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PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

Pursuant to Presidential Order n°11/01 of 27/02/2026, , the National Bank of Rwanda informs the public that the banknotes listed below will cease to be legal tender 12 months after 2nd March 2026, the date the Presidential Order demonetising them was published in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Rwanda. After this period, these banknotes will no longer be accepted as a means of payment.

The following denominations are concerned:

- FRW 500 denomination issued on 01/07/2004 and on 01/01/2013
- FRW 1,000 denomination issued on 01/07/2004 and on 01/05/2015
- FRW 2,000 denomination issued on 31/10/2007
- FRW 5,000 denomination issued on 01/04/2004 and on 01/02/2009

Holders of these banknotes are requested to exchange them at the nearest Commercial Banks and Umwalimu SACCO within nine (9) months, **from 2nd March 2026 to 1st November 2026**. After this date, the said banknotes will only be exchangeable at the National Bank of Rwanda Head Office in Kiyovu–Kigali and at any of its branches, until 1 March 2027.

Details of the features of the demonetized banknotes are provided in the annex to this announcement.

Done at Kigali, on March 24, 2026

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by NBR(Governor)

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