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REVIEW OF COVID19 CONTAINMENT MEASURES

RECOGNIZING, that the strategic and timely interventions initiated from last year to mitigate local community transmission of the corona virus have been largely effective in managing its impact on the lives and livelihoods of our citizens, our healthcare systems, and the economy in general;

NOTING, that these interventions have been escalated, and de-escalated severally, based on feedback reports on infection rates, analysis of health system capacities, economic impact reports and overall Ministry of Health advisories;

CONCERNED, that recently evaluated reports have pointed to an exponential rise in infection rates across several counties, occasioned by unrestrained gatherings and congregations, in breach of guidelines as issued by the Ministry of Health. In particular, 18 counties have recorded a positivity rate above 20%, and over the last week, the following counties have recorded a positivity rate of above 30%: Kiambu, Nyandarua, Murang'a, Makueni, Machakos, Baringo, Meru, and Nyeri;

AWARE, that epidemiological studies and models indicate the presence within our borders of the delta variant of COVID-19 which is more communicable and acute, and that 'super-spreader' events are likely to further imperil public health and exacerbate the COVID-19 situation in our country;

APPRECIATING, that stringent measures are now required to bring down infection rates across the country, avert a national crisis, and secure continuity of operations in an already challenging health situation that many Kenyans are living in, so as to avoid further adverse impacts;

REASONS WHEREFORE, I, UHURU KENYATTA, President and Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Forces of the Republic of Kenya, upon the advice of the National Security Council, and in keeping with the recommendations of the National Emergency Response Committee on COVID-19, do hereby issue this revised statement of containment measures vide this **Public Order No. 5 of 2021 on the Coronavirus Pandemic**, as follows:

- 1. THAT**, the hours of curfew in the territory of the Republic of Kenya shall continue to be observed from **10.00pm to 4.00am** for a further containment period of **60 days**.

Consequently, the differentiated curfew hours and specific restrictions for the previously identified COVID19 hotspot zones of Kisumu, Siaya, Homabay, Migori, Busia, Kakamega, Vihiga, Bungoma, Kisii, Nyamira, Kericho, Bomet and Trans Nzoia Counties are lifted, and these Counties will now observe the nationwide curfew prescriptions as specified herein;

2. THAT, all physical/in-person public gatherings and meetings, including political rallies and campaign meetings for impending by elections are hereby suspended with immediate effect for a period of 60 days.

3. THAT, all other social gatherings, including weddings, celebrations of marriage or traditional unions, ceremonies of rites of passage, funeral/cremation ceremonies and all other similar events or ceremonies, shall strictly adhere to the 100-person attendance limit as prescribed;

4. THAT, in addition to the prevailing guidelines on funeral/interment ceremonies, and to further enhance compliance with the guidelines thereto, officiators and proprietors of funeral homes are to strictly adhere to the prescribed 96 hours of confirmation of death, and secure processing for burial within this period, failure to which appropriate action against management, staff, and premises shall be taken where exceptions are not justified;

5. THAT, places of worship nationwide, shall continue to strictly adhere to the one third (1/3) rule for in person worship and congregational worship, and protocols on hygiene and social distancing in accordance with the guidelines of the Inter Faith Council;

6. THAT, the operations of bars, restaurants and eateries shall continue as guided by the Ministry of Health guidelines, failure to which appropriate action against management, staff, patrons, and premises shall be taken;

7. THAT, National Government Administration Officers are to secure compliance of these directives without fail. Responsibility and consequence for breach shall be borne by the National Government Administration Officers in whose jurisdiction the breach occurs;

8. THAT, in enforcing these measures all security sector agencies are directed to ensure that organizers and/or individual leaders, including senior public sector officials and political leaders take personal responsibility and are held to account for any violation of the measures;

9. THAT, the measures contained herein extend the related containment measures outlined in Public Order No. 4 of 2021 issued vide the 16th Presidential Address of 29th June 2021. All other rules, guidelines, protocols not reviewed through this public order shall continue to apply until otherwise notified.

ISSUED in **MOMBASA** this 18th day of August 2021.

UHURU KENYATTA,
President.