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MEDIA STATEMENT FROM CABINET SECRETARY HON. BETTY MAINA, EGH

Kenya and the USA Agree to Resume Engagement on Trade Relationship

Nairobi, August 24, 2021—Kenya’s Cabinet Secretary for Industrialization, Trade and Enterprise Development, Hon. Betty Maina, held virtual consultations yesterday evening with the US Trade Representative, Ambassador Katherine Tai, in which they underlined the importance of a deepening trade engagement in a manner that promotes the interests of the two countries.

Amb. Tai observed that the US was interested in an approach to trade policy that fits in the overall Biden-Harris Administration’s “Build Back Better” and worker-centric trade policy.

On her part, Hon. Maina emphasized Kenya’s desire to negotiate and conclude a predictable trade arrangement that gives confidence to investors while safeguarding Kenya’s commitments under its regional, continental and multilateral trade agreements.

The two Ministers underscored Kenya and the United States’ strong historical, political, and economic ties, including in building and strengthening democratic institutions and human rights values that enhance economic and political freedoms for the people.

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