TRADE AND INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The East African Community and the Government of the United States of America (the "Parties"):

Desiring to enhance the bonds of friendship and spirit of cooperation and to expand trade and strengthen economic relations between the East African Community and the United States;

Recognizing the importance of fostering an open and predictable environment for international trade and investment;

Recognizing the benefits the Parties can derive from increased international trade and investment, and that trade-distorting investment measures and protectionist trade barriers can reduce these benefits;

Seeking to promote transparency and to eliminate bribery and corruption in international trade and investment;

Recognizing the essential role of private investment, both domestic and foreign, in furthering growth, creating jobs, expanding trade, improving technology, and enhancing economic development;

Recognizing the increased importance of trade in services between the East African Community and the United States;

Taking into account the desirability of reducing non-tariff trade barriers in order to facilitate greater access to their markets;

Recognizing the importance of providing adequate and effective protection and enforcement of intellectual property rights and of membership in and adherence to intellectual property rights conventions;

Recognizing the importance of providing adequate and effective protection and enforcement of worker rights in accordance with the labor laws of the United States and the Partner States of the East African Community and of improving the observance of internationally recognized labor rights;

Desiring to ensure that their trade and environmental policies are mutually supportive and further the objective of sustainable development;

Desiring to encourage and promote investments and capital flows between the Parties;

Desiring to encourage and facilitate contacts between enterprises and other private sector groups in the territories of the United States and the Partner States of the East African Community;

Acknowledging the desirability of resolving trade and investment problems between them as expeditiously as possible;

Noting the membership of the United States of America and the Partner States of the East African Community in the World Trade Organization ("the WTO") and affirming that this Trade and Investment Framework Agreement ("Agreement") is without prejudice to their rights and obligations under the agreements, understandings, and other instruments related to or concluded under the auspices of the WTO;

Desiring to reinforce the multilateral trading system by strengthening efforts to complete successfully the Doha Development Agenda; and
This Agreement shall enter into force upon signature by the Parties.

ARTICLE SIX

The Parties shall submit their disputes to the East African Community under any other agreements with the Parties.

ARTICLE FIVE

The Council shall make a decision on the request of the Parties for the issuance of a decision of the matter concerned. The Council shall require the Parties to provide a specific notice of investment in the manner to be determined by the Parties.

ARTICLE FOUR

1. The Council shall:

   a. seek the advice of the public sector and civil society when appropriate on matters
   b. identify and work to remove impediments to trade and investment between the Parties
   c. consider specific trade and investment measures of interest to the Parties

APPENDIX:

1. The Parties shall:

   a. submit an annual report on progress made in the implementation of this Agreement
   b. consider and adopt decisions that may be appropriate for the development of an appropriate framework for the implementation of this Agreement
   c. adopt a decision on the establishment of a joint national investment agency
   d. consider the establishment of a joint national investment agency

ARTICLE THREE

The Parties shall submit their disputes to the East African Community and the Parties.

ARTICLE TWO

The Parties shall submit their disputes to the East African Community and the Parties.

ARTICLE ONE

The Parties have agreed as follows:

1. To create a mechanism for further dialogue on initiatives for expanding their trade
The United States Trade Representative
Susan C. Schwab
For the East African Community:
Peter N. Kinja

DONE at Washington, D.C., this 16th day of July 2008.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, having duly authorized, have signed this Agreement:

Either Party may withdraw from this Agreement by providing written notice of withdrawal to the other Party. The withdrawal shall take effect on a date the Parties agree or, if the Parties cannot agree, 180 days after the date on which the notice of withdrawal is delivered.