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UPC SHALL NOT BE DERAILED

This statement is aimed at giving UPC members, the general public and press the true picture of the party today as presided over by Mr. Olara Otunnu for the past 5 year.

1. Mr. Otunnu was brought into the country by some party members in the hope that he had a lot to offer to UPC in particular and the country in general as regards to liberation of our country so that the citizens could once again enjoy true democracy and have the basic social services such as quality education and quality health care guaranteed rather than enjoyed as a preserve of the minority evidenced in Uganda today.
2. On arrival into the country in 2010, the term of Mama Maria Kalule Obote had not yet expired since she was elected for seven years 2005-2012 and arrangements were underway for Internal Party Elections to be held starting from the branch level. Mr. Otunnu knowing his hidden agenda seized the opportunity and arm twisted members at a National Council Meeting held at Christ the king in Kampala to ignore or abandon grassroots elections claiming that the most important thing was to elect him as Party president and the rest could be left to him including grassroots elections and National elections 2011.
3. The moment Mr. Otunnu got his way , when elected on the night of 12th March 2010, he rushed that very night and locked up party headquarters and subsequently the office bearers including his predecessor were not allowed to pack up their belongings decently. It is further saddening to reveal that several tonnes of important Party documents dating beyond 1962 were thrown away only for concerned party members to pick the few that were found littered in the basement of Uganda House building. What was the motive of destroying the Party historical and valuable documents???

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

- 4. Once settled in office, Mr. Otunnu never bothered to organize grass root elections; he never convened Party organs for 5years contrary to the command of the Party Constitution to hold at least one National Council meeting per year and Two Delegates Conference meetings in 5 years. Even when he pretended to participate in the Presidential Elections 2011, he merely plundered the party funds to the tune of Nine hundred and fifty million shillings (Shs. 950,000,000/=) and in the end failed to turn up at the polling station to vote for himself. This then begs the question, why did he waste our time and resources on the process he did not have the slightest confidence in? Was he really working for the party or against it?**
- 5. We invite Mr. Otunnu to account for the 5years he spent in office, because the record we have shows that he failed to convene the organs of the Party compelling members of the National Council to petition him with a signed resolution for him to convene the National Council which he contemptuously ignored . The above state of affairs again forced Party members to run to court to compel him to convene the Party Organs in which case he responded by issuing a roadmap for Internal Party Elections. Court on seeing the roadmap then ruled thus: that Mr. Otunnu was defacto-president despite expiry of his term of office on 13th March 2015, until elections are held as stipulated in his own roadmap.**
- 6. In further attempts to stifle democracy in the country Mr. otunnu attempted to force the Party Electoral Commission to lock out some candidates from the Presidential race , until he was assured that J.Akena,MP had been thoroughly maligned as a Museveni Mole that he would not win the UPC race. At this point he allowed him to pick Nomination Forms and he Otunu utilize the same opportunity to pick nomination forms but didn't return them following the negative receptions he got on the campaign trail.**

7. When Mr. Otunnu , confirmed that he was so unpopular within UPC , that he could face humiliating rejection at the polls, he decided to operate and campaign through two proxies namely; Mr. Joseph Bossa his Vice and Prof. Kakonge Edward his National Chairman. The most saddening thing is that he spent shs. 111,000,000 Party Funds in a period of only NINE DAYS trying to prop and campaign through the said proxies. These monies were withdrawn between 23rd May and 2nd June 2015 by The Party Administrator on the instructions of Olara Otunnu. Another thirty million (30,000,000/=) was withdrawn between 2nd & 5th June. We further invite Mr. Otunnu to account for shs Two Hundred and Forty Nine Million Shillings (249,000,000) meant for mobilization in the last three years since he never did any mobilization but was preoccupied with NON PARTY PROGRAMS
8. Mr. Otunnu and his Proxies were collectively very unappealing to the voters that shortly into their campaign program, it dawned onto them that the ground was hostile. They even worsened matters when Mr.Otunnu despite the 111 Million he drew to facilitate the exercise, he refused to pay adequate refunds to the delegates he invited for his meetings, this definitely backfired on him on May 30th, 2015.
9. Indeed the clever Otunnu realized that his election exercise, which he intended to merely rubber stamp his wish, was not going to end according to his script. He thus penned a letter dated 29th May, a day before the District Conferences Elections , a letter in which he appointed 4 persons who are known accomplices in his hate crusade against Hon. Jimmy Akena and purported to hand them authority to decide the outcome of the May 30th District Conferences Elections. He wrote thus "The Electoral review board's decision will be final".
10. It is also important to note that Mr. Otunnu appointed the Electoral Commission, support staff to the commission namely; Mr. Baliraine David, Mr.Patrick Aroma , Secretary to Party Electoral Commissio, the Regional Coordinators, the Returning Officers and it was only him and the Commission who knew the electoral register not until voting time on May 30th when all of us had the first glance at the registers as presented that morning for the respective district conferences.

