



PARLIAMENT OF UGANDA

MOTION SEEKING LEAVE OF THE HOUSE TO INTRODUCE A PRIVATE MEMBER'S BILL ENTITLED "THE CONTRACT FARMING BILL"

(Moved under Rules 56, 121 and 122 of the Rules of Procedure of Parliament)

WHEREAS article 79 of the Constitution of the Republic of Uganda, 1995 empowers Parliament to make laws on any matter for the peace, order, development and good governance of Uganda;

AND WHEREAS Article 94 (4) (b) of the Constitution and Rules 120 and 121 of the Rules of Procedure of Parliament permit a Member of Parliament to move a Private Members' Bill;

NOTING THAT Uganda's agricultural potential is considered to be one of the best in the world since 80% of Uganda's land is arable and the country is endowed with low temperature variability, fertile soils, and two rainy seasons over much of the country leading to multiple crop harvests per year;

FURTHER NOTING THAT according to Uganda Bureau of Statistics, 70% of Uganda's working population is employed in agriculture and the agriculture subsector contributed about 24.03 percent to the GDP of Uganda in the year 2020 and accounted for half of Uganda's total exports;

RECALLING THAT in 2013, Government formulated the National Agriculture Policy with the aim of commercializing agriculture owing to the fact that the agricultural sector in Uganda is fragmented and dominated by small farmers most of whom combine subsistence farming with cash crop and livestock farming;

FURTHER RECALLING THAT Owing to the importance of the agricultural sector to national development and transformation, the National Development Plan (NDP III) prioritizes agro-industrialization and contains interventions that are aimed at