## JOINT COMMUNIQUÉ

## PARTNERSHIP DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA AND THE EUROPEAN UNION AND ITS MEMBER STATES

## DAR ES SALAAM, 10<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2024

- The Partnership Dialogue between the United Republic of Tanzania and the European Union (EU) was held on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2024, at the Julius Nyerere International Convention Centre (JNICC) in Dar es Salaam. The dialogue was cochaired by Honourable Cosato D. Chumi (MP.), Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation and Ambassador Rita Laranjinha, Managing Director for Africa at the European External Action Service.
- 2. It was also attended by Senior Officials of the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania, Senior Officials of the European Union, the European Union Ambassador to Tanzania, and Ambassadors and Chargés d'Affaires of the following Member States of the European Union accredited to the United Republic of Tanzania: Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, the Netherlands, Poland, Slovakia, Spain and Sweden.
- 3. The United Republic of Tanzania and the EU welcomed the partnership dialogue held for the first time under the Samoa Agreement and reaffirmed the strong relations built on decades of shared values and interest, cooperation, partnership and friendship.
- 4. The United Republic of Tanzania and the EU confirmed a shared commitment to respect fundamental rights and freedoms, as well as democratic values, good governance, and peaceful international relations as enshrined in the UN Charter and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.
- 5. The United Republic of Tanzania and the EU exchanged on the state of play of implementation of the 4Rs policy of Her Excellency Dr. Samia Suluhu Hassan, President of the United Republic of Tanzania, aimed at enhancing good governance and democracy, national unity and facilitating private sector growth and an enabling business environment. The United Republic of Tanzania reiterated its continued commitment to holding free, fair and transparent elections in October 2025 and remains steadfast in promoting peace and stability in the region.

- 6. The EU reiterated its strong commitment to supporting the United Republic of Tanzania in pursuing its development strategies as illustrated in the current National Five-Year Development Plan and the forthcoming Vision 2050, in line with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and Agenda 2063 the continent's strategic framework aiming to deliver inclusive and sustainable development. The EU United Republic of Tanzania long-term strategic cooperation was recognised as being of great significance towards the attainment of these strategies, emphasising the EU's adherence to the principles of equal partnership, aid effectiveness, and social and environmental standards.
- 7. The EU, its Member States, the European Investment Bank and European development banks and private sector are significant partners in Tanzania, through various initiatives including the Global Gateway strategy. The EU private sector has a strong presence in areas like energy, infrastructure, agriculture and tourism, also supporting tens of thousands of local businesses. Over the last ten years, the EU has thus invested an estimated EUR 3 billion (TZS 8.3 trillion) in Tanzania, generating significant jobs and tax revenue. Following the Mid-Term review of the EU's Neighbourhood Development and International Cooperation Instrument, the United Republic of Tanzania welcomed the EU's commitment of EUR 726 million (TZS 2 trillion) for the period 2021-27, complemented by the EU Member States' bilateral support of approximately EUR 1.2 billion for 2021-24
- 8. The United Republic of Tanzania expressed its commitment to regional economic integration and to boosting intra-regional trade as essential to peace and prosperity. The EU reaffirmed its support to East African Community regional integration processes. The EAC is an important export market for Tanzania, and further trade facilitation is a key objective of cooperation in this domain. Both sides emphasized the need to continue action-oriented discussion on potential trade and investment impediments.
- 9. The United Republic of Tanzania and the EU reiterated their firm commitment to multilateralism and international order built on international law and the UN Charter, including territorial integrity. The Parties referred to national positions as expressed in the UN Security Council and the UN General Assembly. Both sides emphasized the importance of cooperation in multilateral fora to advance shared priorities and global public goods. The EU commended the United Republic of Tanzania's contributions to stability in the Great Lakes region and Northern Mozambique and took note of Tanzania's first request for assistance under the

European Peace Facility to support its peace and security initiatives. The EU looked forward to strengthening regional partnerships through the newly appointed EU Special Representative for the Great Lakes, expected to visit Tanzania in 2025.

- 10. In a context of global and regional security challenges affecting both the United Republic of Tanzania and the EU, both sides agreed to pursue closer dialogue on security issues, in particular in the areas of maritime security, the fight against organised crime, as well as against terrorism and radicalisation. They welcomed recent exchanges at technical level and looked forward to holding their first security dialogue in the course of 2025.
- 11. The parties reiterated their commitment to holding partnership dialogues on a regular basis, at least once a year to discuss issues of mutual interest.

## Agreed in Dar es Salaam on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2024