## **STATEMENT**

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# Distinguished Members of the Media, Ladies and Gentlemen, Good afternoon,

- 1. I am delighted to be here today on this briefing session as i conclude this Official Visit to the Hellenic Republic.
- 2. I wish to thank each one of you for finding time to be here over other competing priorities.

# **Kenya-Greece Relations**

- 3. Kenya and the Hellenic Republic enjoy excellent longstanding cooperation that has continued to thrive over the years. It is against this background that I made this official visit to the Hellenic Republic and held bilateral talks with my colleague, H.E. Nikos Dendias.
- 4. Earlier today, I handed over the message of Good Will from His Excellency Uhuru Kenyatta, President of the Republic of Kenya to Her Excellency Katerina Sskelaropoulou, President of The Hellenic Republic,
- 5. In his message, President Kenyatta acknowledged and recognized the warm and cordial bilateral relationship between Kenya and Greece that is anchored on the foundation of mutual respect and benefit.
- 6. This visit has presented us with an opportunity to deepen relations between the two countries and focus on intensifying the scope of our bilateral ties.

#### Bilateral relations

- 7. On bilateral issues, we have today signed a bilateral Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation in the field of Diplomatic Training. We have expressed our confidence that the framework developed through this MoU signifies our commitment to co-operate in training of diplomatic personnel and exchange of information and publications.
- 8. We have agreed on the need to fast track the hosting of a Joint Ministerial Committee (JMC) between Kenya and the Hellenic Republic to conclude on the pending Agreements with a view to anchor our cooperation on a firm framework.

### Conclusion

9. In conclusion, I wish to thank everyone who made this visit possible and wish the People of the Hellenic Republic good will, good health and prosperity.

Thank you