

## Cooperation of the Republic of Belarus with the Republic of Zimbabwe

*Diplomatic relations* between the Republic of Belarus and the Republic of Zimbabwe were established on April 16, 1992. The Ambassador of the Republic of Belarus in South Africa is accredited in Zimbabwe as non-resident.

*The legal base* of bilateral relations is actively developing. Currently, 15 international documents have been signed between the countries, more than a dozen agreements are in progress.

*The trade relations* of the Republic of Belarus with the Republic of Zimbabwe have the following dynamics:

*(in millions of US dollars)*

Year	Trade Volume	Export	Import	Balance
2015	2,652	1,262	1,390	-0,128
2016	4,160	0,221	3,939	-3,718
2017	21,461	18,967	2,494	16,473
2018	5,471	1,786	3,685	-1,899
2019	4,076	0,256	3,820	-3,564
<i>2019 year to 2018 year</i>	25,5%	9,4%	147,7%	

As a result of active and thorough work with the Zimbabwean side in 2017-2019 were created favorable conditions and prerequisites for a serious increase in Belarusian exports. However, the current difficulties in Zimbabwean economy did not allow achieve significant results during the past year.

The basis of Belarusian exports is traditionally made up by motor vehicles and related consumables and spare parts, fertilizers, and printed products. Zimbabwe supplies to Belarus tobacco raw materials, as well as small amounts of seasonal fruits.

In 2011 the visit to the Republic of Belarus was made by H.E. J.Nkomo, Vice-President of Zimbabwe. Since 2015 bilateral contacts have intensified significantly: delegations of both States have repeatedly visited Minsk and Harare.

In January 2019 the first official visit to the Republic of Belarus of H.E. E.Mnangagwa, President of the Republic of Zimbabwe, took place. Within the visit there was held a number of official events, including the meeting with H.E. Alexander Lukashenko, President of the Republic of Belarus, and signing of a number of international treaties.