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**DURING THE LAUNCH OF KENYA STANDARD
INDUSTRIAL CLASSIFICATION OF ALL ECONOMIC
ACTIVITIES (KeSIC)**

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Distinguished Guests;
The fourth Estate
Ladies and Gentlemen

Good morning,

It gives great pleasure to join you all this morning as we launch the Kenya standard Industrial Classification (Kestic) of all Economic Activities.

Ladies and gentlemen,

The Ministry of labour occupies a very import part of our national development because our mission is to promote decent work, skills development and sustainable job creation.

In the fulfilment of our mission, the ministry through various department and SAGAs endeavours to inculcate a safety and health culture in work places; promote harmonious labour relations, social dialogue and fair labour practices; provide policy guidance on national human resource planning, development and utilization; promote productivity and enhance competitiveness; ensure adequate supply of relevant skills to industry;and to develop, implement and review labour market policies, legislation and programmes for employment and sustainable job creation.

Under the department of National Human Resource Planning and Development, the Ministry focusses on provision up to date Labour Market Information that will inform decision on human resource development policies and strategies for the country. The department of NHRPD in performance of its work relies on a number of international standards.

Ladies and gentlemen,

I am informed that the most common standards in use by the department includes;The International Standard Classification of Occupations (**ISCO**), The International Standard Classification of Education, (**ISCED**) and The International Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities (**ISIC**).

However, for these standards to become useful tools for statistical analysis, they have had to be domesticated to speak to the realities of our local economic settings. It is on this backdrop that the document we are launching today was developed with the support of funding from the world bank under the KYEOP project.

With the launch of this document, my hope is that it will stop being a document and now become our tool of trade. It is also my hope that the domesticated classification standard will now be the reference document for statistical and administrative use.

I have scanned through this document and my concern is if this document has been converted into a user-friendly ICT format, because majority of the users may not have access to this bulky physical document. I am therefore directing the Department of NHRPD to immediately upload this standard in our ICT platforms such as Kenya Labour Market Information System (KLMIS) and Ministry website to make it widely accessible.

Similarly, now that we have launched the document, am looking forward to see its increased usage in analysis of various statistical data. It should not become a preserve of only one agency rather, anybody doing research who may require to use this standard must have access to it.

It is also my believe that with this launch, the department of NHRPD will now be in a position to collect and analyse its own data and produce the necessary labour market indicator in a more regular manner.

Lastly, since we have now launched this document, I direct the department of NHRPD to plan for sensitization of relevant stakeholders for them to embrace its use.

To all our stakeholders, producing this standard has taken a lot of time and resources, I highly recommend that this document now becomes a valuable tool especially by all agencies offering registration services at both national and devolved levels.

Ladies and gentlemen,

As I conclude, I want to appreciate the world bank for the support you have continued to give to the government of Kenya, and particularly to my Ministry. I am looking forward to more engagement in other critical areas of my Ministry such as the development of an Integrated Labour Migration Management system, that will help to capture the skills of all Kenyans migrating to other countries, among other indicators.

Lastly, let me also thank The Kenya National Bureau of Statistics, for being one of our most valued partner in our country. There is a lot of work that needs to be done in producing labour market information and uploading the same to Kenya Labour Market Information System (KLMIS).

I look forward to seeing well researched reports more regularly. For example, the quarterly Job Opportunity Analysis reports should be produced timely and the same launched for our ministry to reclaimed its position as the reference point in all labour related matters.

It is now my duty and honour to Launch The first Edition of The Kenya Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities

Thank you and God bless you all