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UNBS Message on NRM Anniversary

The Management and Staff of the Uganda National Bureau of Standards (UNBS) would like to Congratulate the President of the Republic of Uganda, His Excellency Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, the Cabinet, Members of Parliament and all Ugandans on the 33rd Anniversary of the National Resistance Movement (NRM) Liberation Day.

UNBS is statutory is a statutory body responsible for developing and enforcing standards to promote quality of products and services to facilitate fair trade, promote local industries while protecting consumers and the environment against substandard products.

This year, UNBS is celebrating 30 years and we are proud to be among the first government agencies set up by the NRM government in 1989 to promote competitiveness of locally manufactured products as a demonstration of the government's commitment to transform from peasant to industrialized economy.

To be competitive your products must be **UNBS QUALITY CERTIFIED AND QUANTITY VERIFIED**

In contributing to the achievement of the NRM manifesto and the National Development Plan II (NDP), UNBS has registered the following achievements:

Key achievements

- 1. Promoting economic growth through Standards:** To-date, UNBS has developed 3,312 standards focusing on standardization of key priority sectors of the economy. The standards have also enhanced Uganda's exports in regional markets such as the East African Community (EAC). This has in turn improved the country's balance of payment and further contributed to the growth of Gross Domestic Product (GDP).
- 2. Supporting Oil and Gas Sector:** UNBS has developed 308 standards which will go a long way in improving participation of local companies in the nascent oil and gas sector.

- 3. Construction of State of the Art Modern Laboratories:** The laboratories will be commissioned in the second quarter of the Financial Year 2019/2020 and will enhance the country's capacity to carry out laboratory analysis of both imported and locally manufactured products.
- 4. Improved competitiveness of locally manufactured products:** UNBS issued 849 products and systems permits targeting Micro, Small and Medium Scale Enterprises (MSMEs). To-date 353 companies with 1,150 permits are on the UNBS certification scheme.
- 5. Decentralization of UNBS Services.** Effective July 2018, UNBS decentralized more services to regional offices in Gulu, Mbale and Mbarara effective July 2018 to bring services closer to people. This will further promote production of good quality products by Micro Small and Medium Scale Enterprises (MSMEs) at regional level thereby contributing to the government's effort of promoting industrialization.
- 6. Automation of UNBS Services:** In line with government's strategy to improve efficiency in service delivery and accountability in the public sector, UNBS automated its services to improve access to information by allowing clients to access UNBS services from anywhere thus reducing the cost of doing business. The electronic services can be accessed through the UNBS APP available on Google Play Store.

Happy Celebrations

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H.E. Gen. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni
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