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# UPC

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## PRESS STATEMENT

### THE UPC POSITION ON THE 2016 GENERAL ELECTIONS

I can confirm that we are in talks whereby the core UPC minimum agenda that addresses key issues like health, education and agriculture will guide all engagements over the next 5 years. As UPC we firmly believe in the need for a peaceful transition and recognise that this could only be the last term for President Museveni and therefore any meaningful transition cannot exclude him and NRM from this transition. UPC from its founding as political Party, sought the preservation of national unity and integration which remains a key guiding principle.

Discussions on these important national matters are not limited to NRM. The Secretary General has held similar talks with the Go Forward Presidential candidate and team. Contacts and preliminary talks have also been initiated with the FDC. All matters derived from the various approaches by the leading contenders, will at the appropriate time if necessary, be presented to the National Council. As such there is no way UPC can enter into an "Alliance" without the involvement of the Party organs.

None of these discussions are about a merger but rather matters of national importance at this critical juncture in the political journey of Uganda.

As the UPC President, I am committed to abide by the National Council decision to build the party from the grassroots in preparation for the 2021 elections. I am similarly urging all UPC members to actively support and campaign for UPC candidates contesting for elective positions from LC 1 to Parliament in the 2016 elections.

J. AKENA, MP  
PRESIDENT

**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.