joint efforts to help Mozambique meet its World Trade Organization (WTO) obligations, and develop and advance trade facilitating activities relating to sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) measures and technical barriers to trade (TBT).

Regarding expansion and diversification of two-way trade and investment, we discussed ways to take better advantage of AGOA through the development of a national AGOA strategy, and agreed to work together to develop and implement those strategies.

In addition, we discussed efforts to advance policies to promote regional trade and attract investment as well as perspectives on deepening the U.S.-Africa trade and investment relationship beyond AGOA.

We agreed to work together to identify potential building blocks to further pursue our Trade Africa partnership.

Both parties agreed to continue to work together to implement activities under the United States-Mozambique Trade and Investment Partnership.

Finally, we agreed to adopt the strategic objectives, priority areas and action items identified in the U.S.-Mozambique TIFA matrix.

November 7, 2016