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Norwegian Ambassador farewell - Uganda and Norway Reaffirm Strong Bilateral Relations Despite Embassy Closure

Hon. Gen. Abubakher Jeje Odongo, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Uganda, met with H.E. Anne Kristin Hermansen, Ambassador of Norway, to discuss the future of Uganda-Norway relations as the Royal Norwegian Embassy in Kampala prepares to close.

During the meeting, both parties expressed appreciation for the strong relations cultivated over the years. Hon. Jeje Odongo praised Ambassador Hermansen for enhancing bilateral ties and expressed gratitude for Norway's support and cooperation.

Ambassador Hermansen assured the Minister that Norway remains committed to maintaining and growing its relationship with Uganda. The Norwegian Embassy in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, will take over responsibilities for Uganda, with regular visits planned by the Norwegian Ambassador to engage with officials and stakeholders. Additionally, Norway is working to establish an Honorary Consulate in Kampala to provide diplomatic and consular services.

The parties discussed a proposed Memorandum of Understanding on Political Consultations, aimed at strengthening political dialogues between the two countries. This agreement is expected to be signed soon, reinforcing the commitment to collaboration.

The Ambassador highlighted Uganda's strategic importance in the region and confirmed that Norwegian nationals, especially in business and energy sectors, will continue to operate in Uganda. She thanked the Ugandan government for its understanding and professional handling of the Embassy's closure.

Hon. Jeje Odongo acknowledged the historical support of Norway and other Nordic countries, appreciating their role as empathetic partners in development and peace. Both parties concluded the meeting with a mutual commitment to foster and expand bilateral relations, ensuring that the closure of the physical embassy does not hinder the longstanding partnership. **END**

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