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**THE NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS
(AMENDMENT) ACT, 2024**



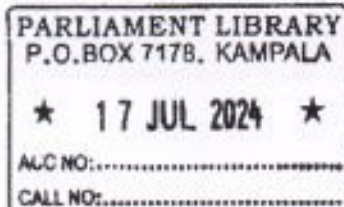


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I SIGNIFY my assent to the bill.

Yoweri Museveni
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President

Date of assent: 15/7/2024



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An Act to amend the Non-Governmental Organisations Act, 2016, Act 5 of 2016 to mainstream the functions of the National Bureau for Non-Governmental Organisations into the Ministry responsible for internal affairs, in order to give effect to the Government Policy on Rationalisation of Government Agencies and Public Expenditure; and for related purposes.

DATE OF ASSENT:

Date of Commencement:

BE IT ENACTED by Parliament as follows—

1. Commencement

This Act shall come into force on a date appointed by the Minister, by statutory instrument.

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2. Interpretation

In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—

“Government” means the Government of Uganda; and

“Ministry” means the Ministry responsible for internal affairs.

3. Dissolution of National Bureau for Non-Governmental Organisations

(1) On the commencement of this Act, the National Bureau for Non-Governmental Organisations established under Act 5 of 2016 as a distinct legal entity shall be dissolved.

(2) The National Bureau for Non-Governmental Organisations shall continue to exist under this Act as a government department, within the structure of the Ministry responsible for internal affairs.

4. Amendment of long title to Act 5 of 2016

The long title to the Non-Governmental Organisations Act, 2016, hereinafter referred to as the “principal Act”, is amended by repealing the phrase “to provide for the board of directors”; “to make provision for the corporate status of the National Bureau for Non-Governmental Organisations activities”.

5. Amendment of section 3 of principal Act

Section 3 of the principal Act is amended—

- (a) by repealing the definitions of “board of directors”, “Chairperson” and “Executive Director”; and
- (b) in the definition of the word “permit”, by substituting for the word “Board” the word “Bureau”.

6. Amendment of section 5 of principal Act

Section 5 of the principal Act is amended by repealing subsections (2) and (3).



7. Amendment of section 6 of principal Act

Section 6 of the principal Act is amended by repealing paragraph (c).

8. Repeal of section 8 of principal Act

Section 8 of the principal Act is repealed.

9. Substitution of title of Part III of principal Act

The title of Part III of the principal Act is substituted with the following—

"PART III—COMPOSITION OF BUREAU"

10. Amendment of section 9 of principal Act

Section 9 of the principal Act is amended—

- (a) by substituting for the headnote, the following—

"9. Composition of Bureau"

- (b) by repealing subsection (1);
- (c) by substituting for subsection (2) the following—

"(2) The members of the Bureau shall be appointed by the Minister and approved by Cabinet and shall consist of—

- (a) a chairperson;
- (b) a vice chairperson;
- (c) two representatives from the non-governmental organisations sector in Uganda; and
- (d) three other persons.";
- (d) in subsection (3) by substituting for the words "board of directors", the word "Bureau";

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- (c) in subsection (4) by substituting for the words "board of directors", the word "Bureau";
- (f) in subsection (5) by substituting for the words "board of directors", the word "Bureau";
- (g) in subsection (6) by substituting for the words "board of directors" wherever the words appear, the word "Bureau"; and
- (h) in subsection (7) by substituting for the words "board of directors", the word "Bureau".

11. Amendment of section 10 of principal Act

Section 10 of the principal Act is amended by substituting for the words "board of directors" wherever the words appear, the word "Bureau".

12. Repeal of section 11 of principal Act

Section 11 of the principal Act is repealed.

13. Amendment of section 12 of principal Act

Section 12 of the principal Act is amended by substituting for the words "board of directors" wherever the words appear, the word "Bureau".

14. Amendment of section 13 of principal Act

Section 13 of the principal Act is amended by substituting for the words "board of directors" wherever the words appear, the word "Bureau".

