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KENYA SCHOOL OF GOVERNMENT, NAIROBI.

SALUTATION

- Minister, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic Hon. Juraj Blanár
- The Ambassador of the Slovak Republic to Kenya; H.E. Maroš Mitrík
- Representatives from the Government of Slovakia;
- Distinguished Guests;

Good morning,

I. Today's CYBERGAME 2026 Award Ceremony highlights an increasingly important reality: as our economies become more digital, cybersecurity becomes more critical. Celebrating excellence in cyber talent is therefore not only about recognising achievement, but also about investing in the security and resilience of our digital future.

II. The Government of Kenya remains committed to building a secure, resilient and trusted digital ecosystem. Under the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA), particularly the Digital Superhighway and Creative Economy pillar, we are expanding digital infrastructure, increasing connectivity and accelerating digital transformation across all sectors of the economy. These investments must be supported by strong cybersecurity capabilities.

III. Allow me to express my sincere appreciation to the Government of the Slovak Republic, through the Embassy of Slovakia in Kenya, for partnering with the Ministry of Information, Communications and the Digital Economy in organising CYBERGAME 2026. This partnership reflects the strong relations between our two countries and our shared commitment to strengthening cyber resilience.

IV. Over the past two months, participants drawn from universities, government institutions, the private sector and the innovation ecosystem have tested their skills across key domains including Malware Analysis, Open-Source Intelligence, Cryptography, Digital Forensics and Offensive Security. The knowledge and experience gained through this competition will contribute significantly to strengthening our national cyber capacity.

V. As cyber threats continue to evolve in scale and sophistication, countries require highly skilled professionals capable of protecting critical information infrastructure, securing digital services and safeguarding citizens and businesses. CYBERGAME is helping Kenya build that workforce.

VI. Through the Ministry and our partners, Government continues to strengthen cybersecurity governance frameworks, improve cyber incident response capabilities, protect critical infrastructure, enhance public awareness and promote international cooperation on cybersecurity matters.

VII. We recognise that technology alone cannot secure cyberspace. People remain our most important line of defence. This is why investments in cybersecurity skills development, capacity building and workforce readiness are essential.

VIII. Cybersecurity is also an enabler of Kenya's digital economy. As we roll out the Digital Superhighway, establish digital hubs and expand digital opportunities across the country, secure digital systems become indispensable to sustaining trust, innovation and economic growth.

IX. The continued growth of Kenya's creative economy—including software development, gaming, digital media and content creation—depends on safe and trusted digital platforms that protect intellectual property, digital assets and online transactions.

X. To the young people participating in CYBERGAME 2026, cybersecurity presents tremendous opportunities. The world is experiencing a growing demand for cyber professionals, and the skills you are developing today will position you to become leaders and innovators in tomorrow's digital economy.

XI. I encourage universities, training institutions, government agencies and private sector partners to continue investing in cybersecurity education, research and innovation. Building a secure digital future requires strong collaboration across all sectors.

XII. As I conclude, I congratulate all participants and especially the winners of CYBERGAME 2026. Your dedication and excellence demonstrate that Kenya is nurturing a new generation of cyber defenders capable of securing our digital future.

XIII. I also thank all partners whose support made this initiative possible, including the Government of the Slovak Republic, CyberPro Global, ESET, ISOLS, Nutanix, ISACA Kenya Chapter, the National Security Authority, NC4, ICT Authority and Konza Technopolis Development Authority.

XIV. Together, let us continue building a secure, resilient and innovative digital future for Kenya.

Thank you.