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PRESS STATEMENT:

MOF SHOULD FACE REALITY.

1. Uganda Peoples Congress, in light of the story carried in the Red Pepper dated 22nd March 2016 concerning the discovery of guns, demands that the management of the building be called to account for the serious failures witnessed recently. The recent fire at the Headquarters put peoples' lives at risk unnecessarily and criminally. The discovery of guns, in the building referred to UPC Headquarters shows that in the eyes of the public it is the Party that is accountable for what transpires at Uganda House, as Milton Obote Foundation (MOF) is part and parcel of UPC.
2. The pretense that Milton Obote Foundation (MOF) and UPC have no relationship can no longer be maintained. UPC also calls upon Milton Obote Foundation (MOF) to address the issue of unregulated security personnel whose sole qualification for employment is their ability to exercise violence. Their backgrounds are questionable, and in light of the recent discovery of guns and ammunition, their presence can only be viewed as a risk to the occupants of Uganda House. The management should be reminded that it is not that long ago that their failure to maintain the building, in terms of security and sanitation was the subject of attention of KCCA, who closed the building.

Mission: A social democratic party that seeks to safeguard 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.

3. Uganda Peoples Congress, urges the citizens of Uganda to remain calm as the Nation awaits the verdict of the Supreme Court, as well other elections-related decisions for the various petitions around the country. The Party urges its members and citizens of Uganda to heed the wise words of UPC's Founding Father, Dr. A.M. Obote who said: **"The most important thing now is to set our policies right, organize ourselves and go to mobilize our supporters. Irrespective of how many votes we get, we have to educate the masses to be aware of their fundamental rights."** Dr. A.M. Obote's speech at a UPC Rally in Katwe, Kampala South Constituency held on 16th November, 1980.
4. Uganda Peoples Congress would like to join the South West Peoples Organization (SWAPO), the people of Namibia and the Government on the celebration of their Independence Anniversary that took place on Monday, March 21st 2016. Indeed the shared values between Uganda Peoples Congress and South West Peoples Organization (SWAPO) are immeasurable and invaluable, as our core values are Nationalism, Pan-Africanism and Internationalism.
It was gratifying to see the Father of the Nation, Comrade Sam Nujoma, his immediate successor Hifikepunye Pohamba, and the sitting President Dr. Hage Geingob at such a colorful celebration that reflected the growth and development of nationhood and democracy in Namibia.
5. Finally Uganda Peoples' Congress sends its condolences to the families of the victims in the recent terrorist attacks in Turkey, and the latest outrage in Belgium. The resolution of political objectives through violence and terror are anathema to all reasonable people. The Party extends a hand of solidarity to the Governments of Turkey and Belgium at this very trying moment in time.

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