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PRESS STATEMENT

UPC CALLS FOR CALM AND PEACE

1. Uganda People's Congress would like to congratulate all her candidates who participated in the just concluded Parliamentary elections, both those who made it and those who did not. The Party appreciates their spirited efforts even with limited resources. The Milton Obote Foundation (MOF) who rejected funding the official Party flag bearers and funded independent candidates linked to the Go Forward campaign, will be tasked to account to members why it was that their money was used to fight the very Party that gave birth to it.
2. Uganda People's Congress calls upon all Ugandans to keep calm after these elections and urges reconciliation and unity. UPC shall promote reconciliation in order to promote unity. That is the Party's policy for building a new Uganda.
3. Uganda People's Congress reminds her members to concentrate on implementation of the National Council Resolution of re-building the Party from the grassroots. Our aim is to re-build the Party into a strong political vehicle through which the aspirations of our people can be fully realized. The strengthening of the Party involves hard work on the part of all Party workers/members and the highest degree of discipline. UPC shall continue to articulate the fight against Poverty, Ignorance & Disease.
4. Uganda People's Congress reminds her members to go and vote for the Party Flag bearers for Special Interest groups' MPs, LC5 Chairpersonship and all the remaining elective offices whose elections are still to be held.

5. Today's Observer carries a story headlined "**Opposition parties decline as Besigye gains**" which quotes Ishaq Otto and describes him as UPC's Mobilization Secretary. UPC would like to point out that Mr. Otto served in Otunnu's administration which expired on the 13th March 2015. Mr. Otunnu declined to step aside and tried via the courts to hang onto the Office of the Presidency. The Courts have since ruled that Hon. James Akena's victory in the UPC elections stands and that **HE IS THE UPC PARTY PRESIDENT**. Olara Otunnu withdrew his case seeking an injunction against Hon. Akena on 5th February 2016. Ishaq Otto was an appointee, and therefore since his employer has withdrawn his claim, it follows that all those he appointed to office also no longer occupy any office he appointed them to. Olara Otunnu and those he employed offered their services to Hon. Mbabazi's Go Forward without any Organ of the Party sanctioning their adventure. The Party would also like to remind the media that the Party's Constitution is very clear about "independents". Article 3 is clear:

3.6 Loss of Membership.

A member who commits any of the following abuses of the Party's Constitution and regulations shall be subject to disciplinary proceedings of the Party and if found at fault shall lose membership of the Party, that is to say:

(1) Standing for an election or acting as an agent or financing, supporting or campaigning for a person who is standing for such election in opposition to a duly elected or nominated Party candidate.

(2) Standing for election or acting as agent or campaigning for or financing an independent candidate.

FOR GOD AND MY COUNTRY

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