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DIGITAL HEALTH DECLARATION FORM

Starting on the 14th of November 2022 the government of the Republic of Uganda issued the following directives with immediate effect on health measures at all points of entry and departure; All travelers are required to fill out the online digital health declaration form within 24 hours of travel for all departures and arrivals. The digital form can be downloaded using the link

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EBOLA UPDATE FROM THE RECENT PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

On the 15th of November 2022 the President of Uganda H.E. Kaguta Museveni addressed the nation on a few concerns about Ebola. Among the important points laid out in his speech was increased awareness of the disease in the affected districts. It is noted that out of the 146 only 6 districts are locally affected by the outbreak. Ebola isnt an airborne disease like it was most recently with covid-19, it can only be transmitted through close body contact

with an infected person, and also it being that its localized within only the 6 districts out of the many districts in the country such contacts are very easy to avoid since they are not destinations of travel. It is also noted that there has been inconsistency in the statistics of cases in existence as noted by the media which dont update the exact numbers as shown by the ministry of health. Statistics from the ministry show that there are only 13 active cases in the Ebola Treatment Units In his speech this is what he had to say about tourism;

I have been informed that tourists have been canceling their trips to Uganda and some have

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even postponed their bookings in hotels and lodges due to the Ebola outbreak. Furthermore, international conferences and meetings have been postponed and some moved to other countries due to the Ebola outbreak. This is most unfortunate.

I would like to reassure the international community, tourists and conference organizers and the entire Ugandan population, that Government has put in place measures to control the outbreak. The Ebola outbreak is localized to only 6 out of the 146 districts. Uganda remains safe and we welcome international guests.

Government is doing all it takes to control this epidemic and avoid exportation outside Uganda. In this regard, the list of Ebola contacts has been availed to the Immigration Authorities to prevent them from international travel. In addition, there is screening at the airport and land border points of entry for temperature, symptoms and history of contact. **President of the Republic of Uganda**

RUNNING FOR A CAUSE

The Ministry of Tourism has partnered with MTN Uganda to leverage on MTN Kampala Marathon's potential to market Uganda as the ideal tourist destination. The Upcoming MTN Kampala Marathon slated for Sunday, 20th November provides a great opportunity to lure marathon enthusiasts to Kampala City's tourism potential. From the vibrant nightlife, historical sites, cultural experiences, faith based tourism, the cinemas to other entertainment activities. This partnership with MTN Uganda is another addition. The marathon has hit stage for the past 16 years with an aim of giving back to the less privileged in the communities around the country. The annual event usually takes place as the year dawns in November and a number of Ugandans and well-wishers from all over the world

to join the event. This year's bid is to contribute towards the improvement of maternal health services around the country

