



THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA

**CERTIFICATE  
OF  
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

(Made under S.76 of the Public Finance and Management Act, 2015)

**THIS IS TO CERTIFY** that **The Uganda Export Promotions Board Act (Repeal) Bill, 2024** has been examined.

I wish to report as follows:

**a) Objectives of the Bill include:**

- i) To enable the merging, mainstreaming and rationalization of the Uganda Export Promotions Board Act, Cap. 102 thereby, *inter alia*, relieving the Government of the financial drain on its resources and the burden of wasteful administration and expenditure;
- ii) To facilitate efficient and effective service delivery by clearly delineating the mandates and functions of Government Agencies and Departments, thereby avoiding duplication of mandates and functions;
- iii) To promote coordinated administrative arrangements, policies and procedures for to ensure the efficient and successful management, financial accounting and budgetary discipline of Government Agencies and Departments; to enable the Government to play its proper role more effectively; and enforce accountability; and
- iv) To restructure and re-organize agencies and departments of Government by eliminating bloated structures and functional ambiguities in Government Agencies and Departments.

**b). That it is expected to achieve the following major outputs:**

- i) The Uganda Free Zones Authority and the Uganda Export Promotions Board merged into one entity called the Uganda Free Zones and Export Promotions Authority under the supervision of the Ministry responsible for Trade.

**c) Funding and budgetary implications**

The estimated total cost of the Bill is **Ushs.0.289bn** in form of terminal benefits for staff to be laid off and will be accommodated within the Medium Term expenditure Framework ceiling for the Ministry of Public Service as shown in the table below:

**Table 1: Total Costs**

|                 |                                      | <b>FY<br/>2024/25</b> | <b>FY<br/>2025/26</b> |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Category</b> |                                      | <b>Ushs.Bn</b>        | <b>Ushs.Bn</b>        |
|                 | Number of Staff (laid off)           | 7                     | 0                     |
| <b>Costs</b>    | Costs (Terminal benefits) - Billions | 0.289                 | 0                     |

**d) Savings**

The Bill will generate net savings for Government amounting to **Ushs. 6.516bn** as summarized in the table below:

**Table 2: Total savings**

|                 |                    | <b>FY<br/>2024/25</b> | <b>FY<br/>2025/26</b> |
|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Category</b> |                    | <b>Ushs.Bn</b>        | <b>Ushs.Bn</b>        |
|                 | Wage               | 0.205                 | 0.205                 |
|                 | Board expenses     | 0.381                 | 0.381                 |
|                 | Non-Wage           | 5.89                  | 5.89                  |
|                 | Development        | 0.04                  | 0.04                  |
| <b>Savings</b>  | <b>Total</b>       | 6.516                 | 6.516                 |
|                 | <b>Net Savings</b> | <b>6.227</b>          | <b>6.516</b>          |

**Table 3: Financial Implications for the Bill over the Medium Term for Uganda Exports Promotion Board (UEPB)**

|                       | <b>FY 2024/25</b> | <b>FY 2025/26</b> |
|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Category</b>       | <b>Ushs.Bn</b>    | <b>Ushs.Bn</b>    |
| <b>Costs</b>          | <b>0.289</b>      | <b>0</b>          |
| Staff to be laid off  | 7                 | 0                 |
| o/w Terminal benefits | 0.289             | 0                 |
| <b>Savings</b>        | <b>6.516</b>      | <b>6.516</b>      |
| o/w Wage              | 0.205             | 0.205             |
| o/w Board expenses    | 0.381             | 0.381             |
| o/w Non-Wage          | 5.89              | 5.89              |
| o/w Development       | 0.04              | 0.04              |
| <b>Net Savings</b>    | <b>6.227</b>      | <b>6.516</b>      |

## e) Impact on the Economy

Implementation of the Bill is expected to:

- i) **Increase Export Competitiveness and Foreign Exchange Earnings:** The UEPB will focus on developing strategies to enhance the competitiveness of Ugandan products in international markets. This will involve diversifying markets, providing market intelligence, trade facilitation services, and support for product quality improvement and compliance with international standards.
- ii) **Promote Value-Added Exports:** Through targeted interventions and support programs, the UEPB will encourage value addition in key sectors such as agriculture, manufacturing, and services. This will involve promoting processing and packaging facilities, branding initiatives, and export financing schemes to enable producers to capture more value from their exports.
- iii) **Job Creation and Income Generation:** A thriving export sector will create employment opportunities and generate income for individuals and businesses involved in export-oriented activities. This includes farmers, manufacturers, traders, logistics providers, and service providers across the entire value chain.
- iv) **Stimulate Economic Growth:** A vibrant export sector has the potential to drive overall economic growth by stimulating investment, innovation, and productivity improvements. This growth will have multiplier effects throughout the economy, leading to improvements in living standards, infrastructure development, and social welfare.
- v) **Enhance Global Reputation:** Successful export promotion efforts will enhance Uganda's reputation as a reliable supplier of high-quality goods and services in international markets. This positive image will attract foreign investment, partnerships, and tourism, further contributing to economic development.

Submitted under my hand this .....day ..... March, 2024.

  
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