

State visit of President of Kenya to India (January 10-12, 2017)

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President of Kenya His Excellency Uhuru Kenyatta paid a State Visit to India from 10-12 January 2017 on an invitation extended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The two leaders held official talks on 11 January in New Delhi. This is the First State visit from Kenya to India, since 1981. Earlier, President Kenyatta attended the Vibrant Gujarat Summit 2017 on 10 January. President Kenyatta was accompanied by several Ministers, senior officials and a high level business delegation. President Kenyatta held meetings with the President and Vice President. He is expected to attend a business forum in Delhi on January 12th forenoon.

Prime Minister Modi in his meeting with President Kenyatta today expressed gratitude for his leadership and friendship, since the first State visit of an Indian Prime Minister to Kenya in July 2016. Both leaders underscored the historical ties and praised the strength of the re-invigorated India-Kenya partnership, which serves to increase stability, prosperity, and security in the Indian Ocean region and in the Asia-Pacific.

Prime Minister Modi and President Kenyatta reflected on the significant progress they have achieved in strengthening the bilateral relationship through resumption of high level exchanges. Discussions were held on key elements of bilateral relationship including increasing cooperation in defence and maritime security, enhancing trade and investment relationship and counter-terrorism.

Prime Minister Modi reiterated India's commitment as Africa's development partner including Kenya. Key sectors discussed were maritime security and surveillance, counter-terrorism, disrupting terrorist networks, counter-narcotics and human trafficking, agriculture, health, supporting Kenya's development through Lines of Credit, digital and cash-less economy, e-Governance, procurement of pulses, sports, renewable energy especially International Solar

Alliance, blue economy, comprehensive convention on terrorism and reforms of international institutions including the United Nations.

Various statements/MOUs exchanged/issued during the visit included:-

- (1) Joint Statement
- (2) Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation in the agriculture sector and allied sector
- (3) Line of Credit for US\$100 million for agricultural mechanisation.

Both leaders acknowledged the unique nature of India-Kenya relationship and stressed the importance of continuing the momentum of high level exchanges and a strong development partnership delivering benefits, jobs and win-win solutions for people in both countries and in the Indian Ocean region.

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