



**JOINT COMMUNIQUÉ ON THE OCCASION OF JOINT MINISTERIAL MEETING ON
TRADE BETWEEN THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA AND THE REPUBLIC OF
MALAWI HELD IN DODOMA, TANZANIA
2ND MAY, 2025**

1. Following constructive and fruitful consultations held on 24th April, 2025 between Honourable *Ambassador* Mahmoud Thabit Kombo (MP), Minister for Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation of the United Republic of Tanzania and Honourable Nancy Gladys Tembo (MP), Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Malawi, the two countries convened a Joint Meeting of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs; Agriculture, Trade and Information on 2nd May 2025, in Dodoma, Tanzania.
2. The delegation from the United Republic of Tanzania was led by Honourable *Ambassador* Mahmoud Thabit Kombo (MP), Minister for Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation. On the other hand, the delegation from the Republic of Malawi was led by Honourable Nancy Gladys Tembo (MP), Minister for Foreign Affairs.
3. The objective of the Joint Ministerial Meeting was to discuss the Control of Goods (Import and Export) (Commerce) (Prohibition) Order, issued on 13th March, 2025 by the Government of the Republic of Malawi, which prohibited the importation of certain products into Malawi. The discussions underscored the shared commitment to deepen trade relations, foster economic cooperation, and address existing trade matters.
4. Both delegations recognized the deep historical and brotherly relations and strong friendship that has long existed between the United Republic of Tanzania and the Republic of Malawi. They commended Her Excellency Dr. Samia Suluhu Hassan, President of the United Republic of Tanzania, and His Excellency Lazarus Chakwera, President of the Republic of Malawi for their exemplary leadership and guidance in all matters of bilateral and regional cooperation.
5. Further, the delegations commended the excellent bilateral ties existing between the two countries whilst emphasizing the need to further strengthen and deepen bilateral cooperation for mutual benefit, recognizing the importance of adhering to regional and international frameworks in the conduct of bilateral cooperation in the area of trade.

6. In addition, the two delegations agreed to develop common Standard Operating Procedures on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Standards in line with regional and international guidelines.
7. The Republic of Malawi appreciated the decision of the United Republic of Tanzania in lifting the Prohibition Notice on Importation of Plant and Plant Products from the Republic of Malawi, issued on 23rd April, 2025. In reciprocity, the Government of the Republic of Malawi committed to issue an Administrative Instrument to relevant authorities to facilitate imports and exports between the United Republic of Tanzania and the Republic of Malawi with effect from the date of this Communique.
8. Recalling the decisions of the 6th Session of the Joint Permanent Commission of Cooperation between the United Republic of Tanzania and the Republic of Malawi held from 24th to 27th February, 2025 in Lilongwe, the Republic of Malawi, both delegations reaffirmed commitment to finalize relevant legal framework requirements towards the signing of the Simplified Trade Regime Agreement and implement the same after completing internal legal processes by 30th May, 2025.
9. Both delegations expressed commitments to implement the outcomes of the meeting for the mutual benefit of the people of the Republic of Malawi and the United Republic of Tanzania.
10. As the meeting concluded, the delegation of the Republic of Malawi expressed heartfelt appreciation to the Government and the people of the United Republic of Tanzania for the warm hospitality and excellent arrangements made for the success of the meeting.

Signed and effected in Dodoma, Tanzania, on this 2nd day of May 2025.

**For The Government of the United
Republic of Tanzania**



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**For the Government of the Republic of
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