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Press Release

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STATEMENT FROM UGANDA TOURISM BOARD

Kampala, Uganda, 18, Oct, 2023. Uganda Tourism Board (UTB) is deeply saddened by the recent incident in Queen Elizabeth National Park, where tourists were attacked by unknown individuals. We extend our heartfelt condolences to the families of the victims during this difficult time.

Our primary concern is the safety and security of our visitors to Uganda. This unfortunate occurrence does not reflect the overall safety standards of our tourism destination sites and is an isolated incident. The law enforcement agencies are investigating the incident thoroughly to bring the perpetrators to justice. Since the incident, there has been enhanced security in the area to prevent any such recurrence.

"Tourism remains a vital pillar of Uganda's economy, and we are fully committed to maintain and improve the safety and security of our visitors. Queen Elizabeth National Park, in particular, is recognized for its breathtaking landscapes and diverse wildlife. All tourists are encouraged to continue visiting Uganda and its various attractions, including Queen Elizabeth National Park, while taking necessary precautions and adhering to the guidance provided by authorities. Tourists should continue to enjoy their experiences in this beautiful park," said Lilly Ajarova UTB CEO.

UTB along all government agencies remain committed to ensure safety and well-being of all our visitors. Our thoughts and prayers are with the families of the victims of this tragic incident. The Board stands together with our tourism partners and remains determined to protect and preserve Uganda's position as a top tourism destination.

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About Uganda Tourism Board

Uganda Tourism Board (UTB) is a statutory organization established in 1994. Its role and mandate was reviewed in the Tourism Act of 2008. The Board's mandate is to promote and market Uganda across the region and internationally, promote quality assurance in tourist facilities through training, grading and classification, promote tourism investment, support, and act as a liaison for the private sector in tourism development