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PRESENT STATEMENT

UGANDA HOSTS MIDTERM REVIEW MEETING ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECISIONS OF THE FIRST OF THE UGANDA-KENYA JOINT MINISTERIAL COMMISSION

Uganda is to host a midterm review meeting to review the implementation of the decisions of the 1st Session of the Uganda-Kenya Joint Ministerial Commission (JMC) that was in Nairobi, Kenya from 21-25 March 2019. The JMC meetings are held annually on a rotational basis.

During the Nairobi JMC meeting, the Ministers responsible for Foreign Affairs decided that there would be midterm review meetings (every six months) at the level of Permanent/Principal Secretary to track the status of implementation of the decisions of the JMC.

The midterm review meeting will take place on 17th December 2019 at Kampala Sheraton Hotel. The meeting of Permanent/Principal Secretaries will be preceded by the meeting of Senior Officials on 16th December 2019. The Uganda delegation will be led by the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Amb. Patrick S. Mugoya while the Kenyan delegation will be led by Amb. Kamau Macharia, Principal Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kenya.

The JMC meeting that was held in Kenya in March 2019 discussed a wide range of issues related to the bilateral relations between the two countries in the fields of security, defense and cross border cooperation. The meeting also discussed cooperation in economic and trade matters. Some of the key decisions of that meeting were: non-tariff barriers affecting trade in dairy products, the lifting of the ban on Ugandan poultry products by Kenya, Market access for Ugandan tiles and Ugandan sugar, and the removal of the ban on export of beef and beef products from Kenya by Uganda.

Relations between Uganda and Kenya remain cordial. Kenya is a key strategic and trading partner of Uganda with a trade volume of approximately 1.3bn USD.

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