



STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF KENYA TO THE 67TH SESSION OF THE TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD (FIRST SEGMENT)

Agenda Item 1: Election of Officers

**President of the Trade and Development Board Ambassador Federico Villegas
Secretary-General of UNCTAD Dr. Mukhisa Kituyi
Excellencies,
Ladies and Gentlemen,**

Kenya joins the other delegations in congratulating His Excellency Ambassador Federico Villegas, on his assumption of the Presidency of the Trade and Development Board (TDB) of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development. Kenya also congratulates the other members of the Bureau of the Board who have been elected during this session.

Kenya further wishes to commend the outgoing President of the Trade and Development Board, His Excellency Ambassador Michael Gaffey, for the exemplary manner in which he presided over the Board and successfully guiding the deliberations, despite the disruption occasioned by the COVID-19 pandemic. It was indeed a great pleasure having you as the President and we wish you the best in your future endeavour.

Mr. President,

Kenya would like to assure you, and the other members of the Bureau, of its unwavering support during your tenure. There is a lot of work ahead, including the holding of the other segments of the Trade and Development Board, and the preparation for the UNCTAD 15, as we navigate this extraordinary situation brought about by the pandemic.

We therefore look forward to working with you and wish the best in your tenure.

Thank you.