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Department:
Trade, Industry and Competition
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

**THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

QUESTION NO. 3297

Inkosi R N Cebekhulu (IFP) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:

Whether, following his joint statement with the United States Trade Representative, Ms Katherine Tai, and in light of the fact that the Republic will host the African Growth and Opportunity Act forum in November 2023, to what extent has he found that the relations between the Republic and Russia have affected the extension of the African Growth and Opportunity Act with the United States of America (US), especially in view of concerns that have been raised by US policymakers? NO4393E

REPLY:

The AGOA Forum held in South Africa was positive and constructive. Geo-political matters had been addressed in discussions with US policy-makers in July 2023, and did not feature on the agenda of the AGOA Forum.

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