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PRESS RELEASE

As you are aware, Kenya and Uganda set out to develop a Standard Gauge Railway System from Mombasa to Kampala via Nairobi, Kisumu under the auspices of NCIP.

Kenya has since developed their SGR from Mombasa to Nairobi, Nairobi to Naivasha and the line is operational.

Uganda is now in the process of developing its SGR from Malaba – Kampala (Eastern Route).

Cabinet sitting on Monday 29th July 2024 among other things therefore received a report from the Ministry of Works and Transport, about the progress and future outlook of the Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) Project in Uganda.

The initiative, developed under the auspices of the Northern Corridor Infrastructure Projects Protocol and guided by Cabinet directives, presents a critical step towards unlocking economic growth and fostering a conclusive Investment Environment for local and foreign stakeholders.

Objectives of this project are;

- i) Enhance transport efficiency by providing a modern, fast, reliable and high capacity railway network which will

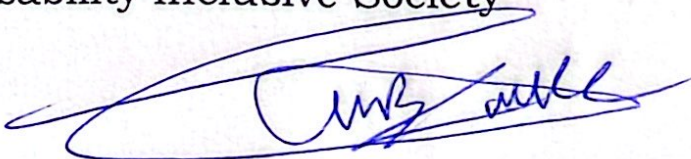
reduce transit times, lower transport costs and facilitate the movement of goods and passengers.

- ii) To promote economic growth by creating seamless connectivity within Uganda and neighboring countries to stimulate trade, investment and industrial development.
- iii) Facilitate regional integration as part of a broader regional integration efforts aligning with the Northern Corridor Infrastructure Projects Protocol and promote closer economic ties and collaboration with regional partners.

The Ministry of Works and Transport is in advanced stages of procuring a contractor M/s Yapi Merkezi (Turkish firm) to undertake the construction of the Malaba – Kampala route under Engineering, Procurement, Construction (EPC)/Turkey plus Finance arrangement.

We would therefore like to inform all Ugandans that the development of SGR is on and work will commence as soon as the Financing arrangements are sorted.

Cabinet also noted that Uganda will host the **7th Community Based Rehabilitation Africa Conference** from 9th to 13th September, 2024, at Imperial Resort Beach Hotel, Entebbe; under the theme “Advancing Community Based Rehabilitation for a Disability Inclusive Society”



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