



JOINT COMMUNIQUÉ ON THE OCCASION OF THE SIGNING OF AGREED MINUTES AND CLOSING OF BUSINESS FORUM AT THE 7TH SESSION OF THE KENYA-EGYPT JOINT COMMISSION FOR COOPERATION (JCC) IN NAIROBI, BY H.E. DR. MUSALIA MUDAVADI, PRIME CABINET SECRETARY AND CABINET SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AND DIASPORA AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA AND H.E. SAMEH SHOUKRY, MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT, 7TH MARCH, 2024

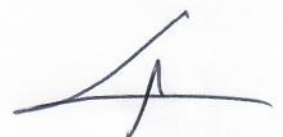
1. H.E. Dr. Musalia Mudavadi, Cabinet Secretary for Foreign and Diaspora Affairs of the Republic of Kenya led the Kenyan delegation to the 7th Session of the Kenya-Egypt Joint Commission for Cooperation (JCC) held in Nairobi. He was accompanied by Cabinet Secretaries in charge of Mining, Blue Economy and Maritime Affairs, Agriculture and Livestock Development, Energy and Petroleum and Gender, Culture, the Arts and Heritage.
2. H.E. Sameh Shoukry, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Arab Republic of Egypt led the Egyptian delegation to the 7th Session of the Kenya-Egypt Joint Commission for Cooperation. The Egyptian delegation comprised of representatives from various Ministries and Agencies responsible for; Ministry of electricity and renewable energy, Ministry of transport, Egypt drug authority, General Authority for Investment, Ministry of communication and information technology, Ministry of water and irrigation, Ministry of housing, Ministry of trade and industry and representatives from National Services Project Authority. Also present was a Business Delegation representing the following sectors: Housing, Health Care, Industrial/ Manufacturing, Construction, Financial, Food Processing, Mining, Agriculture, ICT and Pharmaceutical.
3. The two Ministers, highlighted the importance of the **7th Session of the Kenya-Egypt Joint Commission for Cooperation** that coincided with the 60th Anniversary of establishing diplomatic relations between Kenya and Egypt, and in this regard, commended the long historical bilateral relations

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and reviewed with satisfaction the steady growth in the political, socio-economic and cultural cooperation since the establishment of the diplomatic ties.

4. To improve and promote bilateral ties from a strategic perspective, the two Ministers agreed to maintain high-level political exchanges, deepen cooperation across all areas of common interest, and enhance channels of consultation on African and Global Affairs in a bid to grow the Kenya-Egypt relations to greater heights.
5. Kenya and Egypt reaffirmed commitment to deepen bilateral cooperation in various fields including: Trade and Investments, Agriculture, Tourism, Energy and Infrastructure Development. To achieve the aforementioned, the two Ministers committed to continue working together through exchange of information and best practices in agricultural development, water conservancy, development of arid and semi-arid lands, maritime economy, health, education, among other sectors.
6. Recognizing the significance of cultural diplomacy, Kenya and Egypt agreed to promote culture through exchange programs; including educational scholarships and preservation of cultural heritage with a view to fostering mutual understanding and appreciation of each other's cultural strengths.
7. With regard to Trade and Investment, Kenya and Egypt emphasized on the need to further strengthen economic ties for the mutual benefit of both countries. This will ensure greater participation in trade, growth of industrial and technological capacity, job creation and achievement of sustainable development for the two countries.
8. The two Ministers signed the following four (4) instruments of bilateral cooperation:
 - i. MoU in Maritime Affairs;
 - ii. MoU in the Field of Veterinary Services;
 - iii. MoU on Renewable Energy; and
 - iv. MoU on Fine Arts.
9. While addressing the Joint Kenya-Egypt Business Forum, the two Ministers urged the Business Communities to explore the huge potential for enhancing bilateral trade through exchange of trade delegations and diversifications of trading products, in an effort to increase the trade value

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and volumes. In this connection, the two sides explored the prospects for establishing a Joint Business Council which will serve to advance this goal.

10. Kenya and Egypt committed to cooperating closely on security matters, including on counterterrorism efforts, intelligence sharing and capacity building in law enforcement.
11. While discussing the situation in Sudan, the two Ministers agreed on the necessity to continue the ongoing level of coordination, bilaterally and through the existing mechanisms, and to consolidate all efforts aiming at reaching a sustainable ceasefire, which would pave the way for a comprehensive political process to end the current conflict.
12. The two Ministers noted the need for reviving regular political consultations between the Ministry of Foreign and Diaspora Affairs of the Republic of Kenya and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Arab Republic of Egypt in order to enhance regular exchange of views on regional and global matters as well as to follow up on the outcomes of the JCC.
13. The two Ministers resolved to work together in a spirit of cooperation for the purposes of meeting the vital human needs of drinking water and food of the peoples of the Nile basin, and achieving their development aspirations. The two Ministers further emphasized that the interests of the two countries in this respect are not mutually exclusive.
14. With regard to the situation in the Horn of Africa, the two Ministers exchanged views and agreed on the need to enhance the current level of bilateral coordination towards sustaining peace and stability in the region. They re-iterated their support to the current efforts of the Somali Government in combating terrorism, and to the process of handing over the security responsibilities to the National Somali Army. They affirmed their commitment to the respect of the sovereignty, unity and territorial integrity of Somalia, in-line with the founding principles of the Constitutive Act of the African Union and the United Nations Charter.
15. The two Ministers highlighted the gravity of the Situation in the Gaza strip, and the necessity of an immediate unconditioned ceasefire. They stressed on the need to implement the UNSC Resolution 2720 by Israel, in order to ensure a rapid and swift humanitarian access to the Gaza strip, which would altogether pave the way for a political process that addresses the root causes of the conflict, through the implementation of the two-state solution, including the full recognition of the Palestinian State along the pre 1967 lines, with East Jerusalem as its Capital.

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16. The two Ministers had a candid exchange on Agenda 2063, emphasizing on the need to actualize the African Union institutional reforms in alignment with the development aspirations of the continent. They agreed to collaborate on initiatives aimed at addressing environmental challenges, promoting the uptake of renewable energy sources and advancing sustainable development in the continent.
17. In conclusion, H.E. Sameh Shoukry expressed his deep appreciation, and that of his delegation, for the warm welcome and hospitality extended to him and his delegation.

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