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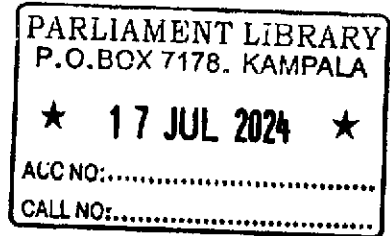
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I SIGNIFY my assent to the bill.



Yoweri Museveni
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President

Date of assent:..... 15/7/2024 .

Act

Children (Amendment) Act

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An Act to amend the Children Act, Cap. 59 to dissolve the National Children Authority and mainstream the functions of the National Children Authority into the Ministry responsible for children affairs, in order to give effect to the Government Policy on Rationalisation of Government Agencies and Public Expenditure; and for related purposes.

DATE OF ASSENT:

Date of Commencement:

BE IT ENACTED by Parliament as follows:

1. Interpretation

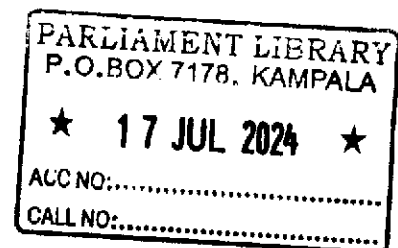
In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—

“agency” means a body established by an Act of Parliament and includes an authority;

“commission” means a body established by the Constitution;

“Government” means the Government of Uganda; and

“Ministry” means the Ministry responsible for children affairs.



2. Objectives

(1) The main objective of this Act is to give effect to the Government Policy for Rationalisation of Government Agencies and Public Expenditure adopted by the Cabinet on 22nd February, 2021 and contained in Cabinet Minute No. 43(CT 2021).

(2) Without prejudice to the general effect of subsection (1), the following objectives shall be deemed to fall under the objective specified in that subsection—

- (a) the merging, mainstreaming and rationalisation of agencies, commissions, authorities and public expenditure thereby, *inter alia*, relieving the Government of the financial drain on its resources and the burden of wasteful administration and expenditure;
- (b) the facilitation of efficient and effective service delivery by clearly delineating the mandates and functions of government agencies and departments and thereby avoiding duplication of mandates and functions;
- (c) the promotion of coordinated administrative arrangements, policies and procedures for—
 - (i) ensuring the efficient and successful management, financial accounting and budgetary discipline of government agencies and departments;
 - (ii) enabling the Government to play its proper role more effectively; and
 - (iii) enforcing accountability; and
- (d) the restructuring and re-organisation of agencies and departments of Government by eliminating bloated structures and functional ambiguities in Government agencies and departments.

3. Purpose of amendment of Cap. 59

The purpose of amendment of the Children Act, Cap. 59, is to dissolve the National Children Authority and mainstream the functions of the dissolved National Children Authority into the Ministry responsible for children affairs.

4. Dissolution of the National Children Authority

On the commencement of this Act, the National Children Authority shall be dissolved.

5. Amendment of section 1 of Cap. 59

Section 1 of Cap. 59, hereinafter referred to as the “principal Act” is amended by repealing the definitions of “Authority”, and “board”.

6. Repeal of Part IIA of principal Act

Part IIA of the principal Act consisting of sections 9A, 9B, 9C, 9D, 9E, 9F, 9G, 9H, 9I, 9J, 9K, 9L, 9M, 9N, 9O, 9P, 9Q, 9R, 9S, 9T, 9U, 9V, 9W, 9X and 9Y is repealed.

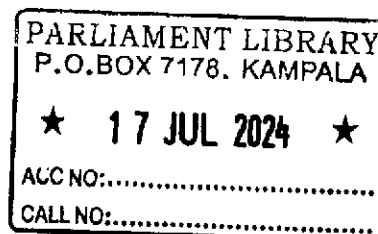
7. Amendment of section 43I of principal Act

Section 43I of the principal Act is amended by substituting for subsection (1), the following—

“(1) Every person to whom a guardianship order is granted shall, within fourteen days after the grant of the order, register the order with the National Identification and Registration Authority and the Ministry responsible for children affairs.”

8. Amendment of section 54 of principal Act

Section 54 of the principal Act is amended by substituting for the words “registrar of births and deaths”, the words “National Identification and Registration Authority”.



9. Repeal of section 114 of principal Act

Section 114 of the principal Act is repealed.

10. Savings

(1) On the commencement of this Act, all the property, assets, rights, obligations, and liabilities of the National Children Authority shall vest in the Ministry responsible for children affairs.

(2) Any proceedings commenced by or against the National Children Authority may be continued by or against the Attorney General.

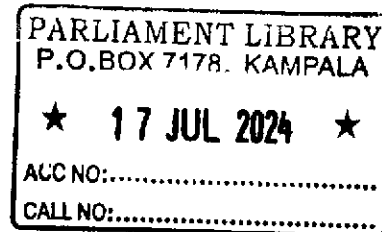
(3) The staff of the National Children Authority serving immediately before the commencement of this Act shall be paid their terminal benefits in accordance with the terms and conditions of their service.

(4) The staff of the Authority serving immediately before the commencement of this Act, may be redeployed to serve in the public service.



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This printed impression has been carefully compared by me with the bill which was passed by Parliament and found by me to be a true copy of the bill.



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Clerk to Parliament

Date of authentication: 30/4/2024