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### **“FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE”**

#### **GARISSA UNIVERSITY VICE CHANCELLOR ADDRESSES RECENT ARREST OF STAFF FOR FORGERY OF CERTIFICATE**

Garissa, Kenya, April 19, 2023 – The Garissa University management is aware of the recent arrest of our former staff, Mr. Abdihakim Dagane, by the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC) on 17<sup>th</sup> April, 2023. We would like to issue the following statement regarding this matter:

- i. The accused person is our former staff who resigned in January 2023. The University has had no association with Mr. Dagane since their resignation earlier this year.
- ii. The investigation of Mr. Dagane by EACC started way back in 2018, and the University has collaborated with EACC over that period. We have provided EACC with all the necessary information and resources to assist them in their investigations.

We would like to clarify that Mr. Abdihakim Dagane was not recruited using the alleged fake degree certificate under investigation. The University has robust recruitment processes in place that involve thorough verification of academic qualifications and professional experience.

We take these allegations very seriously and are committed to upholding the highest standards of integrity and ethics in all our operations. The University will continue to cooperate fully with EACC and any other relevant authorities in this matter.

We also wish to indicate that a verification of certificate exercise is currently being undertaken by the University management in compliance with the Public Service Commission directive issued via a circular on 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2022 requiring all Ministries/departments and State Corporations “...*To undertake an audit of all academic and professional certificates...*”

We wish to assure the public that the verification exercise has been extended to continuing students and those set to graduate in June 2023. The exercise is aimed at ensuring that the academic qualifications of our staff and students are genuine and in line with the requirements of the Commission for University Education (CUE) and other regulatory bodies.

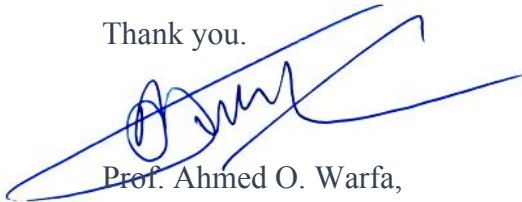
Garissa University is committed to providing quality education and has zero tolerance for any illegality when it comes to fake certificates. We appreciate the media for highlighting this matter, which is affecting many public and private institutions. We urge other institutions to follow suit and support the bid to rid public and private institutions of individuals who are not authentic.

As an institution of higher learning, we take academic integrity seriously, and we have put in place measures to ensure that our graduates are well-equipped and qualified to serve in their respective fields of expertise. We will continue to collaborate with relevant authorities to ensure that we uphold the highest standards of education.

We urge our staff and students to cooperate fully with the ongoing verification exercise and provide accurate information regarding their academic qualifications. We also urge the public to report any cases of fake certificates or academic fraud to the relevant authorities.

We assure the public that we remain committed to providing quality education and will continue to support initiatives aimed at improving academic standards in Kenya.

Thank you.



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