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NURTURING QUALITY, EXEMPLIFYING EXCELLENCE

SIGNING CEREMONY

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR COOPERATION

AMONG

THE AFRICAN UNION COMMISSION

THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN

AND

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA

ON THE PAN AFRICAN UNIVERSITY

PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES

SIGNING CEREMONY

- 16:55-17:00:** ARRIVAL OF INVITED GUESTS AND SIGNATORIES
- 17:00-17:03:** INTRODUCTION OF EVENT AND RECOGNITION OF PARTICIPANTS OF EVENT- **DR. BEATRICE NJENGA, HEAD, EDUCATION DIVISION**
- 17:03-17:10:** WELCOME REMARKS BY H.E. **DR. MARTIAL DE PAUL IKOUNGA, COMMISSIONER FOR HRST**
- 17:10-17:15:** REMARKS BY H.E. **NORIO MITSUYA, SENIOR VICE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF JAPAN**
- 17:15-17:20:** REMARKS BY H.E. **AMB. AMINA MOHAMED, CABINET SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS**
- 17:20-17:25:** SIGNING OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR COOPERATION ON PAU
- 17:25-17:30:** **GROUP PHOTOGRAPH**

END OF PROGRAM

Press Release

Memorandum of Understanding for Cooperation among the African Union Commission, the Republic of Kenya and Japan on the Pan African University signed at the margins of the AU Summit, January 29, 2014 Addis Ababa

The development of the Pan African University Institute for Basic Sciences Technology and Innovation (PAUSTI) is the subject of the tripartite memorandum of understanding signed between the African Union Commission represented by H.E. Dr. Martial De Paul Ikounga, Commissioner for Human Resources, Science and Technology; the Government of the Republic of Kenya represented by H.E. Amb. Amina MOHAMED, Cabinet Secretary for Foreign Affairs; and the Government of Japan represented by H.E. Mr. Norio MITSUYA, Parliamentary Senior Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan, on 29th January 2014. The ceremony was presided over by Dr Beatrice Njenga, Head of Education at the AUC.

The Pan African University (PAU) is a new generation university implemented across the African continent, aiming at revitalizing higher education and research in Africa. The PAU will provide an exemplar for excellence in higher education and research for the development of high calibre youthful human capital and generation of knowledge products for Africa's social and economic development in the African continent.

PAUSTI is one of the five thematic hubs of the Pan African University, and is hosted at the Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology in Kenya, where the government of Kenya has demonstrated political and financial commitment in ensuring its successful operationalisation. Japan has been a long term sponsor of the Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology, and is therefore well placed to extend its support to PAUSTI. Under the tripartite MOU, support from Japan will include technical support that will include staff training and provision of scientific equipment.

In his remarks during the signing of the MOU, H.E. Commissioner Ikounga pointed out the centrality of PAUSTI within the PAU network, because Innovation is a transversal skill that will be part of the branding of the PAU, as it is necessary for ensuring that PAU achieves its mission of contributing to Africa's vision of prosperity through the harnessing of sciences and technology.

The tripartite agreement becomes effective immediately for a period of five years.