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HON. JUMAA HAMIDU AWESO Minister of Water Dodoma, TANZANIA

Your Excellencies/Honourable Ministers,

Subject:

Notification Regarding the Proposed Multipurpose Water for Climate Resilience and Irrigation Development for Livelihood Transformation Project – Uganda

The Government of the Republic of Uganda has requested the support of the Nile Basin Initiative (NBI) in facilitating notification to Nile riparian states regarding the proposed *Multipurpose Water for Climate Resilience and Irrigation Development for Livelihood Transformation Project* (hereinafter referred to as "the Project"). This notification is being made in accordance with the African Development Bank's Operational Policy on Projects in International Waterways and its Integrated Safeguards System.

The Project, to be funded by the African Development Bank (AfDB), is aimed at enhancing food security, improving climate resilience, and increasing household incomes in Kiryandongo and Masindi Districts of Uganda. It proposes an abstraction of up to 4 cubic meters per second (m³/s) from the White Nile, which accounts for approximately 0.6% of the dependable flow (Q80) at the proposed intake site, located 18 kilometres downstream of the Lake Kyoga outlet.

The intended abstraction will serve multiple purposes, including:

(i) Provision of potable water to approximately 87,000 people;

(ii) Development of irrigation infrastructure covering approximately 13,000 hectares;

(iii) Support to industrial activities; and

(iv) Provision of water for an estimated 10,000 livestock.

The total capital investment for the Project is estimated at USD 210 million. All physical investments will be located within Uganda's territory in the Nile Basin. According to assessments carried out by the Government of Uganda and the African Development Bank, the anticipated impacts of the Project are considered modest and are not expected to cause appreciable harm to other riparian countries.

These conclusions are drawn from a detailed review of the Project's key infrastructure components, including:

(i) Water abstraction infrastructure;

(ii) Two water treatment plants (for drinking and irrigation purposes);

(iii) Conveyance and transmission systems;

(iv) Six storage facilities;

(v) Distribution networks; and

(vi) Ancillary infrastructure such as access roads and power supply.

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The assessment concludes that the Project will have a negligible impact on cross-border water flows and a likely positive effect on water quality. Kindly review the attached information sheet, which provides further technical and environmental details.

We would appreciate receiving any comments your Government may have on the proposed Project by 16th August 2025, to enable us to transmit them to the Government of Uganda for its consideration.

We thank you for your continued cooperation in promoting equitable and sustainable management of the Nile Basin's shared water resources.

Accept Your Excellencies/Nile-COM Members, the assurances of my highest consideration and esteem.

Dr. Florence Grace Adongo EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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Attachments:

 Summary of the Multipurpose Water for Climate Resilience and Irrigation Development for Livelihood Transformation Project

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PRIOR NOTIFICATION ON THE MULTIPURPOSE WATER FOR CLIMATE RESILIENCE AND IRRIGATION DEVELOPMENT FOR LIVELIHOOD TRANSFORMATION PROJECT

Excellences/Honourable Ministers, I thank you for your support to the work of the Nile Basin Initiative and your continued commitment to climate resilient social economic transformation of the communities of the Nile River Basin.

To improve household incomes, water security, and climate resilience of communities in Kiryandongo District and Masindi District in Uganda, Government of the Republic of Uganda through the Ministry of Water and Environment is in advanced stages of preparation the aforementioned project. This project encompasses a multipurpose water transfer scheme aimed at developing irrigation over approximately 13,000 hectares, provision of potable water for rural communities and industries, as well as raw water for livestock watering. The project aims to abstract up to 4m³/s, about 0.36% of the White Nile's reliable flow at the intake location 18km downstream from Lake Kyoga's outlet.

In light of this background and in the spirit of Nile Cooperation, enshrined in International Water Law and the 2010 Nile River Basin Cooperative Framework Agreement (CFA), please accept our prior notification of this intention to abstract water from the shared Nile river system. This is to also assure you that the planning and implementation of the project will comply with the provisions of the CFA, such as Article 4 - equitable and reasonable utilization; Article 5 - obligation not to cause significant harm; and

Article 8 - sharing information on planned measures with other Basin States; among others. In addition, all measures to address the environmental and social impacts have also been considered in the project preparation.

The purpose of this letter is to therefore inform you of these developments and to request for your feedback and confirmation of "No Dispute" status with Uganda concerning the "Multipurpose water for climate resilience and irrigation development for livelihood transformation project". I pledge Uganda's commitment to provide you with timely updates on the project preparation and implementation.

Excellences/ Honourable Ministers, please accept the assurances of my highest consideration and esteem.

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