11. The District Conferences convened on 30th of May 2015 across the country and presided over by Mr. Otunnu's appointees. Lucky enough for the Party our members were vigilant and voting was done and results dully posted through phone messages to Mr. David Baliraine who was stationed in the Party headquarters Tally Center. Going by Mr. Otunnu's electoral guidelines voting closed at 3pm and the final results were to be announced by the electoral commission not more than 48hrs from time of closure of polling. Indeed by closure of the day thanks to the phone technology every interested UPC member including the Candidates in the race had known that the exercise was almost a no contest as Hon. Jimmy Akena had resoundingly swept all regions of Uganda. And at this point everyone was only waiting for the official announcement and declaration from the Commission seated at Uganda House.
12. To the dismay of the Party members the final declaration which was scheduled for Sunday 31st May shifted to Monday 1st June 2015 in the Morning and then to 3pm and by 6pm on Monday, results were still withheld, yet Mr. Otunnu was holed up in his office pressuring the Electoral Commission not to announce the results.
13. Mr. Otunnu in his statement dated 21st June says that Hon. Akena agents pitched camp at Party headquarters which is true. But there were also agents of other candidates who had some hope namely Cecilia Anyakoit for Mr. Ocen and Okello Kokas and Oluka for David Pulkol. The rest of the candidates were invited on phone in loud mode by Aroma Patrick when everybody was hearing but they declined saying they knew Hon. Akena had already won the Elections.
14. Finally the results were announced on Monday 1st June at 8:00PM and signed copies dully distributed to the candidates' representatives present. This did not go down well with Mr. Otunnu who immediately swung into a rage and even stopped payment of the Commissioners allowances. He then schemed to hold a meeting of the candidates on Friday 5th June at Uganda House excluding Hon. Akena Jimmy although he

attended uninvited; the gist of the meeting was to get these candidates to agree to Otunnu's machinations that the May 30th elections be annulled to sooth Otunnu's ego.

15. After the candidates meeting Mr. otunnu proceeded on the meeting with the Commissioners trying to convince them to nullify the election. The commissioners instead over powered him and it was resolved that the result as announced on 1st June. Should be reaffirmed in the press conference immediately, a decision Mr. Otunnu reluctantly agreed to but later reneged on and fled Party headquarters via the toilets and down the tunnel prompting journalists who had assembled to give chase. The ensuing chase attracted a lot of attention which Mr. Otunnu now wants to twist claiming he was running for his life when in actual truth he was running away from the Commissioners who had stood their ground on election results.

16. Mr. Otunnu is not yet done with his schemes to deny Hon. Jimmy Akena his victory. In his June 21⁵¹ statement he appoints Mr. Peter walubiri and others to a 'Commission of Inquiry', allegedly to investigate and eventually annul the election, but Walubiri is on record in a letter by him to Hon. Patrick Mwendha , saying there has never been any internal Party elections yet he is on record again to have participated in these very elections in kamuli with his blue eyed girl , Rebecca Ereemye earning herself a place in UPC history for having run away with a ballot box in a desperate attempt to stifle Hon. Akena's Victory. What circus is Mr. Otunnu and his fellow schemers trying to treat us to?

17. Mr. Otunnu further alleges that Hon. Akena's Vigilantes stormed UPC headquarters on 5th June 2015 , armed with pangas, knives and pistols with the intension of throwing him out through the widow and later claim that he committed suicide, to the contrary this is shameful lie deliberately coined in order to marshal sympathy in his desperate dream of commanding a militia force to finally attack and reverse the decision of the members of the Party as carried out in the May 30th District conference Elections. You members of the press where here that Friday on 5th June

and you can testify as to whether you saw those weapons or it was only Otunnu who saw them through a Vision.

18. Mr. Olara Otunnu's Personal Secretary, Mr. Barliraine David the workers leader, Mr. Aroma Patrick the Youth leader, Mr. Amos the accountant, are all in their offices and working. Mr. Otunnu' office and those of the Secretary General Hon. Jacinto Ogwal, that of Mr. Lucima Okello the spokesman are all locked and intact waiting for the above principles to report there and prepare handover reports. We are only occupying the work station and the office handed to the Chairman transition Committee by Gideon the Administrator.

Having laid out the above facts, we now would like to announce as follows;

- a. That the UPC District conferences in an election organized by Mr. Otunnu elected their new leader UNOPPOSED and no amount of desperation from any quarters shall reverse their WILL. In the same vain therefore the UPC Delegates Conference scheduled for 10th July 2015 shall take place in Kampala as scheduled and we shall not be derailed.
- b. Hon. Akena and his supporters have been very patient and considerate. The National Constitution of the Republic of Uganda, provides in Article 103 (6) & (8) ,that in the Presidential Elections at the closure of nominations, if one candidate is nominated, that candidate should be declared winner of that election and he/she should assume office within 24 hours of closure of nomination.UPC Constitution must conform to the National Constitution where the above articles are operationalised automatically

In the case of UPC, Hon. Akena should have been sworn in within 24 hours from 30th May 2015. We have not followed these provisions to the letter simply because we wanted a decent handover via the Delegates Conference. We ask of all our adversaries therefore and in particular Mr. Olara Otunnu, to treat us with the same decorum. All this we do in the interest of our Party.

Long Live the Congress

For God and my Country

HON. PATRICK MWONDHA

CHAIRMAN TRANSITIONAL COMMITTEE UPC.

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