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PRESS STATEMENT

DR APOLLO MILTON OBOTE'S LEGACY LIVES ON.

1. Uganda Peoples Congress wishes all Ugandans a Happy New Year and a prosperous 2016. This coming phase will be a critical one for the history of our country, as we are entering a transition period leading to 2021.
2. Uganda Peoples Congress celebrates the birthday of our Party founder and Father of the Nation, Dr. A. M. Obote, on 28th December 2015. We remember his legacy of building a strong, united, independent and prosperous Nation. One that always worked towards the general welfare of our citizens by waging a relentless struggle against poverty, ignorance and disease. We are proud of Dr. A. M. Obote's defense and promotion of Nationalism, Pan Africanism and Internationalism.
3. Uganda Peoples Congress notes with great concern the declining value of the Uganda shilling over this year. Whilst the decline may be due to circumstances beyond control, there are policies and actions that the Party feels could have been managed better. The Party urges the government to concentrate its efforts in line with the Maputo Declaration on investment in agriculture to mobilize resources and funds over and above 15% of GDP.

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.

4. Uganda Peoples Congress extends special thanks to the Party leadership at all levels and its general membership, for the spirit of sacrifice and commitment that has been shown. 2015 has been a particularly demanding year for the Party with internal party elections for the position of Party President, followed by ensuring our flag bearers were successfully nominated for the coming elections in 2016.
5. Uganda Peoples Congress notes with great concern the level of misinformation in the public domain, emanating from the District Conference Elections of 30th May 2015 and the subsequent court cases that have been filed against the Party Presidency of Hon. J. Akena and his Cabinet. The Party is focused on defending the **Constitution of the Party** and we hereby inform the general public that there is a mediation process as directed by court.
6. The court has set 60 days from the 21st of December 2015 to carry out mediation presided over by a judge of the High Court, although the matter will come up for mention on 18th January 2016.
7. Uganda Peoples Congress is fully aware of the general contradictions, caused by endless court battles. The Party is extending an olive branch to members who are genuinely concerned about the well-being of the Party and have been confused by the machinations of those who are using the Party for their personal ends.

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**EDWARD SEGGANYI
SECRETARY GENERAL**