



## KENYA EMBASSY ROME

### OFFICIAL STATEMENT ON COVID 19

#### TO ALL KENYAN NATIONALS IN ITALY, MALTA, POLAND, GREECE & CYPRUS

The World Health Organization (WHO) declared the outbreak of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) a pandemic on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

- I. The Government of Kenya is closely monitoring the unfolding situation and has set up a National Crisis Management Committee to advise on the impact of this situation to Kenyans at home and abroad.
- II. We urge Kenyans in Italy and our countries of accreditation (Cyprus, Greece, Malta & Poland) to remain vigilant and adhere to the prescribed precautions and prevention guidelines provided by the World Health Organization (WHO), their respective host countries and the Government of Kenya.
- III. The health, welfare and safety of Kenyans living in Italy and our countries of accreditation remain a top priority for the Mission and the Government of the Republic of Kenya.
- IV. As a result of the COVID 19 pandemic, the Government of Kenya has **banned entry of foreign travellers** from countries with confirmed cases of COVID-19. This directive is simply aimed at containing the spread of the infection.
- V. In addition to the previous measures, the Government of Kenya has suspended all International flights effective **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2020** at midnight, with the exception of cargo flights whose crew must observe strict conditions.
- VI. Whereas, **Kenyan citizens** and any **foreigners with valid Kenya Residency permits** will be allowed entry into the country, will upon arrival be required to exercise self-quarantine. All persons who violate the self-quarantine protocol will be forcefully quarantined for a full period of 14 days at their cost and thereafter arrested and charged under Public Health Act.
- VII. **Kenyan citizens** who are currently in foreign countries and will not have returned home within the above stated period are advised to observe the guidelines issued in the respective countries wherever they are.
- VIII. The Mission continues to monitor the situation and work closely with the relevant authorities in Kenya and abroad to provide appropriate guidance and assistance to Kenyan Diaspora.
- IX. For emergency cases, the Embassy can be reached through the emergency line **Mobile: +393318684326**

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