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PRESS STATEMENT – KENYA AIRWAYS STATEMENT ON KALPA STRIKE ANNOUNCEMENT

Kenya Airways PLC (“KQ”) notes that the Kenya Airlines Pilot Association (“KALPA”) has today announced that they will go ahead with the unlawful industrial action effective tomorrow, Saturday, 5th November 2022, from 06:00 hours.

This unfortunate action may affect both our passengers, who may not travel, and our cargo customers, whose exports will be affected. It will greatly inconvenience travelers for business, medical, leisure, and those connecting with their loved ones. This could also lead to huge losses to farmers whose perishable goods are due for export.

The intended unlawful industrial action negates the strides KQ has made this year in improving its financial position following the COVID pandemic that affected the economy. It is also counter-productive to the Government of Kenya’s efforts to revive our economy and detracts from current efforts to ameliorate the extremely needy cases of Kenyans suffering from the effects of severe drought. This strike is therefore an unwelcome distraction.

We are willing and ready to engage with KALPA within the confines of their mandate in an open negotiation to find practical and lasting solutions.

We cannot overstate the severe economic impact of this action on different sectors and the entire ecosystem reliant on KQ. At a minimum, the unlawful industrial action will cost KQ approximately **KES 300M** a day, translating to **KES 2.1Bn** in one week.

We reiterate that the industrial action is unlawful, ill-timed, and unnecessary at this point as it will delay and disrupt the ability of KQ to recover and eventually get the airline back to meeting all its obligations.

We encourage those guests travelling within the next 48 hours to contact the KQ Customer Excellence Centre at Customer.Relations@kenya-airways.com or call +254 711 024 747 or +254 734 104 747 and on WhatsApp +254 705 474 747 or their travel agent for assistance.

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