



FINAL COMMUNIQUÉ

1. As part of the strengthening of existing friendship and cooperation relations between the Republic of Mozambique and the Republic of Rwanda, Her Excellency Helena Mateus Kida, Minister of Justice, Constitutional and Religious Affairs, on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Mozambique, accompanied by Senior Officials of the respective Ministry carried out an official visit to the Republic of Rwanda from 1st to 4th of June 2022.
2. During the visit, the Extradition Treaty and the Agreement on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters were signed between the Republic of Mozambique and the Republic of Rwanda, during a ceremony held on the 3rd of June 2022, in Kigali, Rwanda.
3. For the Government of the Republic of Mozambique, Her Excellency Helena Mateus Kida, Minister of Justice, Constitutional and Religious Affairs and for the Government of the Republic of Rwanda, Her Excellency Amb. NYIRAHABIMANA Soline, Minister of State in charge of Constitutional and Legal Affairs signed the Agreements.
4. The main objective of the visit was to conclude the Extradition Treaty and Agreement on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters between the Republic of Mozambique and the Republic of Rwanda and explore new areas of cooperation.
5. The official visit was an opportune time to get to know the experience of the Republic of Rwanda with regard to the development of its Justice Administration System in its fullness and also served to promote the discussion on topics of mutual interest to both countries, which made room for the parties to make future commitments in specific areas for the signing of legal instruments.
6. Prior to the signing of the Agreements on Extradition and Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters, the Rwandan authorities prepared a program of activities that consisted in holding a Meeting at the Ministry of Justice of Rwanda which was followed by presentations on the overview of the Justice System in Rwanda, its journey and contribution to national reconciliation as well as on Digitalization of the Justice Sector.
7. Further, the delegation visited the Kigali Genocide Memorial where they gained knowledge on the causes that led to this heinous crime as well as the negative consequences faced by the survivors. At the end of the visit, Her Excellency the



Minister of Justice, Constitutional Affairs laid a wreath on the mass grave in memory of the victims.

8. As part of the program, the Delegation visited Rwanda Investigation Bureau, Rwanda Forensic Laboratory, and Isange One Stop Center. The visit to these institutions was timely and relevant as they allowed familiarization with various systems integrated in the investigation process of cross border crimes, drug trafficking, fight against terrorism and cybercrimes. At the Forensic Laboratory they learned its role in the collection of evidence from the crime scene, to carrying out laboratory tests and finding the relevant evidence for a fair trial. They also aim to combat gender-based violence and child abuse as part of their efforts. They also learned of their interest to become a regional and international reference Center of Excellence.
9. Rwanda Investigation Bureau highlighted the challenge of changing the paradigm of localized and transnational crimes that require a strong partnership between States and the use of technologies and social networks by young people to commit crimes.
10. Rwanda Investigation Bureau affirmed its commitment within the framework of sharing good practices to design a training and capacity building program for the national staff of the Republic of Mozambique in Criminal investigation with emphasis on judicial magistrates, legal assistants, criminal investigation officers and other related areas.
11. Mozambique expressed its commitment to support Rwanda in the request submitted for its accreditation of the Forensic Laboratory as a Center of Excellence, through high quality trainings of national and regional staff.
12. They Agreed to continue to work together in sharing best practices and to achieve this goal, they expressed their commitment to further sign a Memorandum of Understanding in the fields of criminal investigation and forensic investigation science.
13. The visit took place in a fraternal environment, which demonstrates the cordial and existing relations between the two governments. The two delegations also emphasized the need to hold regular meetings to revitalize the cooperation and monitoring of the implementation made.
14. Finally, the Delegation of the Government of the Republic of Mozambique expressed its gratitude for the warm welcome offered by the Rwandan Authorities. Her Excellency Helena Mateus Kida, Minister of Justice, Constitutional and Religious



Affairs on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Mozambique invited Rwandan officers to carry out a training activity in Cabo Delgado province. The invitation has been accepted and the date will be agreed upon through diplomatic channels.

Done in Kigali, this 3rd day of June 2022.

FOR THE GOVERNMENTS OF
RWANDA

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