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Dear Permanent Secretary /Under Secretary,

**PUBLIC HEARING ON THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY CUSTOMS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2022**

The EALA Committee on Communicate, Trade and Investment is scheduled to undertake public hearings with stakeholders on the aforementioned Bill in the Partner States on **18<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> September 2022**. The main objective of the public hearings is to provide an avenue for stakeholders to have their inputs in the legislative process of the East African Community. The meetings will be held in the EAC Capitals. During this exercise, the Committee will hold meetings with stakeholders/representatives of the following institutions:

- i. Ministry responsible for EAC Affairs;
- ii. Attorney Generals' Chambers;
- iii. Ministry responsible for Trade;
- iv. Revenue Authorities/Customs;
- v. Association of Manufacturers;
- vi. Chamber of Commerce;
- vii. Association of Traders;
- viii. Members of Parliament from the Committee on Trade; and
- ix. Members of Parliament from the Committee on EAC.

The purpose of this letter therefore is to request your office to:

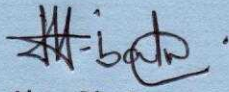
- a) Invite three (3) representatives from each of the aforementioned institutions to a meeting with the Committee as per the attached programme;
- b) In order to have a productive meeting and for ease of reference we request the invited stakeholders to prepare written presentations/briefs on the above subject matter; and
- c) Appoint a Focal Point Person who will assist the Committee to coordinate and mobilize the stakeholders. We will appreciate it if the contact of the Focal Point Person is communicated to the Office of the Clerk at your earliest opportunity.

Attached herewith, please, find a copy of the Bill, parent Act, a concept note and the provisional program for your reference.

For further clarification, the Focal Point Person may kindly do get in touch with Mr. Tugume Alfred on telephone number +256 772 330878 and on Email: [atugume@eachq.org](mailto:atugume@eachq.org); or [alfredtugume@yahoo.com](mailto:alfredtugume@yahoo.com); and Mr. Peter Asiimwe on telephone +255 684724181/ +256 782639277 and on email: [pasiimwe@eachq.org](mailto:pasiimwe@eachq.org).



Accept Permanent Secretary/Principal Secretary/Under Secretary the assurances of our highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Obatre', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Alex Obatre

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