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## **NOTIFICATION OF THE EXTENSION OF MACHINE READABLE PASSPORT VALIDITY BY THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA**

Reference is made to the above captioned matter and our earlier communication with Ref. ADM 121/265/01.

The Government of the Republic of Uganda started issuance of International East African e-Passport to its citizens on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2018.

The Government stopped issuance of the Machine Readable Passports (MRPs) and sent a notification of a two-year transition period to phase out the MRP passports by 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2021.

However due to the restrictions that have been brought about by COVID-19 pandemic, the earlier phase out date will not be achieved. The Government of the Republic of Uganda would like to communicate an extension of the transition period to **4<sup>th</sup> April 2022** as agreed to by the Joint Venture Partners in a meeting held at the Ministry of Internal Affairs on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

This is to enable us set up structures abroad to facilitate our citizens upgrade from Machine Readable Passports to the new International EAC e-Passports.

This is to notify you of the extension and request you to communicate the new date to the Missions and Embassies abroad respectively.

Your cooperation is always appreciated



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