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WITNESSES INSTRUCTIONS:

Required Materials: To satisfy the requirements of House and Committee rules, the following materials must be submitted no later than two (2) business days before the hearing, to avoid mandatory witness exclusion. (Please note that two business days before a Tuesday hearing means Friday of the preceding week.)

- **Written Statement:** Written testimony should be in final form, and electronic files should not include any hidden text or tracked changes that are not intended to be public. The text of the written statement shall be considered final and may not be revised by the witness after the hearing at which the witness appears. The first page of the written statement should display the following information:
 - Name;
 - Title and organizational affiliation;
 - The name of the Committee (House Committee on Foreign Affairs);
 - The date and title of the hearing at which the witness is testifying; and
 - If applicable, the identity of any translator used to prepare the written statement, and any interpreter whom the witness intends to use at the hearing.
- **Curriculum vitae or resume *and* a brief biography summarizing the curriculum vitae or resume**
- **Completed “Truth in Testimony” form**
 - For questions or information about this form, please contact the Hearing Coordinator.
- **Any videos, photos, audio-visual matter, posters or other supporting materials that the witness intends to present or display.**

Hearing Presentation: A witness shall limit oral testimony at the hearing to no more than five (5) minutes, briefly summarizing the written statement. The written statement may be longer and submitted for the record, up to eight (8) pages.

Questions for the Record: Additional questions submitted for the record may be sent to the witness after the hearing. If there are questions for the record, please email answers to the Hearing Coordinator within five (5) business days of receipt, so that the questions and answers may be included in the Committee print of the hearing.

Transcript Corrections: The witness will receive a stenographic transcript of the witness hearing remarks for review. The witness may submit technical, grammatical, and typographical corrections (substantive revision is not permitted) to the Hearing Coordinator, which is due within one (1) week of receipt.

Optional Materials: There is also an **optional** survey on witness diversity that the witness may submit [here](#). This survey is provided by the Tri-Caucus Initiative to track the diversity of the witnesses who testify before Committees. If the witness is testifying virtually and would like to practice connecting to the platform, please email the Hearing Coordinator.

HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
FOREIGN AGENTS REGISTRATION ACT ATTESTATION

Are you an active registrant under the Foreign Agents Registration Act (FARA)?”

☐ YES

☒ NO

***** Please return this form to the Hearing Coordinator**

Committee Rule 6(b)(4)

‘Truth In Testimony’ Disclosure. In the case of a witness appearing in a nongovernmental capacity, a written statement of proposed testimony shall, to the extent practicable, include: a curriculum vitae; a disclosure of the amount and source of any Federal grant (or subgrant thereof) or contract (or subcontract thereof), or of any contract, grant or payment originating with a foreign government, received during the past 36 months by the witness or by an entity represented by the witness and related to the subject matter of, and the witness’ representational capacity at, the hearing; a disclosure of whether the witness is negotiating or awaiting approval to receive a contract with, a grant or payment from a foreign government; and a disclosure of whether the witness is fiduciary (including, but not limited to, a director, officer, advisor, or resident agent) of any organization or entity that has an interest in the subject matter of the hearing or an active registrant under the Foreign Agents Registration Act (FARA). Such statements, with appropriate redactions to protect the privacy, safety, or security of the witness, shall be made publicly available in electronic form 24 hours before the witness appears to the extent practicable, but not later than one day after the witness appears.

Truth in Testimony Disclosure Form

In accordance with Rule XI, clause 2(g)(5)* of the *Rules of the House of Representatives*, witnesses are asked to disclose the following information. Please complete this form electronically by filling in the provided blanks.

Committee: Foreign Affairs

Subcommittee: Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations

Hearing Date: 03/17/2021

Hearing Title :

Update on COVID-19 in Africa

Witness Name: Ambassador (former) Kip Tom

Position/Title: Ambassador (former)

Witness Type: ☐ Governmental ☒ Non-governmental

Are you representing yourself or an organization? ☒ Self ☐ Organization

If you are representing an organization, please list what entity or entities you are representing:

None

FOR WITNESSES APPEARING IN A NON-GOVERNMENTAL CAPACITY

Please complete the following fields. If necessary, attach additional sheet(s) to provide more information.

