



**CERTIFICATE  
OF  
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

(Made under S.74 of the Public Finance Management Act, Cap. 171)

This is to certify that **THE PROTECTION OF SOVEREIGNTY BILL, 2026** has been examined for financial implications as required under Section 74 of the Public Finance Management Act, Cap. 171.

I wish to report as follows:

**1) Objectives of the Bill**

The object of the Protection of Sovereignty Bill, 2026, is to establish a robust legal framework to protect Uganda's sovereignty in the contemporary context and provide for related matters. Specifically, the Bill aims to:

- i. Foster Mutual Respect and Reciprocity in International Relations (in trade, diplomacy, development, and security cooperation).
- ii. Ensure Digital Sovereignty and Cybersecurity To empower the Government of Uganda to regulate and control digital platforms, data flows, and online content within its jurisdiction, in order to protect national security, public order, and cultural values in cyberspace.
- iii. Establish clear legal framework that govern the acceptance, allocation, and monitoring of foreign aid and loans, ensuring that all external financial assistance aligns with Uganda's national development priorities and does not come with unacceptable conditions.
- iv. Enhance the oversight of NGOs, especially those receiving foreign funding, by tightening registration requirements, financial reporting, and compliance with Ugandan laws and values.
- v. Affirm Uganda's right to preserve its cultural identity, moral values, and social policies against external pressure.

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- vi. Increase the transparency of all dealings between Ugandan entities (governmental or non-governmental) and foreign actors.

## 2) Expected Outputs

The implementation of the Sovereignty Bill, 2026 is expected to achieve the following outcomes:

- a) Enhanced national Security and public order in the digital space leading to a reduction in the spread of dangerous disinformation, hate speech, and foreign propaganda on social media.
- b) Greater self-reliance and alignment of Foreign Aid with National Priorities.
- c) Improved Accountability and Professionalism in the NGO sector by strengthening NGO oversight.
- d) Preservation of Uganda's cultural values and social cohesion to reinforce National identity and unity.
- e) A clearer and strengthened legal framework for the protection of Uganda's sovereignty across sectors through the harmonization of existing laws and policies under the umbrella of sovereignty protection.
- f) Maintained or Improved International Standing based on Mutual Respect for healthy international relations.

## 3) Funding and Budgetary Implications

Implementation of the proposed Protection of Sovereignty Bill, 2026 will have additional financial implications of **Shs. 29.029 billion** to Government to cater for the following:

- i). Administrative and institutional costs to strengthen institutions that will carry out the new mandate of enforcing the Act.
- ii). Technology and infrastructure investments to achieve digital sovereignty through procurement or development of requisite technology to filter or monitor online content for harmful material.
- iii). Capacity building and training to implement new regulations, develop guidelines, disseminate of information about the law.
- iv). Enforcement costs and judicial process to facilitate costs related to investigations, prosecutions, and possibly sanctions.



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We, however, note that in the budget for FY 2025/26, the implementing Department of Peace and Security in the Ministry of Internal Affairs has an allocation of **Shs. 14.593 billion**.

The Ministry of Internal Affairs, together with other implementing agencies are advised to accommodate the requirements for the first year of implementation of the Act if passed within their existing budget. The additional resources should be sourced within the budget of Governance and Security Programme through optimization.

#### **4) Expected savings and/or Revenue to Government**

The implementation of the Bill is not anticipated to directly generate revenue to Government. The Bill is primarily intended to strengthen Uganda's legal and institutional framework for the protection of sovereignty and related enforcement mechanisms.

#### **5) Impact to the Economy**

The proposed Bill is expected to strengthen Uganda's policy autonomy and national security architecture, improve coherence in the management of foreign aid and foreign-funded activities, and support stability in governance and public order. These outcomes are expected to contribute to a more secure environment for implementation of Government programmes and long-term national development.

Submitted under my hand this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2026.

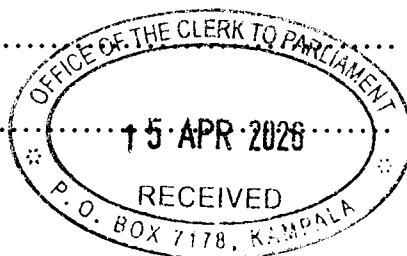


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