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PUBLIC NOTICE

Fellow Ugandans,

RETURNING UGANDANS WHO ARE STRANDED ABROAD DUE TO BORDER CLOSURES AS A RESULT OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

As you may be aware, on 25th May, 2020, Cabinet approved, in principle, the proposal to allow the above-referenced Ugandans to return home in a phased and safe manner. Accordingly, the concerned government Ministries, Departments and Agencies were tasked to put in place all the necessary facilities that will ensure a smooth exercise that provides for the personal safety of the returnees and that of the public in Uganda.

In particular, the Ministry of Health is arranging for testing facilities on arrival, the availability of Personal Protective Equipment (PPEs) for all frontline workers who will be handling the returnees and for adequate and appropriate quarantine centres. Additionally, the arrival areas at various border points are being re-configured to ensure that they meet social distancing standards as prescribed by the World Health Organization and Uganda's Ministry of Health.

Following the Presidential Address on Efforts to Combat Covid-19 in Uganda on 1st June 2020, various Covid-19 lock-down restrictions have been eased further as the Country gradually moves towards eventual normalization. However, H.E. the President directed that the international borders of Uganda and the airport will remain closed to curb any infections that may sneak in from abroad.

It is in this vein that the Embassy of Uganda in Tokyo wishes to advise all Ugandans in Japan and South Korea, particularly those affected by the border closures, to exercise patience and refrain from prematurely booking flights until guides on repatriation and readiness to receive returning citizens are issued by the Government of Uganda in accordance with prescribed Covid-19 national and applicable international guidelines.

The Embassy remains actively seized of this matter and will continue providing updates in this regard on its usual platforms and also respond to inquiries via e-mail and the Consular Section during prescribed working hours. Stay safe and Happy Martyrs Day celebrations.

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