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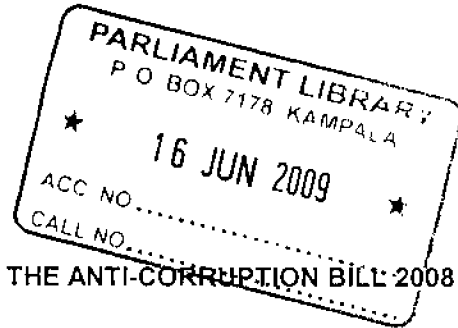
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THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA

17th January, 2008

The Secretary,
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RE: **CERTIFICATES OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS FOR THE ANTI-CORRUPTION BILL 2008 AND THE WHISTLEBLOWERS' PROTECTION BILL 2008.**

Reference is made to your letter EI/L56/64/01 dated 6th December, 2007 in which you requested for Certificates of Financial Implications in respect of the above bills to facilitate the process of their enactment.

The Draft Bills have been carefully studied. It has been noted that the financial implications arising out of implementation of these Bills will be accommodated within the annual budgets of the implementing agencies within the Medium Term Expenditure Frame Work.

You may, therefore, proceed and submit the Bills for consideration by Parliament. Certificate of financial implications duly signed are attached.


Kenneth Mugambe

For: PERMANENT SECRETARY/SECRETARY TO THE TREASURY

- c.c. The Hon. Minister of State for Ethics and Integrity.
- c.c. The Head of Public Service and Secretary to Cabinet.
- c.c. The Secretary, Office of the President.



THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA

CERTIFICATE

OF

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

(made under S.10 of the Budget Act)

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the bill entitled, **THE WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTION BILL, 2008**, has been examined as required under S.10 of the Budget Act. I wish to report as follows:

a) Back Ground

The Directorate of Ethics and Integrity (DEI) is mandated to coordinate the strengthening of the legal framework to among other activities, fight corruption. Corruption in both the public and private sectors as well as in the society as a whole cannot be effectively combated unless there is reliable disclosure about their incidence. Difficulty has been experienced by the Criminal Justice Agencies in their efforts to procure evidence in corruption cases and this is sometimes because witnesses have often feared to testify against corrupt persons and the provision for their protection under the current law is inadequate.

To address this Gap, therefore, the DEI has initiated the Whistleblower Protection Legislation. It is believed to be one of the effective measures and actions that can contribute to prevention, detection and eradication of corruption and hence enhance good governance.

b) That the Policy has the following objectives:

- i) To provide more effectual detection of corruption in both the public and private sectors.
- ii) To protect the right of the private and other persons to make disclosure of criminally corrupt acts and other improprieties
- iii) Create a procedure for the receipt and investigations of disclosure of impropriety by the authorised persons;
- iv) Ensure protection of whistleblowers from victimisation and or other forms of reprisal directly arising from the act of whistle blowing.

- v) Develop punishments to persons violating the protections and provision of the legislation.
- vi) To provide for more effectual prevention of combating of corruption in both private and private sector.

c) That it is expected to achieve the following outputs:

It will encourage and facilitate disclosure of improper conduct by public bodies and enable the authorities to provide protection for persons making such disclosure and persons who may suffer detrimental actions in relation to those disclosures and to provide for the matters disclosed to be properly investigated and dealt with. This makes corruption a very high risk activity and save the nation's valuable capital resources. It would also align the country's principal anti corruption legislation with the nation's obligations under the 1995 constitution with the United Nations Convention Against Corruption, the African Union Convention for Prevention and Combating Corruption and other related international treaty obligations.

d) Planned expenditure over the Medium Term Expenditure Framework.

The planned expenditure will be accommodated within the implementing Agencies Medium Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF).

Submitted to Parliament under my hand this 16th day of January 2008


Dr. E. Suruma.

MINISTER OF FINANCE, PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

Received by:

Alex B. Okello

Date:

20th Jan. 2008

