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PRESS RELEASE ON QUARTER FOUR EXPENDITURE **RELEASES FY 2018/19**

1. I wish to welcome the media and other stakeholders to this media briefing on the Quarter Four release of funds for FY 2018/19. The objective of this briefing is to provide information to the Public on the Fourth Quarter releases and highlight priorities for Q4 FY2018/19 for effective delivery of public services.

A. APPROVED BUDGET FY 2018/2019

2. The Total Approved Budget for Financial Year 2018/19 is Ushs 32,702.82 billion detailed as follows:

> Ushs 4,244.43 billion Wage Non-Wage Ushs 5,309.09 billion GoU Development Ushs 5.229.00 billion Ushs 380.50 billion Arrears Ushs 7,734.54 billion External Financing Ushs 8,741.72 billion Debt and Treasury Operations Ushs 1.063.54 billion Appropriation in Aid (AIA) **Total Budget Ushs 32,702.82 billion**

B. HIGHLIGHTS OF QUARTER FOUR RELEASES FOR FY2018/19

3. In line with the Ministry's commitment to release funds before the 10th day of the first month of the quarter, our Ministry communicated the Expenditure limits for Ouarter Four on 1st April 2019 for both Central and Local Governments to ensure timely execution of Government programs.

4. A total of Ushs 4.948.01 billion has been released for Quarter Four GOU expenditure. This represents 20.7% of the approved GOU Budget (excluding External Financing and Appropriation in Aid (AIA)