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To: All Television Broadcasters in Uganda

: All Radio Broadcasters in Uganda

: All providers of online data communication services in Uganda; and

: All users of social media services in Uganda.

Dear all,

DIRECTIVE NOT TO BROADCAST, PROMOTE AND/OR SHARE VULGAR, OBSCENE AND OTHER PROHIBITED CONTENT ON TELEVISIONS, RADIOS AND ONLINE PLATFORMS IN UGANDA

Reference is made to the Resolutions that were made at the multistakeholder dialogue that was held on 9th December 2024 at the Uganda National Cultural Centre (UNCC) regarding the public outcry over the repeated production, promotion and broadcasting of vulgar and obscene content by MR. GERESON WABUYE aka GRAVITY OMUTUJU and MR. YASIN MUKASA aka LIL PAZO, and other artists/content creators in Uganda.

The Uganda Communications Commission (the Commission) has taken note of the concerns raised at the said multistakeholder dialogue and the public outcry against the continued broadcasting and promotion of songs and other creative works that contain veiled words, statements and actions that reasonable members of society consider to be vulgar, obscene and calculated to undermine the moral and cultural values of our society.

The Commission's attention has particularly been drawn to songs titled *ENKUDI*, *DOOZE*, *OKWEPIICHA*, *ENYAMA*, *OMUNIO*, by the aforesaid two artists, which in the opinion of the attendees of the above-referenced multistakeholder dialogue, contain vulgar and obscene words and innuendos and are contrary to the Minimum Broadcasting Standards as enshrined in Schedule 4 of the Uganda Communications Act Cap 103 (the Act), and the Uganda Communications (Content) Regulations 2019 (the Content Regulations).

As all broadcasters are aware, Section 31 and Schedule 4 of Act and Regulations 8(2)(a), (b), (3), (4) and 9 of the Content Regulations prohibit the broadcasting of content that is contrary to public morality or contains profanity, and/or presents sexual matters in an explicit and offensive manner.

In accordance with its mandate under Sections 5(1)(b), (j), 27 and 45 of the Act, and Part VIII of the Content Regulations, the Commission is undertaking investigations into these matters and its preliminary findings indicate that the

songs *ENKUDI*, *DOOZE*, *OKWEPIICHA*, *ENYAMA*, *OMUNIO* by the two artists, that is, GERESON WABUYI aka GRAVITY OMUTUJU and YASIN MUKASA aka LIL PAZZO contain veiled words and statements that are vulgar, obscene, and with capacity to undermine or corrupt the moral and cultural values of our society.

WHEREFORE, in accordance with Sections 5(1)(b), (x), (j), 31 and 45 of the Act and Regulation 41 of the Content Regulations, and in order to protect the public against further breach of the law and the Minimum Broadcastings Standards through the continued broadcasting of the said songs, the Commission hereby **DIRECTS** all broadcasters, including televisions, radios and online data communication service providers to:

- (i) IMMEDIATELY **suspend** the airing and/or broadcasting of the songs titled *ENKUDI*, *DOOZE*, *OKWEPIICHA*, *ENYAMA*, *OMUNIO* by the above artists from all your broadcast platforms until the Commission has concluded its investigations into this matter.
- (ii) IMMEDIATELY **suspend** the broadcasting of programs that involve discussions of the content of the songs herein above banned from all your broadcast platforms until the Commission has concluded its investigations. The Commission shall in due course communicate its final decision following the conclusion of the investigations.
- (iii) IMMEDIATELY **stop** the airing and/or broadcasting of songs and other audio-visual content that contain veiled words, actions or statements that are vulgar, obscene and calculated to undermine, and/or corrupt the moral fabric and cultural values of our society.

All broadcasters are reminded that effective the date of this letter, the subject songs are **PROHIBITED CONTENT**, and in terms of Regulations 45 and 46 of the Content Regulations, it is an offence for any broadcaster, including individual show presenters, to broadcast prohibited content. The Commission shall not hesitate to criminally prosecute, and or impose regulatory sanctions on broadcasters and individuals that will defy the directives herein above.

The purpose of this letter, therefore, is to bring this DIRECTIVE to your attention for **immediate action**.

Yours faithfully,

Hon. Nyombi Thembo

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Copy to: The Chairman, National Association of Broadcasters (NAB)

The Chairman, Rural Broadcaster's Association (RUBA)

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