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The Minister of Local Government,

Pursuant to the Constitution of the Republic of Rwanda of 4 June 2003, as amended to date, especially in Articles 120, 121, and 201;

Pursuant to Law n° 11/2013 of 11/03/2013 determining organisation and use of cemeteries especially in Article 11;

After consideration and approval by the Cabinet in its session of 10/09/2014;

HEREBY ORDERS:

Chapter One General provisions

Article One – Purpose of this Order

This Order determines requirements for burying in places of worship.

Article 2 – Definition of terms

“A **place of worship**” means a building of religious-based organisation which owns an authorisation as issued by a competent authority.

Chapter II Requirements for burying in places of worship

Article 3 – Burying in places of worship

A burial location in a place of worship is a specified place identified on a map of the place of worship.

Application procedures are the same as those provided for by the Law n° 11/2013 of 11/03/2013 determining organization and use of cemeteries.

Article 4 – Application for authorization to bury in a place of worship

A legal representative of a registered religious ministry or church where the deceased was born or from where he died shall apply for authorization to bury the body in a place of worship.

Article 5 – Authority to issue authorization to bury in a place of worship

The Mayor of the District in which a religious ministry or a church seeking authorization to bury is located is the authority to issue authorization to bury in a place of worship.

Article 6 – Requirements for a person to be buried in a place of worship

Any person who requests for authorization to bury a dead body in a place of worship shall present:

- 1° the statutes and Internal rules and regulations of a religious ministry or church which accept burial of a dead body in a place of worship;
- 2° a letter requesting for authorization to bury in a place of warship addressed to the Mayor of the District in which the deceased will be buried. The letter shall justify the burial of the deceased in a place of worship;
- 3° identification of the deceased for whom authorization to be buried in a place of worship has been applied.

Chapter III Final provisions

Article 7 – Repealing provision

All prior provisions contrary to this Order are hereby repealed

Article 8 – Commencement

This Order shall come into force on the date of its publication in the Official *Gazette* of the Republic of Rwanda.