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SUBJECT: UPDATE ON VOTER REGISTRATION FOR CITIZENS RESIDING OUTSIDE KENYA

Today, the Commission commenced diaspora voter registration exercise for a period of 15 days. The exercise will be carried out in the 18 registration centres, as earlier gazetted on 14th January, 2022 in the following Countries: United States of America, Canada, United Kingdom, Germany, United Arab Emirates, Qatar, South Sudan, Burundi, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda and South Africa.

However, due to COVID -19 related travel restrictions and logistical challenges, the scheduled voter registration exercise will not commence as scheduled in United Kingdom (Kenya High Commission in London), Canada (Kenya High Commission in Ottawa, Kenya Honorary Consulate in Toronto and Kenya Honorary Consulate in Vancouver) and United Arab Emirates (Kenya Embassy in United Arab Emirates and Kenya Consulate in Dubai).

The Commission regrets the delay in rolling out the voter registration exercise in the affected countries and is closely working with the relevant authorities to ensure it kicks off. Upon commencement, the exercise will be extended by the number of days lost to ensure that eligible voters are availed the set 15 days for registration.

The Commission affirms its commitment to afford Kenyans in the affected diaspora countries the opportunity to exercise their democratic right to register as voters to enable them participate in the upcoming General Election.

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