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Rt. Hon. Speaker  
Parliament of Uganda  
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Rt. Hon. Speaker,

*Laid at Table by  
Hon. Nekimwa  
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**RE: WITHDRAWAL OF THE PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES BILL, 2014**

You may recall that in 2014, the Persons with Disabilities Bill, 2014 was tabled before Parliament. Thereafter, the Bill was referred to the Parliamentary Committee on Gender, Labour and Social Development for consideration.

The Parliamentary Committee on Gender, Labour and Social Development undertook consultations with various stakeholders and generated proposals which were communicated to my Ministry for action. On 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2017 my Ministry held discussions with the Parliamentary Committee on these proposals which majorly included the merger of the three laws on disability, namely; the Uganda Foundation for the Blind Act, 1954, the National Council for Disability, 2003 and the Persons with Disabilities' Act, 2006.

The Ministry of Gender sought guidance and was given a go ahead on proposals made by the Committee from the Solicitor General. The Ministry then drafted the additional Principles to Amend the Persons with Disabilities Act, 2006 and submitted them to Cabinet for approval.

The Cabinet meeting which sat on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2017, under Cabinet Minute Extract 467 CT (2017) approved the following:

- i) Withdrawal of the Persons with Disabilities Bill, 2014 from Parliament
- ii) Additional Principles to amend the Persons with Disabilities Act 2006 and consolidation of the related laws, that is the National Council for Disability Act 2003 as amended and the Uganda Foundation for the Blind Act, 1954 on the 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2017.

*Noted  
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The Purpose of this communication is to request you to grant the Ministry permission to withdraw the Persons with Disabilities Bill, 2014 to pave way for introduction of the Persons with Disabilities Bill, 2017.

  
Janat .B. Mukwaya (Hajat)  
**MINISTER**

**Copy:** Rt. Hon. Deputy Speaker, Parliament of Uganda  
“ Rt. Hon. Prime Minister, Office of the Prime Minister  
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“ Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development  
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