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Your Excellency Majid Saffar, Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Iran to Uganda,

Your Excellencies, Members of the Diplomatic Corps,

Honorable Members of Parliament,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good Evening!

I have the honour to convey warm greetings and sincere congratulations from H.E. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, President of the Republic of Uganda, as well as from the Government and People of the Republic of Uganda, to the Government and People of the Islamic Republic of Iran on the occasion of the 47th Anniversary of the Victory of the Islamic Revolution.

This anniversary marks a defining moment in Iran's history and reflects the resilience, determination, and aspiration of the Iranian people to chart their own national path.

Uganda joins you in commemorating this important milestone.

Your Excellency,

Uganda values the cordial and steadily growing relations it enjoys with the Islamic Republic of Iran, founded on mutual respect, dialogue, and cooperation.

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Over the years, our two countries have taken deliberate steps to strengthen bilateral engagement through structured frameworks, including the establishment of joint commissions and working mechanisms aimed at deepening cooperation across priority sectors.

We particularly appreciate Iran's tangible contributions to Uganda's development efforts. Cooperation in health and medical services, including access to medical expertise and pharmaceuticals, has supported Uganda's health sector capacity.

Iran has also played a meaningful role in human capital development through scholarships and technical training opportunities that have enabled Ugandan students and professionals to acquire specialized skills in science, engineering, and applied technologies.

In recognition of agriculture as a cornerstone of Uganda's economy, our two countries have advanced cooperation in agriculture and agro-industrial development, including exchanges on agricultural technologies, mechanization, irrigation, and value addition.

Recent engagements under joint agricultural cooperation mechanisms demonstrate a shared commitment to transforming agricultural productivity and supporting food security and rural livelihoods.

While bilateral trade remains modest, Uganda recognizes the significant potential that exists to expand trade, investment, and

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private sector collaboration, building on Uganda's agricultural strength and Iran's industrial and technological expertise.

Uganda, therefore, looks forward to revitalizing economic cooperation instruments and encouraging stronger business-to-business engagement.

At this juncture, Uganda recognizes that the Islamic Republic of Iran is navigating a complex and demanding period, influenced by evolving domestic and regional circumstances.

In this regard, we commend the resilience and perseverance of the Iranian people. Uganda remains firmly of the view that dialogue, unity, and cooperation are indispensable foundations for stability, peace, and sustainable development, and we express our solidarity with all efforts that promote understanding and constructive engagement.

Your Excellency,

As our cooperation continues to evolve, Uganda is committed to further strengthening relations with the Islamic Republic of Iran through enhanced cooperation in agriculture and agro-processing, trade and investment, education and skills development, science and technology, energy, and industrial development.

These areas align closely with Uganda's national development priorities and offer opportunities for mutually beneficial growth.

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At the multilateral level, Uganda and Iran share a principled commitment to multilateralism under the auspices of the Non-Aligned Movement (among other fora), promotion of dialogue, respect for sovereignty, and the peaceful resolution of disputes.

Uganda continues to advocate for diplomacy and constructive engagement as the most effective means of addressing global and regional challenges.

As the international community confronts complex geopolitical and development challenges, Uganda underscores the importance of solidarity, South–South cooperation, and inclusive partnerships in promoting peace, stability, and sustainable development.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

May I invite you to join me in expressing our best wishes:

For the continued peace, stability, and prosperity of the Government and People of the Islamic Republic of Iran;

For the enduring friendship and cooperation between the Republic of Uganda and the Islamic Republic of Iran;

And for the good health and well-being of our respective leaders and peoples.

I thank you.

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