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To the Speaker,
Parliament of Uganda,
Parliament Building,
KAMPALA.

Rt. Hon. Speaker,

RE: NOTICE FOR LEAVE TO AMEND THE NATIONAL COFFEE BILL, 2018

Rt. Hon. Speaker, I do hereby give notice that in accordance with Rule 133 (4) of the Rules of Procedure of Parliament, I intend to move various amendments to the National Coffee Bill, 2018.

Please find attached hereto, the proposed amendments.

Hon. Babirye Mary Kabanda (MP)

District Woman Representative, Masaka

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE NATIONAL COFFEE BILL 2018
BY HONOURABLE KABANDA BABIRYE MARY / HON. SARAH WEKOMBA

CLAUSE 14: BOARD OF THE AUTHORITY

In sub clause (2)-

(a) delete paragraph (f);

(b) insert a new paragraph immediately after paragraph (k) as follows-

"two representatives appointed by the Minister from recognised women coffee growers associations"

justification,

- *Already there is a representative from the Ministry of agriculture making the representative from the NARO, redundant and unnecessary.*
- *to bring on board technical capacity to articulate issues of women in the coffee value chain.*

CLAUSE 15 - DISQUALIFICATION FROM APPOINTMENT

In clause 15, substitute for the word "who" the words "if such a person"

Justification

- *For clarity and better drafting*

CLAUSE 26: REGISTRATION OF COFFEE FARMERS

Clause 26 should be amended by-

(a) By deleting sub clause (2) (b); and

(b) inserting a new sub clause immediately after sub clause (2) as follows-

"Where a person registered as a coffee farmer in subsection (1) is married, the registration of that person as a coffee farmer shall extend to that person's spouse."

Justification

- *Clause 26 (2) (b) is impracticable since UCDA has no capacity on timely evaluation which will cause delays on the work of the farmers, create shortage.*
- *The provision does not take into account the fact that land can be improved to make it suitable for growing coffee.*
- *It has the effect of taking away the rights of any person to use their land as they wish.*
- *The requirement to extend the registration of a farmer to his or her spouse is to recognise women rights and ensure equitable sharing of decisions and resources.*

CLAUSE 42 : DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION OF COFFEE

Clause 42 is amended by substituting for sub clause (1) the following-

"(1) the Authority shall promote and support the domestic and foreign consumption of Uganda coffee."

Justification

- *To obligate the Authority to promote the consumption of Ugandan coffee locally and internationally.*

CLAUSE 44: LEVY IN COFFEE EXPORT

In clause 44, substitute for the word "two" the word "one"

Justification

- *Charging 2% on coffee exports is not realistic and is an impediment to the development of the coffee subsector in Uganda.*

CLAUSE 54: OFFENCES AND PENALTIES

In clause 54,

- (a) delete sub clause (1) (d);

Justification

- *The offence is ambiguous and does not comply with the legality principle since the ingredients of the offence are not prescribed so that a person knows which conduct is prohibited;*
- *the provision creates fear, it's not realistic, it curtails farmers rights and freedoms, because people abandon coffee farms for genuine reasons;*