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**AT THE SECOND GLOBAL DISABILITY SUMMIT 2022**

**17<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2022**

**At 5.30PM PROMPT**

- Your Excellences,
- Distinguished participants,

- Ladies and gentlemen

I bring you greetings from His Excellency the President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, and the people of Uganda on this important summit.

Uganda is prioritizing participation in the Second Global Disability Summit (GDS) as a demonstration of our solid commitment to advance the interests and causes of Persons with Disabilities.

The commitments being presented here were developed in consultation with a wide range of actors within the disability fraternity in the country.

These commitments are meant to inform and inspire the disability fraternity to re-commit and accelerate action for meaningful inclusion and empowerment of Persons with Disabilities.

Uganda will implement all the core summit thematic areas in line with the principle of “leaving no one behind.” Accordingly, we commit to do the following:

1. Strengthen the capacity of organisations of Persons with Disabilities
2. Ensure inclusive education
3. Promote inclusive access to healthcare
4. Ensure inclusive access to employment opportunities and livelihoods
5. Ensure special consideration of persons with disabilities during crises and conflict, including a focus on climate change

Excellencies, let me say something more about inclusive employment and livelihoods.

The Government of Uganda and partners will:

- i. Develop a disability management information system to track access to the special grants and other partner's livelihood interventions, as an accountability mechanism to Persons with Disabilities.
- ii. Conduct a study on employment status of Persons with Disabilities to inform modalities for a quota system, where workplaces will be encouraged to have a percentage of job placements reserved for Persons with Disabilities.
- iii. Advocate for increase in Government and partner contributions, in resourcing the National Special Grant for empowerment of Persons with Disabilities by 30% in the next four years.
- iv. Assess and re-equip 50% of the vocational rehabilitation centres for Persons with Disabilities.
- v. Develop a recruitment policy in the public service sector that will provide for affirmative action and accommodation of Persons with Disabilities.
- vi. Issue guidelines to Ministries, Departments, Agencies (MDAs) and Local Governments, to include sign language to promote meaningful inclusion of Persons with different categories of Disabilities. This will include recruitment of Sign language interpreters in at least five sectors of Health, Education, Social development, Service Commissions, and justice, law and order sector.

With the above measures and commitments, your Excellencies, we believe that Uganda is on course to advance the interests of persons with disabilities.

I thank you,

For God and my country