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To all Sports Stakeholders

Members of the Press

PRESS STATEMENT ON OPERATIONALIZATION OF NEW NATIONAL COUNCIL OF SPORTS REGULATIONS 2014, NO.38

As you are all aware the law governing the Administration and Management of Sports in Uganda is the NCS Cap 48 of 1964. Under this Act a Statutory Instrument, Regulation No. 38 of 2014 has now been made to establish National Sports Associations. The Statutory Instrument took effect on from 4th April 2014.

The Statutory Instrument provides minimum standards for the establishment, registration and recognition of National Sports Associations.

Government has in this regard provided a legal framework for Sports Associations to manage their affairs.

IMPLEMENTATION GUIDELINES

1.0 "De-facto" Sports Associations hitherto recognized by the National Council of Sports

1.1 All "De-facto" Sports Associations hitherto "recognized" by the National Council of Sports (NCS) will be construed as "existing" under the Transitional Provisions clause, Regulation 20 of the regulations.

1.2 All the "De-facto" Sports Associations shall be required to convene Extra-Ordinary General Assemblies of bonafide members according to their

Associations constitutions and resolve to register the Associations as bodies corporate and as National Sports Associations under the NCS Act.

1.3 The General Assemblies of the "De-facto" Associations must show evidence of their membership having a national character, and satisfying all the requirements as under the National Council of Sports Regulations 38 of 2014.

1.4 In line with the resolutions of the "De-facto" Associations, they shall proceed to incorporate their respective Sports Association in accordance with the laws of Uganda and more specifically the National Council of Sports Statutory Instrument No. 38 of 2014.

1.5 The duly incorporated Sports Associations shall then apply to NCS for registration as National Sports Associations under the NCS Act.

2.0 Sports Associations not hitherto recognized by NCS

2.1 For Sports Associations that have not been recognized by NCS and or are incorporated contrary to the National Council of Sports regulations 38 of 2014, their members must constitute themselves into a new association that conforms to the requirements of NCS Statutory Instrument 38 of 2014.

2.2 At the end of the process there should emerge National Sports Associations which must comply with the law.

3.0 The National Council of Sports (NCS)

3.1 The NCS will henceforth commence compliance and take up implementing of the Regulations.

3.2 NCS will be responsible for implementation of these regulations with assistance and guidance of the Ministry of Education and Sports, and relevant Government departments and agencies.

3.3. Under the law there shall be only one National Sports Association recognized in respect of each sports discipline.

3.4 All Sports Associations shall within six months beginning 4th April 2014, will be required to comply with the Law, beyond which period, they will otherwise cease to be considered as National Sports Associations in whatever form.

In conclusion I wish to thank all sports lovers and stakeholders in Uganda for your patience during the period that Government has been instituting these regulations.

I urge all sports stakeholders to cooperate and work together to ensure compliance with these regulations and develop Ugandan sport to greater future heights.

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