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SPEECH

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AT

THE LAUNCH OF 2017 BIENNIAL DECLARATION PERIOD

Date: 1ST March, 2017
Venue: Masaka Secondary School
Time: 11.00 a.m.



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The Minister for Ethics and Integrity

The Inspector General of Government

Officials from UNDP Uganda Country office

The Resident District Commissioner, Masaka District

Masaka District Chairperson

The Chief Administrative Officer, Masaka District

All civil, Political and Security leaders present

Members of the Media

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am pleased to join the Inspectorate of Government to launch the Declaration Period 2017 in Masaka. The law requires leaders to make Biennial Declaration of Income, Assets and Liabilities to the IGG. I am gratified to note that this year we are launching the period using the on-line declaration system which will make it easier and faster for



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leaders to declare and thus be compliant as is required by the Leadership Code Act.

The NRM Government has continuously prioritized the elimination of corruption in the Public Sector as a major tenet of good governance. Government will therefore continue pursuing the policy of zero tolerance to corruption through the various legal frameworks and institutions that have been put in place. The declaration of leaders wealth is a mitigation measure in the fight against corruption.

I recognize and commend the Inspector General of Government (IGG) and the entire staff of the Inspectorate of Government for their role in the fight against corruption in Uganda. I also applaud the tireless efforts of the Directorate of Ethics and Integrity and all other members of the Accountability Sector for the good work they are doing in this "**Kisanja Hakuna Muchezo**" to eliminate corruption in the Public Sector.



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I urge the general public to actively participate in the fight against corruption and mal-administration. Ordinary citizens are the most affected when Public Resources are plundered denying access to basic service delivery. Citizens have a constitutional responsibility to fight the vice and given that you are in the communities, you are the **'eyes'** and **'ears'** in promoting good governance. I therefore, urge you members of the Public to report corruption without fear.

I am confident that the IG- ODS will make submission and verification of declarations of Income, Assets and Liabilities easier, more cost effective and more efficient. It is important to remind ourselves the Leadership Code Act requires all the specified leaders to declare their incomes assets and liabilities.

I congratulate the Inspector General of Government and her team for this initiative which will save cost to government, reduce inconvenience to the Leaders and



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improve the IGG's operational efficiency in the fight against corruption. While we recognize the challenges associated with low computer literacy in some parts of the Country; I urge all Leaders to rise to the challenge, this new online declaration system and support the Inspectorate of Government's efforts to eliminate corruption in the Public Sector.

The NRM Government is committed to supporting Anti-Corruption Agencies like the Inspectorate of Government to execute their mandate effectively towards the eradication of corruption in this Country.

I therefore, take this opportunity to thank Development Partners for their continued support towards the functioning of Inspectorate of Government in particular and the Accountability Sector in general.

I thank you.

For God and my Country