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## KMA COVID-19 RESPONSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (KMA-CRAC) MEETING RESOLUTIONS

At its seventh meeting on Wednesday 29th April 2020, the Kenya Medical Association's COVID-19 Response Advisory Committee reviewed the current state of the response and issued the following recommendations:

#### 1. COVID-19 TESTING

We note that the country has sufficient laboratory infrastructure and personnel to conduct large numbers of tests every day. We however note that widespread testing is being hampered by lack of reagents and testing kits.

KMA therefore recommends that the acquisition of testing kits and laboratory reagents be prioritized to increase the testing capacity.

Further, we recommend that any form of targeted mass testing prioritises health workers who are at a greater risk due to their close interaction with patients.

### 2. SECURITY FORCES TRAINING ADVISORY

We note that Security Officers may be at high risk of infection because they often interact with members of the public without adequate protection.

KMA recommends that security officers be advised by the Ministry of Health on self-protection while interacting with members of the public in order to minimise the risk of infection both to the officers and the public.

The Committee will meet again on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2020** to review the situation and issue further guidance and recommendations.

Signed,

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Dr. Jacqueline Kitulu, President.