

MOTION SEEKING LEAVE OF PARLIAMENT TO INTRODUCE A PRIVATE MEMBER'S BILL

(MOVED UNDER RULE 110 & 111)

WHEREAS Article 79 of the Constitution of the Republic of Uganda empowers Parliament to make laws on any matter for the peace, order, development and good governance;

AND WHEREAS Parliament enacted its Rules of Procedure pursuant to Article 94(1) and 4(b) of the Constitution and Rule 110 empowers a Member of Parliament to move a Private Member's Bill;

AWARE THAT the Constitution of The Republic of Uganda guarantees the right to life and further demands respect for human dignity and protection of individuals from inhuman, torturous, cruel and degrading treatment;

FURTHER AWARE THAT Uganda is a party to and has ratified various international instruments that bind state parties to protect every individual from violence, ritual killings, human sacrifice and other forms of abuse and to promote human rights of every individual, the most relevant being Universal Declaration of Human Rights of 1948, African Charter on Human and People's Rights, Convention on the Rights of the Child, The African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child;

APPRECIATING THAT Government through the Ministry of Internal Affairs established an Anti-Human Sacrifice and Trafficking Taskforce within the Uganda Police Force to investigate, prosecute, and sensitize the public on human trafficking and child sacrifice so as to curb the rising vice and to fulfill its obligations under the international and national laws;

FURTHER APPRECIATING THAT Government also established a 15 member Inter-Ministerial Anti Trafficking Task Force comprised of the Uganda Police Force, Immigration Department and Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development in an effort to fight the growing evil of human sacrifice in Uganda;

RECOGNIZING THAT the Witchcraft Act Cap. 124 which prohibits acts of witchcraft has lost relevance in today's circumstances and its existence on Uganda's statute book has been questioned especially since the law has rarely been enforced, rendering it non deterrent for the practice of human sacrifice and ritual murders;

CONCERNED THAT despite the international instruments, national laws and Government efforts in place to protect individuals' right to life and degrading acts, ritual killings and human sacrifice practices are on the rise in Uganda with children being the common victims;

CONVINCED THAT as a national commitment to fight human sacrifice in Uganda, the need for a specific law to prevent and prohibit human sacrifice and harmful practices has been identified as a major protection measure to address this growing and serious Human rights challenge.

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that:

This House grants me leave to introduce a Private Member's Bill, for an Act entitled, **The Prevention and Prohibition of Human Sacrifice and Harmful Practices Bill, 2017** a draft of which is hereto attached and do order the publication of the said Bill in preparation for its first reading


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