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FUFA STATEMENT ON THE DEATH OF NELSON MANDELA

FUFA has learnt with profound shock the death of the World Icon of Peace, Unity and Sport

On behalf of the football community in the Republic of Uganda, I extend our sympathies and condolences to the Family of the Late Nelson Mandela, to the South African Football Association, to the people of the Republic of S. Africa and the entire world.

Nelson Mandela's role in convincing the world that S. Africa and indeed the African continent have the means to host FIFA World Cup is one of the many indelible marks that football will eternally celebrate. Uganda directly benefited from the "**Win-in Africa with Africa programme**" that is awarded to the continent hosting the World Cup by acquiring the Artificial Turf and the Technical Centre in Njeru

In Uganda, we understand S. Africa as another home to many of our football players which was not possible a few years ago and would not have been had it not been for his sacrifice

We shall continue to celebrate the life and selflessness of a man who sacrificed his entire adult life for freedom of the black people in S. Africa and entire world and every time the Uganda Cranes will walk out of the dugout at the Mandela National Stadium-Namboole will only remind us that "the Madiba" is only physically gone but eternally spiritually present amongst us

As young people in positions of leadership, it is another celebration of his life to emulate his act of passing on leadership at the right time despite the overwhelming support

We pray to the Almighty God to judge his earthly works with mercy and rest his soul in eternal peace

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