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No. 16—The Uganda National Meteorological Authority
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THE POLITICAL PARTIES AND ORGANISATIONS ACT

No. 18 of 2005

Section 11(2)

NOTICE

NOTIFICATION OF AMENDMENTS IN THE CONSTITUTION OF FORUM FOR DEMOCRATIC CHANGE (FDC).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Electoral Commission in accordance with Section 11(2) of the Political Parties and Organisations Act, No. 18 of 2005 that Forum for Democratic Change intends to alter/change its Constitution as in the Schedule to the Notice.

FORUM FOR DEMOCRATIC CHANGE AMMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

CHAPTER ONE

Insert the acronym "FDC" immediately after the word "Change" appearing therein.

CHAPTER TWO

Ammend article 3 by inserting the words "and a blue key" after the word "sign" and deleting the words "and a key" appearing therein.

CHAPTER THREE

- (i) Delete article 4 and replace with the following:

GOAL, AIMS AND OBJECTIVES. GOAL

**5. The goal of the Party shall be;
The establishment of a truly united and peaceful
Uganda; and the empowerment of the people of Uganda
to achieve a better quality of life for all Ugandans.**

- (ii) (a) Ammend article 5 (ii) by inserting a new clause to read "Service to the Country and the Party."
(b) Add the words "good governance" in (ii).
(c) Add the words "women" and "the aged" after the words "workers" and "other" after the word "all."

- (iii) In Article 6,

- (a) Replace (i) with the following;
 - i. **Unite and facilitate reconciliation between and among the people of Uganda.**
- (b) Delete the words "fight for social justice" and "by few individuals" appearing in (ii).
- (c) Insert a new clause to read;
- (d) **Achieve sustainable peace, development, a culture of dialogue, compromise, tolerance and good governance.**
- (e) Delete the word "deprivation" appearing in (iii).
- (f) Delete all words after neighbours in (iv) and insert a new clause to read "Promote sub-regional and regional integration efforts."
- (g) Insert a new clause to read;
 Act as a platform to promote democracy, good governance, constitutionalism and rule of law.
- (h) Insert a new clause to read "support cultural and traditional institutions."
- (i) Delete the words "thereby guarantee" in (ix).
- (j) Add the words "through the implementation of affirmative action" after the word "groups" in (xiv).
- (k) Delete (xvi).

- (iv) Add a new clause with the title "Affirmative Action" reading;

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

8. (i) **In order to ensure that women are adequately represented in all party structures, the party shall implement a program of affirmative action for women of at least 40% in all its structures.**
- (ii) **The method of achieving such implementation shall be detailed in all party guidelines, party platform and manifesto.**

CHAPTER FOUR

- (i) Insert a new clause:
(a) To read;

9. MEMBERSHIP

- i. **Membership of the party includes the following categories;**
 - a) **Life membership.**
 - b) **Annual membership.**
 - c) **Corporate membership.**
 - d) **Honorary membership.**

The National Executive Committee may from time to time determine other categories of the said membership.

- (b) In (ii) add the words "and submit it to the branch office in the headquarters of the party" at the end.
- (c) Add the word "approval" after the word "upon" in (iii).
- (d) Add a new clause to read;

A member can apply for life membership according to regulations made by the National Council which may also bestow life membership upon persons who have made outstanding contribution in the development of the party.

- (e) Replace (iv) with;

v. The National Council may on its own or on recommendation of any organ of the Party grant honorary membership to persons who have demonstrated unwavering commitment and support to the party.

- (ii) In article 7,

- (a) Insert the words "In accordance with this Constitution" in the opening line.
- (b) Add the words "other than an honorary member" after the word "party" therein.
- (c) Replace the words "by way of voting" with words "in any party activity" in (iii).
- (d) Add the words "for consideration" at the end of (iv) and word "petition" after the word "question" therein.
- (e) Add the words "or any of its regulations" at the end of (v).

- (iii) In article 8,

- (a) Add a new clause to read "canvass support for the party."

- (iv) In article 9, add the words,

- (a) "of a member" after the word "death."

- (b) "by a member in writing to the Secretary General" at the end of (ii).

- (c) "of a member by the party's recognized constitutional organ" at the end of (iii).

- (v) In the same article 9, insert two new clauses to read;

If a member joins another party or in an election, stands as an independent

Engage in activities hostile to the party.

delete (d).

- (vi) Insert the words "of a member under this article" after the word "dismissal."

