



## **PRESS STATEMENT**

### **OFFICIAL VISIT BY THE CABINET SECRETARY TO THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA 16<sup>TH</sup> -18<sup>TH</sup> March 2022**

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1. At the invitation of her counterpart, Mrs. Retno Lestari Marsudi, Cabinet Secretary of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kenya, Amb. Raychelle Omamo, SC, EGH, undertook a three-day official visit to the Republic of Indonesia from 16<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> March 2022.
2. The Cabinet Secretary Amb Raychelle Omamo was received by Mrs. Retno Lestari Marsudi, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia.
3. The purpose of the visit was to review bilateral consultations and preside over the official opening of the Embassy of Kenya in Jakarta. The new mission is expected to bring consular services closer to all Kenyans resident in Indonesia. The Mission is also expected to promote business partnerships between our peoples as well as reinvigorate bilateral relations and collaborations between the two countries.
4. The Cabinet Secretary held extensive diplomatic consultations with her counterpart and other senior officials in the context of the Kenya-Indonesia Bilateral Consultative Meeting.
5. The two Ministers hailed the cordial and long historical bilateral relations underpinned by common values and strong people- to- people links dating back many years since the establishment of diplomatic relations in 1982.
6. Both Ministers commended the harnessing of the Kenya/Indonesia Joint Commission for Cooperation (JCC) in place since 2008, which

serves as a forum to expand and improve cooperation between various sectors.

7. The two Ministers reviewed a wide-range of issues pertaining to ongoing discussions to strengthen cooperation at bilateral and multilateral levels. Both hope to consolidate the gains made and explore possible new areas of partnership in the areas of health, ICT, Environmental conservation and Forestry, promotion of Tourism, Higher Education and Capacity building, as well as Defence and Security.
8. The two sides acknowledged the steady rise in bilateral trade and acknowledged the huge potential to increase trade volumes and value through addressing both tariff and non-tariff trade bottlenecks so as to address the trade deficit that is in favour of Indonesia.
9. During the visit five legal instruments were signed to promote collaboration between various organizations in the two countries. The Cabinet Secretary and her counterpart Mrs. Retno Lestari Marsudi, signed two Memoranda of Understanding namely:
  - Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kenya on Cooperation in Diplomatic Capacity Building. The MOU seeks to reinforce the partnership between the two countries by establishing the framework for sustainable cooperation in the training of the Indonesian and Kenyans diplomats, based on reciprocity and mutual benefit of both parties.
  - MOU between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kenya on Regular Diplomatic Consultations. The MOU provides guidelines for conducting regular diplomatic consultations between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kenya and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia.
  - MOU between Indonesia's News Agency (ANTARA) and the Kenya Broadcasting Corporation (KBC) on News Exchange and Technical Cooperation. The MOU seeks to promote economic and

socio-cultural relations between the two countries through news exchange cooperation on the basis of equality and reciprocal. Dr. Naim Bilal, the Managing Director Kenya Broadcasting Corporation signed the MOU.

- MOU between the Kenya National Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KNCCI) and Indonesia Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KADIN). The purpose of the MOU is to establish the principles and basis of facilitating cooperation between the parties to advance the common interest, in a mutually beneficial manner, business relations between the members and stakeholders representing both countries. Patrick Nyangweso, Chief Operating Officer for KNCCI signed the agreement.

10. Memorandum of Understanding between University of Nairobi and Universitas Padjadjaran on academic research and collaboration has also been concluded for signing by the University VC Prof Stephen Kiama.
11. Memorandum of Understanding between UMMA University of Kajiado, Kenya and Syarif Hidayatullah State Islamic University Jakarta (UIN KAJARTA) for collaboration was also concluded.
12. Amb. Raychelle Omamo said Kenya views Indonesia as the strong pillar in the South and will be a strong partner on development matters. She expressed profound appreciation to Mrs. Retno Lestari Marsudi, the Government and the people of the Republic of Indonesia for the warm reception and hospitality extended to herself and her delegation during the visit.

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