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Memorandum of Understanding Signed Between MCAZ and RUE-CETH Belarus

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Harare, 3 June 2024 - The Medicines Control Authority of Zimbabwe (MCAZ) is pleased to announce the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Republican Unitary Enterprise Center for Examinations and Tests in Health Service (RUE-CETH) Belarus. This significant agreement marks a new chapter of collaboration and cooperation between our two organizations.

The MoU establishes a framework for joint efforts in enhancing regulatory standards, ensuring the safety and efficacy of medicines, and fostering innovation in the pharmaceutical sector. This partnership aims to leverage the strengths and expertise of both MCAZ and RUE-CETH to promote public health and improve access to high-quality medical products.

The MoU builds upon the strong historical and friendly relations between Zimbabwe and Belarus. This partnership will not only enhance the safety and efficacy of medicines in both countries but also promote the development of the pharmaceutical industry, and create opportunities for investment and trade.

MCAZ Director-General Mr. Richard Rukwata, indicated that partnership is an important milestone in building capacity within the regulators in both countries and ensuring world-class medicines and health products regulation for the benefit of citizens. "We are excited to embark on this partnership with RUE-CETH Belarus. This collaboration will enable us to share knowledge, enhance regulatory practices, and ultimately benefit the citizens of both countries by ensuring access to safe and effective medicines," said Mr. Rukwata.

The signing ceremony held at the RUE-CETH Office in Minsk, Belarus, was attended by key representatives from both organizations, reflecting the mutual commitment to advancing healthcare standards and regulatory excellence.

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About MCAZ:

Medicines Control Authority of Zimbabwe (MCAZ) is a statutory body established by an Act of Parliament, The Medicines and Allied Substances Control Act (MASCA) [Chapter 15:03]. MCAZ is a successor of the Drugs Control Council (DCC) and the Zimbabwe Regional Drug Control Laboratory (ZRDCL). DCC was established by an Act of Parliament in 1969: Drugs and Allied Substances Control Act [Chapter 15:03] following which ZRDCL became operational in 1989.

MCAZ is responsible for protecting public and animal health by ensuring that accessible medicines and allied substances and medical devices are safe, effective and of good quality through enforcement and adherence to standards by manufacturers and distributors.

The mandate of MCAZ is to protect public health ensuring that medicines and medical devices on the market are safe, effective, and of good quality.

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