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**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

**Good Morning.**

As we are all aware, the Transport Sector has had to limit operations in adherence to the existing COVID-19 Guidelines introduced by the Government to curb the spread of the corona virus. The Sector has suffered huge financial losses during this pandemic period.

The Ministry would like to thank the Ministry of Health for guiding the Transport Sector in preparation of various protocols tailored to different modes of transport and the members of the public for complying with the Transport Sector Guidelines that has gone a long way in minimizing the spread of the corona virus.

One of the mitigation measures introduced by the Government was the ban on night-inter city/county operations that has been a protracted subject of discussion between the various MDAs and the transport industry players who felt that the containment measure was hurting their businesses.

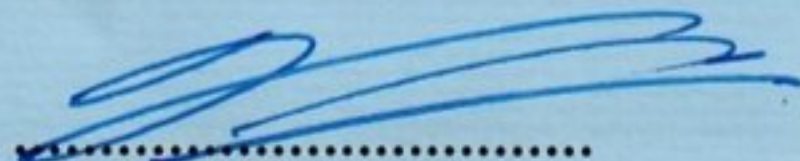
Following the lifting of the dusk to dawn curfew that has been in effect from 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2020 by H.E. The President in his speech during Mashujaa Day Celebration on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2021, I take this opportunity to inform all the transport service providers and commuters that night transport operations are now allowed in line with H.E. The President Directive.

However, as the H.E. The President alluded to, the Government shall continue to encourage you to comply with the provisions of the various relevant Guidelines put in place such as: physical distancing; mandatory use of face masks while on board and in public places; use of sanitizers; hand washing; rapid health screening; and other Covid-19 mitigation measures issued from time to time that have proved effective in controlling the spread of the Covid-19.

This Ministry on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2021 launched a nation-wide campaign on Covid-19 vaccination for operators in the Transport Sector whose main objective is to create and increase uptake of Covid-19 vaccination among the transport operators targeting the crew, owners, bodoboda, taxi, and other support staff within the industry as frontline sector workers.

As a Sector, we are encouraging members of the Transport fraternity to embrace the COVID-19 vaccination in line with the Transport Sector National Rallying Theme of **"PataChajo, TuimarisheUsafiri"** and the National Rallying Theme of **"PataChajo, TufungueNchi"**. This would complement the Government's efforts to get its citizenry vaccinated and fast-track economic recovery.

**In conclusion**, I want to thank the leadership and the workers in the Transport Sector for their relentless support to the Government's effort of mitigating the spread of the corona virus by complying with the relevant Transport Protocols, although hard hit by the Covid-19 Guidelines issued to mitigate the spread of the pandemic.



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