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Four Radars project opening ceremony

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Mheshimiwa John Magufuli, Rais wa Jamhuri ya Muungano wa Tanzania,

Mheshimiwa Waziri wa ujenzi, uchukuzi na mawasiliano Mhe. Isack Kamwelwe

Mheshimiwa Mkurungezi wa TCAA, Ndugu Hamza Johari,

Mheshimiwa Mkurungezi wa TAA, Ndugu Richard Mayongela,

Mheshimiwa Mkurungezi wa Thales Ndugu

Ndugu wadau na wafanyakazi wa TCAA, Wanawake na Wanaume,

Ninamshukuru sana Rais Magufuli kwa niaba ya Ufaransa kwa uwepo wake katika ufunguzi huu. Ufaransa inaunga mkono nia ya Tanzania ya kuimarisha uchumi wa viwanda utakao wezesha kuifanya Tanzania kuwa nchi ya pota la kati ifikapo mwaka 2025.

His Excellency Dr John Magufuli, President of the United Republic of Tanzania,

Hon. Mr Isack Kamwelwe, Minister of Works, Transport & Communications

Dear Mr. Hamza Johari, Director General, TCAA

Dear Mr. TAA

Dear director of Thales

Dear stakeholders of the Tanzania Civil Aviation,

Ladies and gentlemen,

Je remercie au nom de la France, le Président Magufuli de sa présence et lui réitère tout le soutien de mon pays. La volonté d'industrialiser la Tanzanie et de faire de ce pays un pays à revenu intermédiaires d'ici à 2025 est partagée par la France.

I consider it is a privilege to be part of this important opening ceremony dedicated to the radar project led by the Tanzanian Civil Aviation Authority (TCAA), because I am aware of the commitment of all the parties and their involvement to achieve this strategic project.

In August 2017, TCAA and the French company Thales signed a more than 60 billion Shilling contract for the delivery of four civilian PSR/MSSSR radars and an Air Traffic Management Automation system with an Area Control and Approach Centre at Dar es Salaam, two additional Approach Centers (Kilimanjaro, Mwanza, Songwe), and two towers (Arusha and Zanzibar).

The civil works contract scope and price was finalized in February 2018.

The project is an excellent and win-win project, which fit perfectly the crucial needs of the country and demonstrate the trust between the two parties:

This 18 month project will, indeed, ensure a huge increase in the Tanzanian Civil Aviation Authority (TCAA) capabilities for four main reasons:

1/ It will Increase safety and security: currently the surveillance coverage in Tanzania is only around Dar es Salaam, with the rest of the country managed via procedural / radio control. Now, Tanzania will have a full radar coverage, with the new Thales systems, 100% of the upper airspace will be under radar surveillance, managed with state of the art automation.

2/ It will Increase the revenues for TCAA: thanks to higher level of services provided to air traffic, TCAA will be able to charge higher fees to the airlines, and to cope with increased traffic levels.

3/ The project will reinforced the sovereignty for Tanzania: TCAA will soon be able to manage the whole Tanzania's airspace

4/ Finally, it will strength the Capacity building of the key actor of air transport TCAA: under the project, engineers and controllers will be trained in France and Tanzania on maintaining and operating on the latest technologies delivered.

My purpose with this brief recall of these key points is to illustrate the meaning of the Franco-Tanzanian business partnership: it is working together, bringing the best technologies at the most competitive price, and transferring the capabilities to use these technologies at the most efficient way and on a sustainable base.

Probably, some of the staff of TCAA and TAA recall that the French embassy organized with them two workshops, in the last years, involving each time around 12 French companies, to exchange on « How the air transport can be a driver of the Tanzania economy ». I heard from the French companies that, each time, it was a pleasure for them to share their expertise and experiences and to hear from the Tanzania air transport stakeholders about their plan and vision to develop the sector. The French embassy is keen to support such initiative and support a constructive bilateral dialogue.

Thales is very much involved in East of Africa, and is keen to support the development of infrastructure in many sectors in Tanzania: airport air and airport security solutions, maritime transport through coastal surveillance and long-range radars and rail transport by the signaling and the communications proposed by Thales. Thales will ensure the smooth running of the

project, in accordance with all the terms of the contract, because Thales is committed and knows the importance of the project for TCAA and Tanzania.

The French government will continue to be committed to support air transport sector in Tanzania. More broadly France has demonstrated and will continue to demonstrate that it is in support of the country's development as desired by President Magufuli and that it is together that we will achieve the goal of making Tanzania a middle-income country by 2025. The French Development Agency is participating in it in doubling its commitment for 2019 to reach 190 millions dollars a year in support of development projects. It is to say the confidence that the French Republic places in the future of Tanzania.

By saying that, France gives proof how much confident we are to the Tanzanian future and committed to work with the Tanzanian authorities headed by the President John Magufuli.

Mungu Ibariki Tanzania ! - *Vive la Tanzanie !*

Mungu bariki uhusiano kati ya Ufaransa na Tanzania ! - *Vive l'amitié entre la France et la Tanzanie !*