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CLARIFICATION ON RECENT CIRCULATED INFORMATION ABOUT THE SECURITY ALERT AND PRESENCE OF CIVIL UNREST IN TANZANIA

On 25th January, 2023, one of the Embassies accredited to Tanzania, issued a Security Alert advising its citizens to be vigilant of possible terrorist attacks in Dar es Salaam, and other areas in Tanzania. The alert caused unnecessary panic to the general public, foreigners residing in Tanzania and those intended to travel to Tanzania. Unfortunately, the security alert was echoed by other Embassies accredited to Tanzania.

Moreover, on 27th January, 2023, the Royal Dutch Airlines (KLM) announced to reschedule its flights to Dar es Salaam, Kilimanjaro and Zanzibar from 27th January up to 30th January, 2023 due to what the airline called "civil unrest" in Tanzania. This erroneous information caused panic and negative economic effects to both domestic and international travellers as well as to other important sectors connected to the international flights notably the tourism sector.

It is in this context that the Embassy of the United Republic of Tanzania in Paris wishes to inform all Diplomatic Missions and International Organisations accredited to France as well as general public that the information's on civil unrest in Tanzania are unfounded and baseless. Tanzania continues to enjoy its peace, security and stability and as a matter of fact, Tanzania has never known any civil unrest in its history. The Tanzania Police Force has also assured of the stability and informed that all security agencies are vigilant.

As evidence to the peace and stability prevailing in the country even during the period of the security alert and false information circulated, the Ministry of Works and Transport reported on the continued operations by other international flights with their destinations to Tanzania without any impediment related to security.

In respect to the highly-appreciated diplomatic relation and cooperation between Tanzania and Diplomatic entities, the Minister for Foreign Affairs and East African, Dr. Stergomena Tax (MP), held a meeting with Heads of Diplomatic Missions and International Organisations accredited to Tanzania and expressed Government's concern over the inconveniences caused by the issuance of the alert and information. Hon. Minister reminded the Diplomatic Community in Tanzania to observe Vienna Convention and other guiding instruments.

Yet, in another positive note, Air France – KLM Country Office – Tanzania submitted a formal apology to the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania on the erroneous information they circulated. The airline, which is one of the most reputed, has also assured that it will resume its flights destined to Tanzania.

The Embassy would like to express its appreciation and gratitude to all Diplomatic Missions and International Organisations accredited to France for their continued cooperation and wishes to ensure its commitment to stronger bilateral and multilateral cooperation.

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