

JOINT STATEMENT
ON TRADE AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
BY THE EUROPEAN UNION AND THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA

The European Union, of the one part, and the Republic of Kenya, of the other part, (for the purposes of this Joint Statement hereinafter referred to as "the Parties"),

RECALLING their shared values and the strong cultural, political, economic and cooperation ties which unite them;

RECALLING the Cotonou Agreement and its successor agreement;

RECALLING the Treaty Establishing the East African Community (EAC), signed in Arusha on 30 November 1999, and its Protocol on the Establishment of the East African Community Customs Union;

RECALLING the EU-EAC EPA;

REAFFIRMING their commitment to strengthen cooperation on bilateral, regional and global issues of common concern;

DETERMINED to ensure that this Agreement fosters sustainability, so that economic growth goes together with the protection of decent work, the climate and the environment, in full adherence with the Parties' shared values and priorities, including support for the green transition and promoting responsible and sustainable value chains;

Commit, in the context of Article 3 of this Agreement, to further explore strengthening mutual mechanisms for the effective implementation and application of commitments on trade and sustainable development during the initial review period. Such exploration of the furtherance of mutual compliance may include implementation roadmaps, financial and technical assistance, and the encouragement of participatory approaches, as well as ways to address potential divergences in the implementation of agreed commitments.