Are you a fiduciary—including, but not limited to, a director, officer, advisor, or resident agent—of any organization or entity that has an interest in the subject matter of the hearing? If so, please list the name of the organization(s) or entities.

None

Please list any federal grants or contracts (including subgrants or subcontracts) related to the hearing's subject matter that you, the organization(s) you represent, or entities for which you serve as a fiduciary have received in the past thirty-six months from the date of the hearing. Include the source and amount of each grant or contract.

None

Please list any contracts, grants, or payments originating with a foreign government and related to the hearing's subject that you, the organization(s) you represent, or entities for which you serve as a fiduciary have received in the past thirty-six months from the date of the hearing. Include the amount and country of origin of each contract or payment.

None

Please complete the following fields. If necessary, attach additional sheet(s) to provide more information.

- ☒ I have attached a written statement of proposed testimony.
- ☒ I have attached my curriculum vitae or biography.

* Rule XI, clause 2(g)(5), of the U.S. House of Representatives provides:

(5)(A) Each committee shall, to the greatest extent practicable, require witnesses who appear before it to submit in advance written statements of proposed testimony and to limit their initial presentations to the committee to brief summaries thereof.

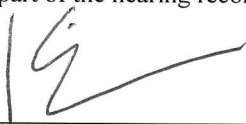
(B) In the case of a witness appearing in a non-governmental capacity, a written statement of proposed testimony shall include— (i) a curriculum vitae; (ii) a disclosure of any Federal grants or contracts, or contracts, grants, or payments originating with a foreign government, received during the past 36 months by the witness or by an entity represented by the witness and related to the subject matter of the hearing; and (iii) a disclosure of whether the witness is a fiduciary (including, but not limited to, a director, officer, advisor, or resident agent) of any organization or entity that has an interest in the subject matter of the hearing.

(C) The disclosure referred to in subdivision (B)(iii) shall include— (i) the amount and source of each Federal grant (or subgrant thereof) or contract (or subcontract thereof) related to the subject matter of the hearing; and (ii) the amount and country of origin of any payment or contract related to the subject matter of the hearing originating with a foreign government.

(D) Such statements, with appropriate redactions to protect the privacy or security of the witness, shall be made publicly available in electronic form 24 hours before the witness appears to the extent practicable, but not later than one day after the witness appears.

False Statements Certification

Knowingly providing material false information to this committee/subcommittee, or knowingly concealing material information from this committee/subcommittee, is a crime (18 U.S.C. § 1001). This form will be made part of the hearing record.

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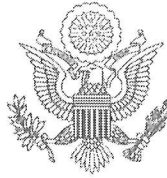
Witness signature

3/17/21

Date

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March 16, 2021

The Honorable Kip E. Tom

Dear Ambassador Tom:

I am writing to invite you to testify at a hearing, entitled "Update on COVID-19 in Africa," to be held before the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Global Human Rights at 1:00 pm EST. on Wednesday, March 17, 2021, via Cisco WebEx.

The purpose of this hearing is to receive an update on the effects of COVID-19 in Africa including the long-term socio-economic impact the pandemic has caused on the continent. After the first COVID-19 case was recorded on February 14, 2020, the World Health Organization's modeling system predicted that 29 million to 44 million Africans could be infected in the first year of the pandemic, with a predicted 83,000 to 190,000 deaths. However, the African continent has defied the doomsday scenarios a year into the pandemic. Members will be interested to learn how African countries have collaborated with multilateral groups such as the African Union and African Centres for Disease Control, and with regional organizations and local partners to combat the spread of COVID-19 and to address the economic impacts of the pandemic. Members will also be interested to hear about any recommendations you may have for how the U.S. government can assist African led initiatives and strengthen support to international organizations.

Enclosed are the Committee's instructions for hearing witnesses and the required truth-in-testimony form. I ask that your biography, written testimony, and completed form be sent electronically to Naomia.Suggs-Brigety@mail.house.gov by Tuesday, March 16, 2021. Should you need any additional information for this hearing, please contact Naomia A. Suggs-Brigety, Staff Associate, at (202) 226-4524.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Gregory W. Meeks", written over a horizontal line.

GREGORY W. MEEKS
Chairman