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- **THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE INTER-GOVERMENTAL STANDING COMMITTEE ON SHIPPING (ISCOS);**
- **SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICERS FROM MEMBER STATE AND PROSPECTIVE MEMBER STATES;**
- **HEADS OF INVITED ORGANISATIONS;**
- **MEMBERS OF THE PRESS;**
- **LADIES AND GENTLEMEN;**
- **MAY I SIMPLY SAY, ALL PROTOCOLS OBSERVED!**

I am indeed very happy to be with you here in Entebbe, Uganda after so many hours of flying and lay-overs from Lusaka, Zambia. As Ministers responsible for Transport, we

should find ways and means of making our countries more connected and enable our people to move and interact easily.

Before I go any further, I wish to thank the Hon. Minister of Works and Transport of the Republic of Uganda, for the warm reception and hospitality accorded to me and the entire Zambian delegation since our arrival in this beautiful and historic city of Entebbe.

As I deliver my maiden speech to this, the 7th Meeting of the Intergovernmental Standing Committee on Shipping, allow me to thank Hon. James W. Macharia EGH, Minister of Transport, Infrastructure, Housing and Urban Development of the Republic of Kenya for successfully chairing the organisation for the past two years, despite the challenges encountered due to the Covid 19 pandemic. May I also congratulate Uganda and wish them well as they will be taking over the Chairmanship of this great organisation.

Honourable Chair, Ladies and Gentlemen,

As you are all aware, Zambia just ushered in the New Dawn Administration after the August 2021 General Elections. Therefore, I wish on behalf of the Zambian people, to thank you all for the congratulatory messages and for your prayers as we went through our elective process.

Our President, Mr. Hakainde Hichilema, made it clear in his inaugural speech to the nation, that Zambia will strengthen its relationships with strategic partners in her quest for economic development. To this effect, we shall explore all avenues to ensure that we benefit from strategic alliances and my presence here today is evidence of our desire to collaborate with regional partners.

Hon. Chairperson,

I am aware that the Republic of Kenya will be going to the polls in August 2022. In this regard, we wish them a peaceful and successful electoral process. It is our fervent prayer that God's countenance shall shine with favour on the people of Kenya.

Hon. Chairperson,

Zambia is not an Island and her membership to both regional and international organisations is very critical. Therefore, we have to ensure the accrual of economic benefits from these Regional and International alliances for the benefit of our people. This makes me duty bound to explain to the Zambian people the benefits that are derived from ISCOS as opposed to other Organisations that we belong to.

Hon Chairperson,

From what I have gathered, ISCOS has made commendable strides and savings to the economies of member states through the domiciling of Marine Cargo Insurance that will save Member States the externalisation of the hard-earned United States dollars. This will result in Zambia retaining about 100 million United States dollars per annum on imports alone.

ISCOS has also made interventions on Vessel Delay Surcharges and other unjustifiable charges imposed by overseas shipping lines, Use of Container guarantees instead of container deposits, Capacity building of importers and exporters enabling them to expedite their businesses in accordance with international best practices, to mention but a few.

While this is commendable, I am urging the Secretary General of ISCOS and other Member States to help Zambia have access to all the services that the Organisation provides as this will help to reduce the cost of doing trade and thus facilitate development.

Hon. Chair, Ladies and Gentlemen,

From the foregoing, it is easy to state that one of the critical roles of ISCOS is trade facilitation. In this regard, ISCOS should serve the land-linked countries by ensuring that the seaports are efficient.

You will appreciate that the more inefficient the seaports are, the more the cost to the land-linked countries like Zambia. Just like corruption, inefficiency is always a cost that is paid for by the consumers and the greatest adverse impact is felt by the poorest of our nationals. I, therefore, wish to earnestly appeal to ISCOS that it superintends over the efficiency of seaports, where member countries' trade passes through.

Zambia being surrounded by 8 neighbours and beyond depends on the goodwill of these countries for the smooth movement of our people, goods, and services. In this regard, I wish to appeal to ISCOS to consider working with others to level the playing field in any way possible, among member states that share borders and have trade routes traversing each other's territory. I am saying this because as a country we have experienced a lot of Tariff and Non-Tariff Barriers, especially along Road Transport Corridors.

Hon. Chair, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I also wish to urge the ISCOS Secretariat to begin considering the subscriptions from Member States as seed money. The organisation should start investing in the sale of advisory services on the maritime and shipping international market. The Institution can also aggressively begin to bid to carry out consultancy services to earn money.

In addition, the organisation should consider the production of periodicals and floating of project proposals to attract grants from Cooperating Partners. Global warming and the Blue economy if properly understood could provide opportunities for project proposals that could raise money for the organisation.

Hon. Chair, Ladies and Gentlemen,

The issue of the revised administrative Manuals has just been brought to my attention. I will ensure that they are reviewed, and we will get back to the Secretariat at the earliest possible time.

I am also aware of Zambia's outstanding contributions. Zambia has started making contributions towards dismantling the debt and will endeavour to continue doing so.

Hon. Chair, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Allow me Hon. Chair to thank the Secretary General of ISCOS and his entire team, for the hard work and good organisation of the meetings. I am particularly impressed by the number of invited Ministers of Transport and others who have joined us in this Assembly of Ministers Meeting as Observers. May I take this opportunity to welcome you all to this meeting and hope that you will contribute positively to ISCOS.

Hon. Chair, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is my hope today that this meeting will achieve the objectives for which we are gathered here for.

I thank you and May God bless you all.

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