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H.E. PRESIDENT Y.K. MUSEVENI TO MAKE A STATE VISIT TO KENYA

His Excellency President Yoweri Museveni will make a State Visit to Kenya, later this week, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Bagiire Vincent Waiswa, has revealed at the second session of the Uganda-Kenya Joint Ministerial Commission on Cooperation currently underway at the Kampala Sheraton Hotel.

The meeting in Kampala from May 12-14th 2024 has brought together senior technical officials from both countries including the Permanent Secretaries to deliberate on various matters aimed at strengthening bilateral relations and cooperation.

Speaking in the Permanent Secretaries' Session of the meeting this morning, Mr. Bagiire said that in light of the forthcoming visit, the holding of the JMC "could not have come at a better time," stating that Uganda attaches great importance to its bilateral relations and cooperation with the Republic of Kenya. Mr. Bagiire expressed pleasure that both countries have made tremendous progress in implementing most of the decisions of the inaugural JMC particularly in addressing tariff and non-tariff barriers to trade.

The Principal Secretary Dr. Korir Singoei, in a speech read by Amb. Dennis Mburu, Director for Africa at Kenya's Department for Foreign and Diaspora Affairs, thanked the Government of Uganda for convening the JMC and the warm welcome and hospitality extended to the Kenya delegation. He emphasized the significance of bilateral engagement in deepening socio-economic development and fostering strong partnerships. He commended the progress made during the session and called for continued collaboration.

At the conclusion of the meeting the Permanent Secretaries, expressed optimism about the outcomes, with agreements reached with a no of Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) to be signed during the Ministerial JMC scheduled for May 14th 2024. **END**

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