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PRESS STATEMENT

HAPPY FESTIVE SEASON

1. The Uganda Peoples Congress wishes all Ugandans a happy and safe festive season. This is the time of the year that most people travel long journeys with their loved ones or to be re-united with their families. It is a time when goodwill and joy define the general mood of the people. In keeping with the joy that comes with this season; we call on our people to use the roads carefully. Unfortunately every year we lose loved ones due to avoidable road accidents that leave many friends and families scarred and traumatized for life.

We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

2. Uganda Peoples Congress wishes to inform its members that there will be no convening of any Party Organ meeting as being purported by Olara Otunnu. His term expired on 13th March 2015. During his tenure he failed to convene a single Delegates' conference and postponed the last two he announced after his term had expired, the last one "indefinitely".

The Party Leadership right now is concentrating on its program of rebuilding from its grassroots as resolved by a resolution of the National Council on 15th August 2015.

3. UPC calls for peaceful General Elections and reminds all citizens that Uganda belongs to all its people and they need to live in harmony to forge a way of framing the destiny of our Country in peace.
4. Uganda Peoples Congress would like to inform all its members that despite the current court cases brought against it by the last administration and the Milton Obote Foundation, the Party leadership still extends its olive branch to those that may have been caught up in

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

this mess to come home and work for the party. UPC also is ready to convene its Truth and Reconciliation Commission to start work on healing wounds within the Party.

5. On the 21st December 2015, UPC appeared in Civil Division of the High Court in a case brought against it by Olara Otunnu and 6 others, it was apparent that the plaintiffs had forged a court document and smuggled into the file claiming that they had served the Defendants' Lawyers, on scrutiny from Justice Yasin Nyanzi, it was discovered that the plaintiffs' lawyer had forged and smuggled a mediation summary to the file without serving or consulting the defendants and their lawyers.
6. These actions not only undermine the process of court but shows unwillingness on the part of the plaintiffs' to pursue mediation and dialogue. UPC still maintains its willingness to engage all its members.
7. Uganda Peoples Congress would like to categorically state that court never issued any order whatsoever evicting anybody from its Headquarters as is being peddled by certain individuals belonging to the last administration.

UPC Party President Hon. Jimmy Akena is in office and performing his duties as mandated by the Party Constitution. Therefore we inform all members of the Party and Ugandans at large that no UPC candidates will be affected by the court decision of 11th December 2015.

FOR GOD AND MY COUNTRY



**EDWARD SEGGANYI
SECRETARY GENERAL**