

JOINT STATEMENT
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FOR THE COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES AND THE REPUBLIC OF CONGO

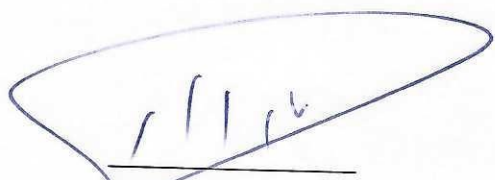
We, Minister of State for Foreign Trade of the United Arab Emirates, Thani bin Ahmed Al Zeyoudi, and Minister of Economy and Finance for the Republic of Congo, Jean-Baptiste Ondaye, are pleased to announce today the successful conclusion of negotiations on the UAE-Republic of Congo Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA).

The UAE-Republic of Congo CEPA will deepen trade relations and enhance investment flows between the two countries by improving market access for goods and services, removing unnecessary barriers to trade, and providing new opportunities for economic and technical cooperation.

The conclusion of the UAE-Republic of Congo CEPA negotiations is a significant milestone that reflects the strong bilateral relationship and longstanding friendship between the two nations. It also represents the shared commitment by the UAE and Republic of Congo to achieving greater economic progress for peoples and business communities in both nations.

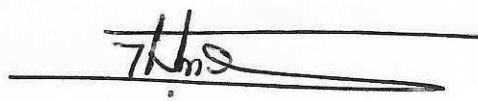
Signed virtually on 28 December, 2023.

**For the Government of the
United Arab Emirates**



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Minister of State for Foreign Trade

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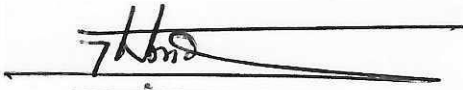
We, Minister of Economy and Finance of the Republic of Congo, Jean-Baptiste Ondaye, and Minister of State for Foreign Trade of the United Arab Emirates, Thani bin Ahmed Al Zeyoudi, are pleased to announce today the successful conclusion of negotiations on the Republic of Congo-UAE Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA).

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