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## **CCC Merger Inquiry Notice No. 29 of 2017**

### **Notice of Inquiry into the Proposed Acquisition of the Entire Issued Share Capital of Rockwell Collins, Inc by United Technologies Corporation**

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It is hereby notified in terms of Article 26(6) of the COMESA Competition Regulations (the “**Regulations**”) that the COMESA Competition Commission (the “**Commission**”), after receiving a notification in terms of Article 24 of the Regulations regarding the proposed acquisition of the entire issued share capital of Rockwell Collins, Inc (“**Rockwell Collins**”) by United Technologies Corporation (“**UTC**”), intends to embark on an inquiry in terms of Article 26 of the Regulations.

The Parties have submitted that the acquiring undertaking, UTC, is a United States based company with its principal business address at 10 Farm Springs Road, Farmington, Connecticut, CT06032, United States of America. UTC provides high-technology products and services for the building systems and aerospace industries worldwide. The UTC group of companies comprises the following major businesses: Otis Elevator Company; UTC Climate Change; Pratt & Whitney; and UTC Aerospace Systems. The Parties have submitted that in COMESA, UTC supplies the following category of products and services: elevators; escalators; elevator and escalator services; heating; ventilation and air conditioning and refrigeration products and services; security products and services; aerospace systems and services; including aircraft pneumatic de-icing systems aircraft propeller heaters; aircraft lighting; and aircraft crew and pilot seating. The parties have submitted that UTC has operations in the following COMESA Member States: Burundi, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Djibouti, Egypt, Ethiopia, Kenya, Libya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Rwanda, Seychelles, Sudan, Swaziland, Uganda, and Zimbabwe.

The Parties have submitted that the target undertaking, Rockwell Collins, is a United States based company with its principal business address at 400 Collins Road N.E., Cedar Rapids, Iowa, 52498, United States of America. Rockwell Collins provides avionics and information technology systems and services to governmental agencies and aircraft manufacturers. It also offers a comprehensive portfolio of products in flight deck avionics, cabin electronics, cabin interiors, information management, mission communications and simulation and training. The Rockwell Collins group comprises the following major business units: Commercial Systems; Government Systems; Interior Systems; International and Service Solutions; and Information Management Solutions. In the Common Market, Rockwell Collins supplies the following products and services: aircraft oxygen; aircraft interior lighting; aircraft gallery inserts; aircraft gallery structure parts; aircraft passenger seating for large commercial

aircraft; business aviation database updates; commercial visual simulation and training products; commercial aftermarket repair and service; cabin IFE products; commercial dispatch product support services; digital entertainment services; commercial aircraft equipment spares to support in-region airline operations; in-flight entertainment on board service; and business aviation dispatch support. The parties have submitted that Rockwell Collins has operations in the following COMESA Member States: the Democratic Republic of Congo, Egypt, Ethiopia, Kenya, Libya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Rwanda, Seychelles, Sudan, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

The Parties have submitted that the proposed transaction involves the proposed acquisition of 100% of the issued shares in Rockwell Collins by UTC.

The Commission will, in accordance with the provisions of the Regulations, determine among other things whether or not the merger is likely to substantially prevent or lessen competition within the Common Market and whether the merger is or would be contrary to public interest as provided for under Article 26 of the Regulations. In view of this, the Commission hereby gives notice to all interested stakeholders, including competitors, suppliers and customers of the merging parties to submit written representations to the Commission with regard to the subject matter of the proposed inquiry by emailing them to: [wmwemba@comesa.int](mailto:wmwemba@comesa.int). All written representations should be sent to the Commission not later than **14<sup>th</sup> December, 2017**.

If you wish to seek further details and/or clarifications on any aspect of this proposed transaction or need assistance, you may get in touch with **Mr. Willard Mwemba, Manager - Mergers and Acquisitions** on Tel: +265 (0) 1 772 466 or E-mail [wmwemba@comesa.int](mailto:wmwemba@comesa.int).

All written representations submitted to the Commission will be treated with the strictest confidentiality and will only be used for the purpose of this inquiry.