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NEW YORK**

Your Excellency Antonio Guterres,

Ladies and Gentlemen

I convey warm greetings to you from the People of the Republic of Uganda.

Uganda fully embraces the global agenda in all its components, to transform education at all levels and strands. The Government of Uganda conducted sufficient consultations with relevant stakeholders including the youths.

We are aware that the COVID-19 pandemic has adversely affected teaching and learning.

we supported curriculum reviews and developed abridged curriculum sets for Primary and Secondary education subsectors. Teachers were retooled to implement the abridged curriculum. Learning materials to support home based learning were developed.

Uganda is committed to ensuring affirmative action in favor of marginalized groups. We shall provide a vision for the future through an education that is built on the fundamental values of democracy, human rights, and the rule of law.

We also commit to continue supporting a holistic approach to education from early childhood care and education to adult learning and reaffirming our commitment to work with our partners to realize the right to lifelong learning.

Your Excellencies

Uganda acknowledges that learners experiencing or observing violence in and around schools face significant challenges impacting on their learning outcomes. We commit to strengthening prevention, reporting, referral, and response to any forms of violence at the school level, online, and in emergency settings.

We commit to providing age-appropriate sexual reproductive health education and psychosocial support programmes to fast

track the finalisation of the School Health Policy and to address health related issues in the education sector.

We commit to incentive framework and the teachers Council.

We shall support transforming the teachers' profession and conditions of work, support ICT in teacher education, integrate life skills in teacher training curriculum and institutionalize continuous professional development Programs for teachers. The enhancement of teacher's salary has been ongoing since 2018 and we commit to support this process at chronological conclusion. We commit to equitable recruitment and deployment of teachers.

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Uganda reiterates its commitments towards building competencies aligned with education needs of the population and the World of work.

We commit to providing digital infrastructure connectivity, devices, and provision of software to support and promote digital learning.

To enhance financing of Education, we commit to development of a resource mobilization strategy and utilize the public private partnership to mobilize local resources to education from 11 percent in 2022 to 20 percent of our GDP by 2030. We call upon Development partners to meet the critical funding gap as recommended by the Education Summit Commission .

In conclusion,

Uganda reiterates its commitment towards prioritizing and investing more in education sector

I thank you for your attention

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