

CABINET DECISIONS – 18 AUGUST 2017

1. Cabinet has taken note that the following Agreements would be signed with the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania in the margins of the 37th Southern African Development Community (SADC) Summit currently being held in South Africa -

- (a) a Bilateral Trade Agreement that provides, inter alia, for better coordination in the promotion of trade and commercial transactions and the establishment of a Joint Trade Committee to discuss cooperation in key sectors, such as Investment, Fisheries and Sugar;
- (b) a Bilateral Air Services Agreement; and
- (c) an Agreement on the Transfer of Prisoners that will apply to all offences committed by a prisoner of either party in the territory of the other party.

2. Cabinet has taken note of the proposal of the Government of the United Kingdom (UK) to start technical discussions on post-Brexit arrangement to ensure the maintenance of preferential access on the UK market.

3. Taking into consideration the number of road crashes due to poor driving behaviour and involving moto/auto cycles, and as enunciated in Budget Speech 2017-2018, Cabinet has agreed to the Minister of Public Infrastructure and Land Transport making the Road Traffic (Driving Schools and Instructors) (Amendment) Regulations to provide for the setting up of "Moto Ecoles", the teaching of driving of autocycles and motorcycles, and the licensee for the teaching of driving of motor cars being the owner of a dual control motorcar with either an automatic, or a manual transmission.

4. Cabinet has agreed to the Fisheries and Marine Resources Act 2007 being repealed and replaced by a new modern legal framework that would take on board regional and international obligations, particularly in the field of illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing, and cater for emerging issues arising out of new activities in the Fisheries and Aquaculture Sectors.

5. Cabinet has taken note of the National Action Plan on Antimicrobial Resistance for period 2017-2021, in line with the Resolution of the World Health Assembly. Antimicrobial resistance is the consequence of overuse or misuse by professionals of antibiotics. The strategic objectives of the National Action Plan are, as follows -

- (a) engagement and education on antimicrobial resistance among all stakeholders;

- (b) electronic surveillance of antimicrobial use and resistance in human, animal and environmental health;
- (c) effective bio-security, infection prevention and control mechanism; and
- (d) enforceable regulations and protocols to advance antimicrobial resistance prevention and containment.

6. Cabinet has taken note that the Cambridge Conference on Electoral Democracy would organise an Informal Workshop for Electoral Commissioners in Mauritius in November 2017. The Workshop would focus on support for election best practices and democratic development throughout the Commonwealth, and in emerging democracies in Africa and Asia. Some 35 participants are expected to attend the Workshop.

7. Cabinet has taken note of the reconstitution of the Board of Trustees of the Media Trust with Mr Chayman P. Surajbali, PMSM, former Director, Government Information Service, as Chairperson.
