

THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA

## **CERTIFICATE OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

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

**THIS IS TO CERTIFY** that **The Persons with Disabilities** (Amendment) Bill, 2024 has been reviewed in accordance with S.76 of the Public Finance and Management Act, 2015, as amended.

I wish to report as follows:

## a) That the Bill has the following objectives:

- i) To enable the merging, mainstreaming and rationalization of Secretariats of National Council for Persons with Disabilities thereby, inter alia, relieving the Government of the financial drain on its resources and the burden of wasteful administration and expenditure.
- ii) To promote coordinated administrative arrangements, policies and procedures for ensuring the efficient and successful management, financial accounting and budgetary discipline of government agencies and departments; enabling the Government to play its proper role more effectively; and enforcing accountability.
- iii) To restructure and re-organise 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 secretariat for the National Council for Persons with Disabilities dissolved and its objects and functions

transferred to the National Secretariat for Special Interest Groups established by this Act.

ii) The National Secretariat for Special Interest Groups established and staffed in accordance with the public service rules and regulations, in the Ministry responsible for special interest groups (women, youth, older persons, persons with disability).

# c) Funding and Budgetary Implications

The costs for the implementation of the Bill will be accommodated within the Medium-Term Expenditure Framework ceiling for the Ministry of Public Service.

# d) Expected savings and/or Revenue to Government

The Bill is envisaged to result in savings to Government through rationalizing of the wage bill and personnel related costs arising from the merging National Council for Persons with Disabilities into National Secretariat for Special Interest Groups. The savings breakdown is shown in the table below.

Category	FY 2024/25	FY 2025/26
Savings	0.330	0.330
o/w Wage	0.330	0.330
o/w NWR	-	_
Board Expense		
Costs	0.048	
No. of Staff affected	4	
o/w Terminal Benefits	0.048	
Net savings	0.282	0.330

# e) Impact of the Bill on the Economy

The Bill is expected to have a positive impact of the economy through improved efficiency and effectiveness of Government administration. The notable positive impacts for merging the National Council for Persons with Disabilities into the National Secretariat for Special Interest Groups include: Cost Savings through reduced administrative costs associated with managing multiple entities. This can free up resources that could be redirected towards more productive uses like actual council operations. Increased Collaboration and Synergy: Merging the National Council for Persons with Disabilities will foster greater collaboration and synergy among stakeholders. With a unified platform for engagement, stakeholders will find it easier to align their interests, share best practices, and pursue a common goal of advocacy for the National Council for Persons with Disabilities.

Overall, the long-term positive impacts on the economy will include cost savings, streamlined communication, increased collaboration, enhanced advocacy, simplified regulatory compliance, and improved industry reputation. These factors can contribute to a more competitive, innovative, and resilient economy.

Submitted to Parliament under my hand this 2? day of March, 2024.

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