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PRESS STATEMENT

UPC NATIONAL COUNCIL DELIBERATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS HELD AT JOKAS HOTEL-BWEYOGERERE 13TH -15TH/AUGUST/2015

1. The Uganda Peoples Congress congratulates all members of the UPC National Council, the Cabinet, staff and all for a successful National Council meeting that took place at Jokas Hotel-Kampala from 13th -15th August 2015
2. In his opening remarks to the National Council, the Party President, Hon. J. Akena was humbled to see all the party delegates concerned about their party and in full spirit and gear to move the party forward. He also observed that it will remain the duty of all the party members to have this concern translated into programmes and activities so as to guide the heavy rebuilding work underway, that move the party ahead. The Party President also appreciated all the efforts by the party members at the various levels for keeping the flag of the UPC flying and that it is time the party embarks on planning for the future.
3. The Party President in his speech reminded the National Council members that they constitute the Parliament of the Party with full authority over any matters and affairs of the party and that they had gathered to exercise that authority and specifically to pronounce themselves on these issue;
 - i. The Democratic Alliance,
 - ii. Youth and Women Leagues,
 - iii. The relationship between UPC and Milton Obote Foundation,
 - iv. Elect the Party Electoral Commission,
 - v. The Rules of the Disciplinary Committee,
 - vi. Approve the 2016-2021 Party Manifesto,
 - vii. Strategic Plan 2016-2021,
 - viii. Terms of Reference of the Reconciliation and Mediation Commission and
 - ix. Guidelines on Presidential Elections and Party Structures.

Mission: A social democratic party that seeks to safe guard national independence and promote national unity, equality, equity and human rights for all.

Vision: An independent, united, democratic, just, peaceful and prosperous nation, where all its citizens have equal opportunities and equitable access to national resources.

- x. The National Council delegates pronounced themselves on almost all the issues on the agenda starting with the approval of Establishment of Youth and Women Leagues, Guidelines on Presidential Elections and Party Structures.
4. After a robust debate on the issue of The Democratic Alliance, the chairperson agreed to put the matter to a vote by show of hands. A motion was moved by Howard Etuju that The UPC resolves to field candidates at all levels during the Parliamentary and local Council level and that the executive was given authority to cooperate with the The Democratic Alliance only for the presidential elections. The motion was carried by 329 votes for and 14 against.
 5. It was also noted that since the former party president is said to have quietly committed the UPC to the TDA without the authority of the party. The resolution was moved that the party disowns any commitments that the former party president may have committed on behalf of UPC in TDA. This resolution was supported by show of hands 359 voted for and 02 votes against.
 6. On the issue of Milton Obote Foundation, the party leadership was mandated by the National Council to take legal, political and administrative measures to ensure that the legal ownership and control of Uganda House and other properties of the Party get into the full control of the party. The National Council members further passed resolutions that;
 - a) That the National council meeting of the Uganda Peoples Congress sitting on the 14th Day of August, 2015 at Jokas Hotel, Bweyogerere with immediate effect rescinds its trust and approval in the following members who have been representing UPC in the MOF board of trustees. These are: Mr. Peter Walubiri, Prof. Edward Kakonge and Mr. Apiliga Michael
 - b) Second, that the MOF members representing UPC in the MOF Board be summoned to appear before the Party Disciplinary committee for disciplinary action for breach of trust and duty as representative of the Party in the MOF. Specifically, under the rules and Procedure of the disciplinary Committee of the party, they will have to respond to violation of the discipline of the Party under rules VII (i) (ii) (iii) (iv) and (v) of the UPC Rules and Procedures of the Disciplinary Committee as approved by the National Council of the Uganda Peoples' Congress. The members referred to under this resolution are:

- i. Mr. Peter Mukidi Walubiri
- ii. Prof. Edward Kakonge
- iii. Mr. Micheal Apiliga
- iv. Mr. Nelson Ofwono
- v. Mr. Rubaihayo Patrick
- vi. Mr. Terence Oyepa
- vii. Mr. Chris Opio

7. The National Council also approved the newly appointed Cabinet members in the following positions listed below;

- i. Mr. Dan Isimbwa – Assistant Youth leader
- ii. Mr. Godfrey Okwir – Assistant Party Treasurer
- iii. Ms. Lucy Nakyong- Assistant Woman Leader
- iv. M. Olebe Stephen – Persons with Disabilities
- v. Mr. Osinde Orach Micheal-Spokesperson

8. The following persons were nominated and approved for appointment as members of the Party Disciplinary Committee.

- i. Mr. Okello Peter Paul –**Chairperson**
- ii. Mr. Sospatar Akwenyu-**Vice Chairperson**
- iii. Mr. Kabwesigye Benon
- iv. Mr. Kasooma Umar
- v. Rev. Wambuzi Moses
- vi. Ms. Ruth Atero
- vii. Ms. Gorreti Byaruhanga

9. The chairman called for nominations from the National council for members of the Party Electoral commission for formal appointment by the Party President. The following persons were nominated and approved as members of the Party Electoral Commission:

- i. Mr. Hajji kazimbiraine- **Chairperson**
- ii. Mr. Jack Khabusi- **Vice Chairperson**
- iii. Prof. Ernest Okello Ogwng
- iv. Mr. Ewatu Alfred
- v. Ms. Night Annet
- vi. Ms Natukunda Naomi
- vii. Mr. Magero Emmanuel


10. In pursuit and promotion of Internal of dialogue in UPC, the National Council approved the establishment of Mediation and Reconciliation Commission and the following persons were nominated and approved for appointment as members of the Mediation and Reconciliation Commission

- i. Hon Yonasani kanyomozi
- ii. Bishop Alfred Okodi
- iii. Dr. James Rwanyarare-**To be consulted**
- iv. Rev. Dr Charles Bernard Obaikol
- v. Mr. Olar Ameda Benjamin
- vi. Mr. Wilson Busingye
- vii. Ms. Miria Muhwezi

11. **In concluding the meeting**, the Vice Chairperson, Mr. Ben Bakabulindi invited the newly appointed National Chairperson, Mr. Okae Lawrence to make his remarks and officially close the National Council meeting. Mr. Lawrence Okae thanked the National Council members for the three days of deliberations on important party matters. He called upon them to work as a team to collectively move the party forward.

12. The Uganda Peoples Congress now sets itself to full implementations of the National Council Resolutions and moving the Party forward. UPC will circulate the signed copies of the resolutions to all Party members, Partners and the general public in due course.

For God and My Country



Mr. Lawrence Okae
NATIONAL CHAIRMAN