EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OFFICE OF THE U.S. TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

PUBLIC HEARING

For the

ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE ELIGIBILITY OF THE SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN COUNTRIES TO RECEIVE THE 2024 BENEFITS OF THE AFRICAN GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITY ACT (AGOA)

Hosted Virtually by the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative 1724 F Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

10:00 a.m., July 24, 2023

Program and Witness List

10:00 am Introduction and Welcome

Jeremy Streatfeild, Director for African Affairs and Chair of the AGOA Implementation Subcommittee, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative

AGOA Implementation Subcommittee representatives participating in the hearing:

- Fred Stewart, Director, Office of Africa, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce
- Anna Berger, International Relations Officer, Department of Labor
- **Deb Crane**, Director of the Office of African Nations, U.S. Treasury
- David Henry, Economic Bureau's Office of Bilateral Trade Affairs Deputy Director, Department of State
- Sandile Hlatshwayo, Ph.D., Senior Economist, Council of Economic Advisers

10:10 am Hearing Testimony and Questioning

Panel 1

- **Hon. Mursal M. Khaliff, Ph.D.**, Member of the Parliament of the Federal Republic of Somalia and former Minister of Planning and International Cooperation
- Daniel Hagos
- Dr. Karl Von Batten, FRSPH, Managing Partner, Von Batten-Montague-York, L.C.

Panel 2

• H.E. Purmanund Jhugroo, Ambassador, Embassy of Mauritius

- **Gregory Poole**, Special Advisor and Former Chief Supply Chain & Sourcing Officer, The Children's Place, Inc.
- Julia K. Hughes, President, United States Fashion Industry Association (USFIA)
- Dr. Frannie Leautier, Non-Resident Senior Fellow, Africa Center, Atlantic Council

Panel 3

- Alan Winde, Premier of the Western Cape, South Africa
- Arrie Krüger, Head of Marketing Industrial Applications and Performance Solutions, Sasol Chemicals
- Kevin Rosenbaum, Executive Director, The International Intellectual Property Alliance (IIPA)
- Brian Scarpelli, Senior Global Policy Counsel, ACT | The App Association

Conclusion of Hearing