



**MINORITY REPORT ON THE EAST AFRICAN CRUDE OIL
PIPELINE (EACOP) (SPECIAL PROVISIONS) BILL, 2021.**

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

Rt. Hon. Speaker and colleague Members of Parliament, on behalf of members of the committee on Environment and Natural Resources who have signed on to this Minority Report, I would like to state from the onset that we support construction of the East African Crude Pipeline that would help commercialize our nation's unique resource with capacity to transform our society.

The East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) (Special Provisions) Bill, 2021 also referred to as the EACOP Bill in this report, was tabled on 05th October 2021 and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources for scrutiny and processing.

Pursuant to Rule 205 of the Rules of Procedure of the Parliament of Uganda, we hereby present a dissenting opinion from the opinion of majority of the Committee.

2.0 AREA OF DISSENT

We dissented with majority of the Committee on the following:

1. Process of scrutiny of the Bill
2. Illegal land acquisition.
3. Disclosure of Production Sharing Agreements.
4. Scrutiny of the schedules
5. Transparency around the viability of the REFINERY Project.

3.0 DISSENTING OBSERVATIONS

3.1 Process of scrutiny of the Bill.

Rt. Hon. Speaker, our major difference with the majority is fundamentally on the methodology used to scrutinise the Bill. The Committee did not put this highly technical Bill to the standard of scrutiny required of it by Rule 129 (2) of the Rules of Procedure of the Parliament of Uganda. The rule demands that the committee **examines the Bill in detail and make all such inquiries in relation to it**. Processing the EACOP Bill was rushed through a process that lacked minimum tenets of scrutiny.

The Report of the Majority recognises the impediments that the committee went through in the Bill scrutiny and analysis process including the inability of stakeholders to access the relevant documents necessary to participate in the Bill processing with sufficient information, limited resources to visit and interact with Project Affected Persons as well as benchmarking in pipeline operating