15. Amendment of section 14 of principal Act

Section 14 of the principal Act is amended by substituting for the words "board of directors" wherever the words appear, the word "Bureau".

16. Substitution of title of Part IV of principal Act

The title of Part IV of the principal Act is substituted with the following—

"PART IV—COMMITTEES OF BUREAU"

17. Amendment of section 15 of principal Act

Section 15 of the principal Act is amended by substituting for the words "board of directors", the word "Bureau".

18. Substitution of title of Part V of principal Act

The title of Part V of the principal Act is substituted with the following—

"PART V—SECRETARIAT OF THE BUREAU"

19. Substitution of section 16 of principal Act

Section 16 of the principal Act is substituted with the following—

"16. Secretariat of Bureau

(1) The Bureau shall have a secretariat in the Ministry which shall be headed by a secretary whose office shall be a public office within the Ministry.

(2) The secretary shall be appointed by the Minister, in consultation with the Ministry responsible for public service.

(3) The secretary shall not be a member of the Bureau.

(4) The secretary shall be responsible for—

- (a) the day to day operations of the Bureau;
- (b) the management of the funds of the Bureau;
- (c) the administration and management of the property of the Bureau;
- (d) the supervision and control of the officers and other staff of the Bureau;
- (e) keeping a register of registered organisations;
- (f) implementing the decisions of the Bureau;

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- (g) reporting to the Ministry on the operations of the Bureau;
- (h) certifying documents upon payment of the prescribed fee; and
- (i) performing any other functions assigned to him or her by the Bureau."

20. Repeal of section 17 of principal Act
Section 17 of the principal Act is repealed.

21. Repeal of section 18 of principal Act
Section 18 of the principal Act is repealed.

22. Repeal of Part VII of principal Act
Part VII of the principal Act consisting of sections 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28 is repealed.

23. Repeal of section 42 of principal Act
Section 42 of the principal Act is repealed.

24. Repeal of section 57 of principal Act
Section 57 of the principal Act is repealed.

25. Repeal of section 58 of principal Act
Section 58 of the principal Act is repealed.

26. Amendment of Schedule 2 to principal Act
Schedule 2 to the principal Act is amended by substituting for the words "board of directors" wherever the words appear, the word "Bureau".

27. Savings

(1) On the commencement of this Act, all the property, assets, rights, obligations, and liabilities of the National Bureau for Non-

Governmental Organisations as established by Act 5 of 2016 shall vest in the Government of Uganda under the Ministry responsible for internal affairs.

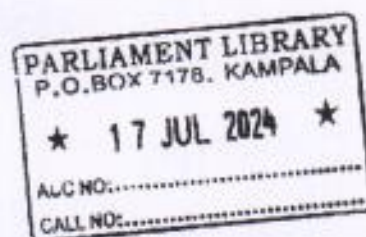
(2) Any proceedings commenced by or against the National Bureau for Non-Governmental Organisations as established by Act 5 of 2016 may be continued by or against the Attorney General.

(3) A licence, permit, certificate or authorisation issued by the National Bureau for Non-Governmental Organisations which is in force immediately before the commencement of this Act, shall have effect from the commencement of this Act as if granted by the Bureau under this Act.

(4) The terms and conditions including the rights and obligations under a licence, permit, certificate or authorisation in force immediately before the commencement of this Act, shall not be less favourable than those that applied immediately before the commencement of this Act.

(5) The board of directors and staff of the National Bureau for Non-Governmental Organisations serving immediately before the commencement of this Act shall be paid their terminal benefits in accordance with the terms and conditions of their service.

(6) The staff of the National Bureau for Non-Governmental Organisations serving immediately before the commencement of this Act may be redeployed to serve in the public service subject to availability of positions.





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This printed impression has been carefully compared by me with the bill which was passed by Parliament and found by me to be a true copy of the bill.

A stylized signature in black ink.

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Clerk to Parliament

Date of authentication: 8/5/2024