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STATEMENT BY KCAA ON HELICOPTER SAFETY OPERATIONS AHEAD OF THE 2022 GENERAL ELECTIONS

Kenya Civil Aviation Authority has urged all helicopter operators in the country to comply with Civil Aviation Helicopter Operations Regulations. Speaking during a meeting with helicopter operators, Capt. Gilbert Kibe, KCAA Director General, said Helicopter safety concerns are of paramount importance, especially now when the country is witnessing heightened political activities ahead of the general election in August.

"The Kenya Civil Aviation Authority is on high alert to ensure that helicopter operations adhere to the safety regulations," said Capt. Kibe during a meeting that brought together helicopter operations stakeholders at a Nairobi Hotel.

"Helicopters can pose serious hazard to crowds, especially the rotters that are dangerous if safe distance is not observed" observed the Director General, adding that it is important to adhere to the set regulations by the Authority to avoid breaching the safety regulations.

In the past, cases have been reported on helicopters landing on busy roads and other incidences where members of the public have approached helicopters whose engines are on and rotors running. KCAA says that this violates the helicopter operation regulations, besides causing a lot of safety concerns.

During the meeting held today, KCAA encouraged all operators to ensure that they fully adhere to safety regulations. Those found to violate operation safety requirements will be dealt with according to the existing regulations and aviation law in the country.

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Note to Editor:

Kenya Civil Aviation Authority (KCAA) is the regulatory Authority established by the Civil Aviation Act, 2013 as amended in 2016 with the primary functions of regulation and oversight of aviation safety & security; economic regulation of air services and development of Civil Aviation; provision of air navigation services, and training of Aviation personnel. KCAA undertakes these functions guided by the provisions of the Convention on International Civil Aviation, related ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs), the Kenya Civil Aviation Act, 2013 and the civil aviation regulations.

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