

### CERTIFICATE

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#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

This is to certify that **THE UGANDA PEOPLE'S DEFENCE FORCES** (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2024 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:

## a) Objectives of the Bill

The object of the Bill is to amend the Uganda People's Defence Forces Act, 2005 to:

- i. Streamline the composition of Organs and Structures of the Defence Forces;
- ii. Establish Health Care Service for the Members of the Defence Forces:
- iii. Establish the Medical Board;
- iv. Provide for management of Veteran Affairs; and
- v. Repeal the Uganda Veterans Assistance Board Act and to provide for other related matters.

# b) Expected Outputs

The Bill therefore seeks to provide for:

- a) A salary grading structure for the Defence Forces to remove unnecessary disparities and create incremental progression;
- b) Improved welfare of the Forces and their families. These include but are not limited to Health, Education and Salary;
- c) Management of Pension through full decentralisation of the Pension Authority from Ministry of Public Service to the Ministry of Defence and Veteran Affairs;

- d) New Command, Control and Administrative structures that have been established in the Force ever since 2005. These include the Special Force Command, Reserve Force, the Medical Board and the Joint Chief of Staff;
- e) Enhancement of the capacity of the UPDF and Veterans to participate in productive activities like construction, food production, value addition and industry;
- f) Development of the research agenda to build Defence capability and strengthen the operational systems by funding research and development of new products; and
- g) Streamlining secondment of personnel and Parliamentary representatives outside the Defence Forces to provide for appropriate terms and conditions during the period of secondment.

### c) Impact to the Economy

The Bill will improve welfare of the Force which will in turn promote peace and stability in the country. This is in line with the national development strategic objective of strengthening governance, security and the role of the state in development.

## d) Funding and Budgetary Implications

The proposed amendments have additional financial implications to the tune of **Shs.718,563,648,524/-** over a period of five years (approximately **Shs. 143.7bn** annually). This therefore calls for careful planning and budgeting before effective date of implication is set.

## e) Expected Savings and/or Revenue to Government

There are no anticipated savings or quantified revenues that will be generated from the proposed amendments.

Submitted under my hand this 3rd day of December, 2024

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