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#### KORU – SOIN MULTIPURPOSE DAM:

Members of the Fourth Estate;

We are joined here by the leadership of National Water Harvesting and Storage authority led by the Chairman, Mr. Erick Okeyo, who are paying us a courtesy call and to brief us on the progress and roadmap of the implementation of the Koru-Soin Multipurpose Dam.

As you might be already aware, this dam that was conceived way back during the colonial times, will be the panacea to the perennial flooding that has caused untold misery to our people over the years.

This year's flooding alone has caused destruction of crops and livestock worth around three billion shillings.

Not only will the dam address the issue of flooding but will drive the food security agenda of the region by supplying water for gravity irrigation in the whole belt stretching from Muhoroni, through Nyando to Nyakach and Kisumu East.

The County Government of Kisumu is committed to walk this journey with NWHSA in partnership to ensure that the dam is timeously delivered. So far, my Department of Water, Irrigation and Environment under the leadership of Waziri Salmon has actively engaged the affected population within the proposed site in a number of forums regarding the dam construction with

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regard to the actual area the dam would occupy, the affected population and issues of compensation.

I am happy to register the enthusiasm with which our people around the project area ad the county in general have embraced the project.

Finally, I want to convey my special appreciation to H.E the President of the Republic for prioritizing this very important project amongst the many others in the region. I also want to appreciate the efforts of the Rt. Hon. Raila Amolo Odinga for his efforts in ensuring this project becomes a reality through the many consultations he has held on this matter.

Thank you

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