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PRESS RELEASE

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Clarification: Makerere University HAS NOT increased tuition fees

With reference to the New Vision, dated Wednesday, April 13, 2011 in the article titled "***Makerere wants fees raised to 6million***" and the subsequent articles in today's New Vision titled "***Parents protest Makerere Fees Hike,***" I would like to clarify as follows:

While the University Secretary, who was appearing before the Public Accounts Committee of Parliament on Tuesday 12 April 2011, supported the recommendations contained in the Auditor General's proposal on "*the study on how much it takes to educate a student in a public university,*" the decision to increase tuition fees at Makerere University and other public universities would have to go through an elaborate process, including the approval from the Government.

This is clearly stipulated in the Ministry of Education and Sports Government White Paper, and I quote: "***University Councils should have the autonomy to charge fees in consultation with the Ministry of Education and Sports, and with the approval of Cabinet.***"

In addition, the Makerere University Council, which is mandated by the University and Other Tertiary Institutions Act 2001, Section 41, to fix the scales of fees and boarding charges, provide for the welfare and discipline of the students, and approve the University budget proposals and the final accounts submitted by the University Management, **HAS NOT** approved any proposal to increase tuition fees for the next Academic Year starting August 2011/2012.

The Vice Chancellor of Makerere University, Professor Venansius Baryamureeba has categorically stated that the University Management **has not discussed any proposal to increase the tuition fees for the next Academic Year starting August 2011.** Professor Baryamureeba stressed that Makerere University would continue to charge the tuition rates

that were approved by the Government in 2009. Further reference on the Vice Chancellor's comment on the increment of tuition fees was published in Daily Monitor on Wednesday, April 13, 2011 page 2, and I quote **"The Vice Chancellor, Professor Venansius Baryamureeba ruled out an immediate increase in tuition saying they would await Government guidance on the matter."**

We would therefore like to re-assure our dear parents, students, sponsors, guardians and the development partners that being a public university; Makerere University will continue to charge the current tuition fees rates approved by the Government in 2009 and the assertion that the tuition fees have been increased is not true.

We build for the future.

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