



JOINT COMMUNIQUÉ

ON THE OCCASION OF THE SIGNATURE
OF THE ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE SACU MEMBER STATES, MOZAMBIQUE AND THE UNITED
KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND

1. The SACU Member States (*the Republic of Botswana, the Kingdom of Eswatini, the Kingdom of Lesotho, the Republic of Namibia and the Republic of South Africa*) and the **Republic of Mozambique** on the one part, and the **United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland** on the other part, concluded the negotiations on the Economic Partnership Agreement on the **8th September 2019**, in Gaborone, Botswana.
2. The Ministers responsible for Trade and Industry and authorised representatives from the SACU Member States, the Republic of Mozambique and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, met on the **9th October 2019**, in London, United Kingdom, to sign the Economic Partnership Agreement. *The Agreement is intended to provide continuity and certainty in trade amongst the Parties, when the United Kingdom is no longer a member of the European Union.*
3. The Agreement and the Memorandum of Understanding were signed by: *Honourable Bogolo J. Kenewendo*, Minister of Investment, Trade and Industry of the Republic of Botswana; *His Excellency Christian M. Nkambule*, High Commissioner of the Kingdom of Eswatini to the United Kingdom; *Her Excellency Mrs. Rethabile M. Mokaeanne*, High Commissioner of the Kingdom of Lesotho to the United Kingdom; *Honourable Tjekero Tweya*, Minister of Industrialization, Trade and SME Development of the Republic of Namibia; *His Excellency Mr. Filipe Chidumo*, High Commissioner of the Republic of Mozambique to the United Kingdom; *Honourable Ebrahim Patel*, Minister of Trade and Industry of the Republic of South Africa and *Rt. Honourable Elizabeth Truss*, Secretary of State for International Trade of the United Kingdom.
4. The signature of the Economic Partnership Agreement *solidifies* the strong trade relations and partnership between the SACU Member States, Mozambique, and the United Kingdom. It also reflects the *commitment* on both sides, to maintain a strong trading relationship as the United Kingdom leaves the European Union.

5. The Ministers *reaffirmed the importance* of ensuring a smooth implementation of the Agreement to achieve its intended objectives, through the finalisation of the ratification processes.
6. The Ministers **expressed** their appreciation to the Government of the United Kingdom, for the warm hospitality extended, and for hosting the signature ceremony.

DONE AT LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM ON THIS 10TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2019.