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Press release

Kigali, Wednesday 04 August 2021 – Her Excellency Samia Suluhu Hassan, President of the United Republic of Tanzania and a delegation of senior Tanzanian government officials undertook a two-day state visit to Rwanda from 2 to 3 August 2021. This was President Suluhu Hassan’s first visit to Rwanda since assuming office in March 2021.

On the first day of the visit, the two Heads of State held a closed-door meeting followed by bilateral talks with members of both delegations. President Suluhu Hassan later visited the Kigali Genocide Memorial, where she laid a wreath to pay tribute to the victims of the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi.

President Kagame and President Suluhu witnessed the signing of four bilateral agreements on cooperation in the areas of information and communication technology, immigration, education, and regulation of medical products.

In recognition of the historical and friendly relations between the Government and peoples of Rwanda and Tanzania and their desire for stronger collaboration and partnership in areas of mutual interest, the two Heads of State committed to the full implementation of existing bilateral cooperation initiatives.

The Heads of State underscored the importance and potential of the agricultural sector, especially dairy and fisheries, for the economic development of both countries and the need to boost cooperation in the sub-sectors.

The Heads of State reaffirmed their desire to further promote trade and investment between the two countries, including collaboration to remove barriers, especially Non-Tariff Barriers .

The Heads of State reiterated their commitment to expedite the construction of the Standard Gauge Railway line connecting Isaka and Kigali. The rehabilitation and improvement of infrastructures linking Rwanda and Tanzania will further enhance physical integration and improve social services for citizen’s welfare in both countries, as well as the region.

The Heads of State noted with satisfaction the existing cooperation between the two countries within the framework of the East African Community and the African Union, and reaffirmed their desire to further strengthen cooperation in regional and multilateral forums.

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