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PRESS STATEMENT

UPC WAVES GOODBYE TO POPE FRANCIS AND LOOKS FORWARD TO THE ELECTIONS

1. The Uganda Peoples Congress would like to congratulate the people and the Government of Uganda for the magnificent welcome accorded to Pope Francis.
2. As we enter into the campaign period, Uganda Peoples Congress calls upon all its membership to solidly rally behind our flag-bearers in the Parliamentary and Local Government Elections, and to support them through the campaigns.
3. Uganda Peoples Congress would like to bring it to the public's attention that some individuals who are not flag-bearers of UPC are using Party colours and symbols in their campaigns. This is in contravention of the Presidential Elections Act, the Parliamentary Elections Act, the Local Government Elections Act and the Electoral Commission Act. Recently the New Vision newspaper of 17th November, 2015 carried a photograph of the UPC party flag being hoisted in the air at Go-Forward/TDA's rally in Kaunda Square, Gulu. The Party is looking into the matter and will decide on an appropriate response to this and other infractions of the law concerning the use of its symbols.
4. Uganda Peoples Congress joins in solidarity to celebrate World Aids Day, which was held on 1st December 2015. The Global theme is 'Zero new HIV Infections, zero discrimination and zero AIDS related illnesses'. The Party is still focused and concerned with the fight against

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.

HIV/AIDS. A future UPC administration will ensure prevention of the spread of the disease, support programmes that will fight against HIV/AIDS and improve on the medical facilities on offer. We shall formulate an elaborate policy on HIV/AIDS in terms of financial support to patients, social support and education for orphans, and paid for or free treatment.

5. We are closely watching the radical reforms being carried out by our sister party, CCM of Tanzania, to cut government expenditure in order to ensure economic growth and development. The reforms announced by the newly-elected President Comrade Dr John Pombe Magufuli include;

- Cancellation of unnecessary foreign trips by civil servants.
- Cancellation of business class tickets for Government officials, replaced by economy class.
- Use of road transport if it is available as opposed to air transport.
- Reduction of the security V.I.P.

We wish you success in implementing such radical measures and we hope, as a sister political party, to study them closely.

FOR GOD AND MY COUNTRY!


EDWARD SEGGANYI

SECRETARY GENERAL