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Subject: Moratorium on Pageants without Compliance

It has come to the attention of the Ministry of Information, Cultural Affairs, and Tourism (MICAT) that certain event planners and pageant organizers are currently hosting pageants without obtaining the necessary permits to host these events.

In response to this, MICAT hereby announces a moratorium on the organization and hosting of beauty pageants and similar events that do not comply with the established regulations and guidelines put forth by the Bureau of Tourism, MICAT.

The decision to impose this moratorium stems from the need to ensure that all events of this nature adhere to the highest standards of professionalism, safety, and ethical conduct. It has come to the attention of the Ministry that several pageants and similar events have been conducted without proper authorization, leading to incidents that compromise the integrity and safety of participants and attendees.

All organizers of pageants and similar events must:

- ❖ **Obtain Necessary Permits:** Event organizers must secure all necessary permits and approvals from MICAT and relevant local authorities.
- ❖ **Adhere to Safety Standards:** Ensure that all venues meet safety standards, including fire safety, crowd control, and emergency response protocols.
- ❖ **Ensure Ethical Conduct:** Maintain ethical standards in the treatment of participants, including fair judging processes and respectful behavior towards all individuals involved.

- ❖ Provide Detailed Event Plans: Submit a comprehensive event plan, including security arrangements, program schedules, and participant details to MICAT for review and approval.
- ❖ Financial Transparency: Demonstrate financial transparency by providing detailed budgets and financial statements to ensure accountability in the management of funds.

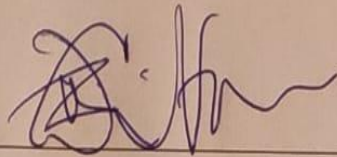
The moratorium is effective immediately and will remain in place until further notice. MICAT will establish a task force to monitor compliance and address any violations. Organizers found to be in violation of this moratorium will face legal consequences, including fines and potential suspension of future event permits.

MICAT is committed to supporting event organizers in meeting these compliance requirements. The Ministry will offer guidance and resources to assist organizers in understanding and fulfilling their obligations. A dedicated helpline and support center will be established to provide assistance and answer any queries related to the moratorium and compliance process.

MICAT remains dedicated to promoting cultural and tourism activities and events that enhance Liberia's rich heritage and cultural diversity. This moratorium is a necessary step to ensure that all events are conducted in a manner that upholds the values and standards expected by the Ministry and the people of Liberia.

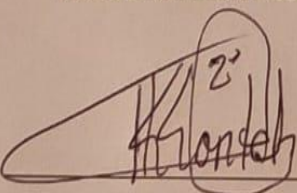
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