CHAPTER FIVE

Delete the whole of chapter five and replace with the following;

CHAPTER FIVE

PARTY STRUCTURES

- 13. The party shall have structures at Polling Area Branch (PAB), parish, sub county, constituency, district, national and Diaspora level for its efficient organization.

i. POLLING AREA BRANCH

- a) Every polling station shall have a Party branch comprising all the members of the party resident in the polling area.
- b) The polling area party branch [hereinafter referred to as the Party branch] shall be the nucleus of the Party and every member desirous of becoming a party member shall do so by registering at polling area Party branch.
- c) For the avoidance of doubt in institutions of learning where there may be no polling station, an organizational unit shall constitute a Party branch and carry out such other functions as any other branch would have carried out.

ii. COMPOSITION OF THE POLLING AREA BRANCH

- a) Every party Branch shall elect once in every four years, a Party branch committee at elections authorized by the Party's National Council.
- b) The Party Branch Committee shall comprise;
 - 1) The Party Branch Chairperson;
 - 2) The Party Branch Deputy Chairperson who shall be a woman if a man is elected chairperson provided always that nothing shall prohibit election of women to both offices of chair and deputy chairperson;
 - 3) The Branch Treasurer;
 - 4) The Branch General Secretary;
 - 5) Secretary for Information and Publicity;
 - 6) Secretary for Mobilization and Election;
 - 7) Secretary for Health;
 - 8) Secretary for Education;
 - 9) Secretary for Environment;
 - 10) Secretary for Security;
 - 11) Secretary for Elders, Veterans and Pensioners;
 - 12) Secretary for Youths and Sports;
 - 13) Secretary for Women;
 - 14) Secretary for Persons with Disabilities;
 - 15) Secretary for Research;
 - 16) Secretary for Development;
 - 17) Three other members two of whom shall be women.

iii. FUNCTIONS OF THE POLLING AREA BRANCH COMMITTEE

The Party Branch Committee shall be responsible for the general mobilization and recruitment of members at the polling branch level.

14. THE PARISH CONFERENCE

The party shall have a parish conference whose membership shall consist of all polling Area Branch Executive Committee members and the Executive Committee of the parish.

i. FUNCTIONS OF THE PARTY PARISH CONFERENCE

The party parish conference shall:

- (a) Oversee the implementation of the party's programmes within the parish;
- (b) Conduct elections for positions in the parish committees.

ii. COMPOSITION OF THE PARISH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Parish Party Conference shall elect, at elections authorised by the Party National Council and the Party Parish Committee comprising:

- 1) The Parish Committee Chairperson;
- 2) The Parish Committee Deputy Chairperson who shall be a woman if a man is elected chairperson provided always that nothing shall prohibit election of women to both offices of chair and deputy chairperson;
- 3) The Parish Treasurer;
- 4) The Parish General Secretary;
- 5) Secretary for Mobilization, Information and Publicity;
- 6) Secretary for Elders, Pensioners, and Veterans;
- 7) Secretary for Youths and Sports;
- 8) Secretary for Women;
- 9) Secretary for Social Services;
- 10) Secretary for Persons with Disability.

Three other members two of whom shall be women.

iii. FUNCTIONS OF THE PARTY PARISH COMMITTEE

The party parish committee shall:

- i. Be responsible for the general administration of the party operations at the parish level;
- ii. Transmit Party decisions from the sub-county level to the branch;
- iii. Advise on the implementation of party policies at the branches;
- iv. Transmit information from the branches to the sub-county committee and from the sub-county committee to the branches;
- v. Supervise the collection of membership dues from the branches and the banking on the district bank account;
- vi. Supervise elections at the branches in the parish;
- vii. Coordinate the activities of the party in all branches;
- viii. Receive monthly reports of the party's operations from all branches in the parish.

15. THE SUB-COUNTY CONFERENCE

The party shall have a Sub-County Party Conference whose membership shall consist of all Parish Party Branch Committee members and the sub-county executive;

i. FUNCTIONS OF THE PARTY SUB-COUNTY CONFERENCE

The Party Sub-county Conference shall:

- a) Oversee the implementation of the Party's programmes within the Sub-county;
- b) Coordinate the activities of the party in all the parish branches in the sub-county;
- c) Conduct elections for positions in the Sub-county committees.

ii. COMPOSITION OF THE SUB-COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Sub-county Party Conference shall elect, at elections authorized by the Party National Council, the Sub-county Committee comprising:

- 1) The Sub-county Committee Chairperson;
 - 2) The Sub-county Committee Deputy Chairperson who shall be a woman if a man is elected chairperson provided always that nothing shall prohibit election of women to both offices of chair and deputy chairperson;
 - 3) The Sub-county Treasurer;
 - 4) The Sub-county General Secretary;
 - 5) Secretary for Mobilization, Information and Publicity;
 - 6) Secretary for Elders, Pensioners, and Veterans;
 - 7) Secretary for Youths and Sports;
 - 8) Secretary for Women;
 - 9) Secretary for Social Services;
 - 10) Secretary for Persons with Disability.
- Three other members two of whom shall be women

iii. FUNCTIONS OF THE SUB-COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Party Sub-county Committee shall:

- a) Be responsible for the general administration of the party operations at the sub-county level;
- b) Receive monthly reports of the party's operations from all parish branches in the sub-county;
- c) Coordinate the activities of the party in all the Parish branches in the sub-county;
- d) Transmit Party decisions from the constituency and district levels to the lower branches;
- e) Advise on the implementation of Party policies at the branches;
- f) Transmit information from the branches to the constituency and district committees and from the constituency and district committees to the branches;
- g) Supervise elections at the Parish branches in the sub-county.

16. THE PARTY CONSTITUENCY CONFERENCE

The party shall establish a Constituency Party Conference whose membership shall comprise the following:

- 1) The Constituency Executive;
- 2) The Sub-county Executives;
- 3) Two delegates to the delegates conference;