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Telephonic conversation between External Affairs Minister of India and Cabinet Secretary of the  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Republic of Kenya

Dr. S. Jaishankar, External Affairs Minister (EAM) of India had a telephonic conversation with Amb. Raychelle Omamo, Cabinet Secretary (CS) of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kenya on 21 April 2020. The two leaders expressed solidarity in fight against the Coronavirus and discussed various areas of cooperation to deal with the crisis created by the COVID 19 pandemic and Dr. Jaishankar assured all help and facilitation in evacuation of Kenyan citizens from India.

CS Amb. Omamo thanked India for donation of essential HIV medicines, which have already landed in Nairobi, last week. EAM Dr. Jaishankar assured CS Amb. Omamo that India will remain a reliable partner of Kenya for medical supplies. At the request of CS Amb. Omamo, EAM Dr. Jaishankar assured that India will supply Chlorine in the form of Calcium Hypochlorite (HTH) for water treatment.

CS Amb. Omamo thanked India for the assistance provided over the years for Kenya's developmental efforts in many areas, including education, food security and energy.

EAM informed CS about the measures taken by the Government of India to control the spread of the Corona Virus in India, including the nationwide lock down, initially for 3 weeks from 25 March 2020 and further extended until 3 May 2020. He stated that with the efforts of the Government and people of India, the transmission rate has come down, but still cases are doubling every week.

CS Amb. Omamo recalled her special personal relationship with India, while informing that her late father Mr. William Odongo Omamo, who was Agricultural Minister of Kenya, had studied in India and that she is also actively associated with the Kenya-India Friendship Association (KIFA). EAM Dr. Jaishankar also fondly recollected his visit to Kenya along with the Prime Minister of India in July 2016 and mentioned that Prime Minister has a special place for Kenya in his heart.

The conversation ended by mutual invitations by EAM and CS to visit each other's countries at a time convenient to them after the normalization of the current global uncertainty created by Covid-19 pandemic.

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