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Mozambique Tourism Sector

Mozambique Tourism Authority (INATUR) is aware of the impacts that the tourism sector is suffering at this time of the pandemic, due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19). Together with the Government of Mozambique, INATUR reaffirms its commitment to promote Mozambican tourist destinations, services and products in the national and international market.

Mozambique's tourism industry demonstrated strong growth in the past 5 years. These are unparalleled times for our tourism industry and we shouldn't underestimate the significant challenges tourism businesses across Mozambique are facing.

Due to the **Coronavirus** (Covid-19) spread worldwide, the Mozambique government has taken further measures to contain its spread. Thus, to ensure the safety and health of everyone, travel is temporarily unfeasible.

While we are going through this difficult time in the war against COVID-19, let us take comfort with the fact that we are in this together. Many of our industry

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and trade partners are working together to render assistance the best way they can in their own capacity during this pandemic.

The effects of the COVID-19 have been devastating, not only to human lives, but also in how the necessary measures to slow its spread are threatening the economic viability of businesses.

To support the business sector, government support focus on:

- Financing line created to be implemented by BNI Bank, for every entrepreneur to adhere for business leverage ;
- Forgiveness of fines and reduction of interest on arrears arising from the failure to pay or late payment of mandatory social security contributions, the debt of which has been incurred up to the date of entry into force by the State of Emergency Decree ;
- Reduction of electricity rates for the hotel sector until 31 December 2020;
- Postponement of debt collection resulting from the non-payment of water and electricity bills for the post-covid-19 period;

Due to the continued spread of the COVID19, the State of Emergency was extended for another 30 days from the 30th of June and the following restrictive measures should applied:

- Limitation of issuing entry visas and cancellation of visas already issued;
- Limitation of public and private events, such as religious gatherings, cultural, recreational, sporting, political, associative, tourist and other activities;

