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## PRESS STATEMENT

- 1. Uganda Peoples Congress marks three decades -thirty years later when the dark forces over threw the UPC government in 1985 in a coup d'état led by the two Okello's and ever since UPC have been in the struggle to restore multi party politics in our Country. UPC strategy of using peaceful means that gained Uganda Independence is still the same being applied up to date to put Uganda on course.
- 2. UPC has had three Party Presidential Elections in 2005, 2010 and 2015 to renew its leadership .UPC however notes that, despite the leadership change as a result of the 30<sup>th</sup> May 2015 District Conferences Elections and 1<sup>st</sup> July 2015 confirmation of the Party President J.Akena, MP, the former administration of Olara Otunnu has continued to masquerade, mislead and deceive the Party members and the public that they are still in charge of running the party affairs.
- 3. In their deception, they have gone ahead to issue press releases, withdrawal of party funds by Jacinto Ogwal, Peter Walubiri, Okello Lucima, Gideon Twinomugisha and utilization of the same funds for non party activities which is a gross abuse of the party and public funds.
- **4.** With total impunity, they have ignored the majority will and have gone ahead and fraudulently issued a roadmap to 2016 general elections for Party primaries on top of moving around the country confusing Party members and the general public. We would like to inform the party members and the general public to ignore them completely and patiently

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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.

wait for the roadmap to be approved by the National Council scheduled to take place on 11<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> August 2015 in Kampala and thereafter, the Party leadership under J. Akena, MP and team will move round the country with the authority of the Party Organ (National Council) to mobilize the party members, ensure smooth primaries and field candidates in all elective positions.

The two day National Council Agenda scheduled to take place on 11<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> August 2015 is;

## The Agenda:

- Approve appointment of Cabinet members in accordance with Article 14.3(2)(b) so that the Party has a fully constituted house
- Elect Electoral Commissioners for appointment by the Party President in accordance with the Delegates Conference Resolution and Article 21.1.In this, the PP advised that Cabinet sets terms of reference
- Approval of Roadmap and Guidelines for Party Primaries in accordance with Articles 12.2(8) & 23.1 and Delegates Conference Resolution.
- Adopt Terms of Reference and Elect seven members of the Mediation and Reconciliation Committee in accordance with the Delegates Conference Resolution. The committee is meant to heal and promote reconciliation within the Party
- Approval of the UPC Manifesto for the 2016 General Elections as a delegated authority from the Delegates Conference.
- The Democratic Alliance Protocol and UPC's participation therein.
- The relationship between UPC, the Milton Obote Foundation (MOF) and Uganda House in cognizance with Article 12.2(6).
- Approval of Membership and subscription fees payable as per Articles 3.2(5), 3.5, 4.1 and 4.2. as part of Party funds mobilization
- Approval of Rules and Procedures for the Disciplinary Committee in accordance with Article 24.1(2) & (3) and 12.2(10).
- The establishment of Youth and Women's Leagues in line with the 2011 National Council Resolution.
- Admission of Honorary Members in accordance with Article 3.3(1).

- Issuance of Guidelines to District Executive Committees for the organization, establishment and supervision of Party Branches in accordance with Article 11.6(7).
- Approve policies, programmes and activities of the Party in accordance with Article 14.2(1).
- Approve the establishment of Departments and paid staff at the Party Headquarters in accordance with Articles 12.2(5) & (7) to streamline administration at the Party secretariat
- Consider and approve the Party Budget as per Article 12.2(2).
- Consider and approve Report on Party Finances and audited accounts as per Article 12.2(3).
- Approve Financial Guidelines for the Party.
- **6.** The National Council as scheduled above, among others will pronounce itself on UPC membership in the Democratic Alliance. The cooperation is about working together to remove the remaining obstacles for the realization of genuine multiparty democracy. It was clarified and agreed during the UPC Cabinet meeting of 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2015 at Party Headquarters, that, UPC will increase its representation in all organs of the Democratic Alliance and the leadership under J. Akena, MP is very much ready to engage The Democratic Alliance
- 7. The Uganda Peoples Congress further informs the party members and the general public that UPC team under J. Akena, MP Presidency moved round the Country and mobilized the Youth and PWD'S to participate in the National Youth Council Elections that started on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2015. The full report will be given to the National Council.
- 8. UPC President J. Akena, MP exercising his constitutional powers under article 14.3(2)(a) of the UPC Constitution has appointed Mr. Edward Seganyi a National Council member from Mityana District and a former Party Electoral Commissioner as Secretary General of the Party and Mr. Lawrence Okae ,a UPC Delegate to the Annual delegates conference from Soroti County, Soroti District as the Party National Chairman

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