# PRESS BRIEFING ON GOVERNMENT COMMUNICATION AND RAPEX

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Members of the media, good morning.

## Use of the Uganda Media Centre

Cabinet has adopted guidelines for Ministers on the use of the Uganda Media Centre for official Government communication.

Ministries will coordinate significant announcements with the Centre and remain responsible for verifying their facts and approving their information.

The Centre will support them with press conferences, media releases, production and public



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information. This should reduce contradictory statements and give citizens clearer, more timely explanations of Government decisions and services.

Communication will use appropriate Ugandan languages and accessible formats. During emergencies, information needed to protect life, health or safety must be issued without delay.

The guidelines preserve lawful access to information and press freedom.

I call upon my Cabinet colleagues to make full use of the Centre. Our responsibility is to explain Government decisions clearly and answer the people we serve.

## Progress on RAPEX

Let me also update you on the Rationalisation of Government Agencies and Public Expenditure, known as RAPEX.

The reform aims to remove duplication across Government, clarify institutional responsibilities and reduce the cost of delivering public services.

Of the 157 agencies reviewed, 60 were identified for the merger, mainstreaming or transfer of their functions, while 97 were retained.

Parliament has passed 37 of the 41 Bills prepared to give effect to the reform. Four remain pending. The implementation roadmap has been revised to June 2027.

Projected annual savings from wage and non-wage expenditure are approximately Shs959 billion. These

are expected savings, rather than an amount already realised.

The public should benefit from clearer responsibilities across Government and more efficient services. Implementation must translate these changes into better service delivery and careful use of public funds.

I thank you.

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