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2016/17-2020/2021”**

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Hon. Haroun Ali Suleiman, Constitutional, Legal Affairs, Public Service and Good Governance - the Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar, Minister - President's Office,

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Representatives of APRM Strategic Partners,

Distinguished Experts and participants,

Members of the Press;

Ladies and Gentlemen

It is a great pleasure and honour to be in this beautiful city of Zanzibar and address this august audience on this timely and important workshop on how best to harmonise the APRM National Plan of Action with existing National development plans within the context of a common medium-term expenditure framework.

Honourable Minister, distinguished participants, allow me to express my sincere gratitude and congratulations to the Government and the people of Tanzania for reaching this important milestone in the peer review exercise.

Honorable Minister, distinguished participants,

There is no doubt that the African Peer Review Mechanism is one of the most significant initiatives in Africa over the last decade. Launched in 2003 under the auspices of the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD), the purpose of the APRM is to have Africans assess themselves their governance and development processes and work together to address identified shortcomings.

Since inception, the APRM has grown steadily and counts today 36 Member States, and many more are expressing interest to join. Out of the 36 acceded APRM countries, 21 have conducted successful governance self-assessments in the four pillars of APRM, that is democracy and political governance, economic governance and management, corporate governance and socio-economic development. In addition to this, Kenya has been reviewed for the second time paving the way to other APRM member states for the Second-Generation review.

Your Excellencies,

While the APRM has recorded some remarkable successes, the NPOA which is the most significant output of the review process remains the weakest link. Lessons from a pioneer countries suggest that NPOA poses formidable planning and implementation challenges. Indeed, successful implementation of Tanzania's NPOA and its value addition will depend on how best it is consistent with and integrated into existing national development strategies, such as Tanzania Vision 2025 and the National Five Year Development Plan 2016/17-2020/21. It will also depend on

proper costing by relevant ministries and agencies; provision for monitoring and evaluation as well as feedback mechanisms that would keep all stakeholders informed and involved in the process.

The NPoA is a critical output of the country peer review process and the major value addition of the mechanism. I am hopeful that this workshop will equip you with the necessary technical knowledge and tools on the integration of APRM-NPoA into existing National development plans, and on the effective implementation, monitoring and reporting of the NPoA.

Honorable Minister, distinguished participants,

Today's workshop could not happen at a better time. It presents a unique opportunity for Tanzanian stakeholders to address the above-mentioned challenges associated with the NPOA before the implementation phase begins.

Allow me to recognize and commend the efforts of the Government of Tanzania and other stakeholders in coming up with a draft NPOA, which has been submitted to the APRM Continental Secretariat during the Country Review process. This workshop will provide us with an opportunity to have a look at this process, learn from experts and share experiences. It is our hope that the deliberations and lessons we will learn from this workshop will provide answers to most of your questions, clarify roles and responsibilities of all key players, and equip stakeholders with concrete tools and processes that would make the Tanzania NPOA a credible and operational plan for improving governance and socio-economic development.

Ladies and Gentlemen

I would like to conclude my remarks by expressing my sincere gratitude and appreciation to government and people of the United Republic of Tanzania for the demonstration of national leadership, determination and commitment that have enabled us to reach this stage of implementation of the NPoA. We also thank the APRM's Strategic Partners, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), and UNDP Regional Bureau for Africa, for the technical support they have provided the Mechanism, and for remaining reliable partners.

I thank you for your kind attention.