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**Bill No. 16**

*National Resistance  
Movement Bill*

**1996**

**THE NATIONAL RESISTANCE MOVEMENT  
BILL, 1996.**

**MEMORANDUM**

The object of this Bill is to make provision for the movement political system, to create the organs of the movement and to define the roles of those organs pursuant to article 70 of the Constitution and also to make provision for related matters.

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**THE NATIONAL RESISTANCE MOVEMENT BILL, 1996.**

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(1) prescribe from time to time and other matters  
principles of the movement political system as it  
may exist in the future.

Now HEREBY RECOMMENDED BY PARLIAMENT AS FOLLOWS

PART I - PRELIMINARY

1. This Act may be cited as the National Resistance  
Movement Act, 1996.

2. In this Act unless the context otherwise requires—  
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"Chairperson" means the Chairperson of the National  
ENTITLED

THE NATIONAL RESISTANCE MOVEMENT ACT, 1996.

AN ACT to make provision for the movement political  
system pursuant to article 70 of the Constitution and for related  
matters.

WHEREAS article 271 of the Constitution provides that the  
first presidential, parliamentary, local government and other  
public elections after the promulgation of the Constitution shall  
be held under the movement political system;

AND WHEREAS article 70 of the Constitution describes the  
nature of, and defines the principles to which the movement  
political system shall conform and provides in clause (2) as  
follows

(2) Parliament may—

(a) create organs under the movement political system  
and define their roles; and

(b) prescribe from time to time any other democratic principle of the movement political system, as it may consider necessary”:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED by Parliament as follows—

PART I—PRELIMINARY.

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the National Resistance Movement Act, 1996.

Inter-pretation.

2. In this Act unless the context otherwise requires—

“Chairperson” means the Chairperson of the Movement;

“Director” means a Director of the Secretariat appointed under section 13 of this Act;

“Movement” means the National Resistance Movement referred to in section 3 of this Act;

“National Conference” or “Conference” means the National Conference of the Movement established by section 5 of this Act;

“National Executive Committee” means the National Executive Committee established by section 10 of this Act;

“National Political Commissar” means the National Political Commissar appointed under section 13 of this Act;

“Secretariat” means the Secretariat of the Movement established by section 13 of this Act.

**PART II—THE MOVEMENT AND ITS LEADERSHIP.**

**3.** The movement political system, referred to in article 70 of the Constitution, shall be known as the “the National Resistance Movement” and shall, subject to the Constitution, operate in accordance with this Act.

The  
National  
Resistance  
Movement.

**4.** (1) The President of the Republic of Uganda shall be the Chairperson of the Movement.

Leadership  
of  
Movement.

(2) There shall be a Vice- Chairperson of the Movement who shall be elected by the National Conference from among four persons nominated by the Chairperson who shall not include the Vice President of the Republic of Uganda.

**PART III—ORGANS OF MOVEMENT.**

**5.** The Movement shall have a National Conference which shall be the highest organ of the Movement.

National  
Conference.

**6.** The National Conference shall consist of the following persons—

Composition  
of National  
Conference.

- (a) the Chairperson;
- (b) the Vice-Chairperson;
- (c) all members of Parliament;
- (d) all Resident District Commissioners;
- (e) all members of every District Executive Committee;
- (f) the National Political Commissar;
- (g) all Mayors of Municipalities;
- (h) one delegate elected for each sub-county by the members of an electoral college comprising the members of the sub-county council, sub-county women council and sub-county youth council of each sub-county in Uganda;

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Conference

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Conference, in

Role of  
Chairperson.

- (i) five members of the National Women's Executive Committee under the National Women's Council Statute, 1993;
- (j) five members of the National Youth Executive Committee under the National Youth Council Statute, 1993;
- (k) five representatives of the National Organisation of Trade Unions;
- (l) five representatives of the National Union of Disabled Persons of Uganda;
- (m) ten representatives of the Uganda Peoples' Defence Forces;
- (n) five representatives of the Uganda Police Force; and
- (o) three representatives of the Uganda Prisons Service.

7. The National Conference shall—
- (a) serve as a forum for national mobilisation of the people;
  - (b) direct the policy of the movement by making recommendations to the legislature and the executive;
  - (c) seek to enhance national unity and solidarity;
  - (d) review the implementation of Government programmes and make appropriate recommendations on them to the executive and the legislature.

8. (1) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the members of the sub-county women council and sub-county youth council shall be elected for each sub-county by the
- (a) be the Head of the Movement;

- (b) provide effective administrative and political leadership to the Movement;
- (c) convene and preside over meetings of the National Conference and the National Executive Committee;
- (d) ensure that the policies and principles of the Movement are implemented;
- (e) be the chief spokesperson of the Movement; and
- (f) do any other thing reasonable or necessary for the good of the Movement and for the proper and efficient implementation of the policies and principles of the movement.

(2) The Vice-Chairperson shall assist the Chairperson in the carrying out of his or her functions under this section.

9. (1) The National Conference shall ordinarily meet once in every two years.

Meetings of  
National  
Conference.

(2) The National Conference may also have extraordinary meetings as and when necessary.

(3) All meetings of the National Conference shall be convened by the Chairperson by giving not less than thirty days notice in the national media.

(4) In the absence of the Chairperson meetings may be called by the Vice-Chairperson in the manner prescribed by subsection (3).

(5) Where the Chairperson and the Vice-Chairperson fail to convene a meeting, the meeting may be convened by not less than one third of the members of the National Executive Committee by notice in writing signed by them and given in the manner prescribed by subsection (3) of this section.



(6) All meetings of the Conference shall be presided over by the Chairperson or in his or her absence, by the Vice-Chairperson; and in the absence of both of them, the meeting shall be presided over by a member of the Conference elected by the members present.

(7) All decisions at a meeting of the Conference shall be taken by consensus; and, in the absence of a consensus, by the votes of a majority of members present and voting; except that in the case of an election, the vote shall be by secret ballot.

(8) The National Conference shall otherwise prescribe its own procedure for its meetings.

#### **PART IV—COMMITTEES OF NATIONAL CONFERENCE.**

**10.** (1) There shall be a National Executive Committee of the National Conference.

- (2) The National Executive Committee shall consist of—
- (a) the Chairperson of the Movement;
  - (b) the Vice-Chairperson;
  - (c) the National Political Commissar;
  - (d) all Resident District Commissioners;
  - (e) the District Chairperson of every district;
  - (f) one member of Parliament from each district elected by the members of Parliament from the district;
  - (g) one-third of the District Women Representatives in Parliament elected by those representatives;
  - (h) one representative of the Uganda Police Force; and
  - (i) one representative of the Uganda Prisons Service.

**11.** (1) The National Executive Committee shall—

Functions of  
National  
Executive  
Committee.

- (a) deal with policy matters on behalf of the National Conference;
- (b) be responsible for the day-to-day affairs of the Conference;
- (c) advise the National Conference on the performance of its functions; and
- (d) perform such other functions as the National Conference may direct.

(2) The National Executive Committee shall have a Secretary who shall be a public officer seconded to the Committee by the Public Service Commission.

(3) The Secretary shall be responsible for the recording of the minutes of all proceedings of the Committee and shall perform such other functions as the Committee may direct.

**12.** (1) The National Executive Committee shall meet for the dispatch of business at least once in every four months.

Meetings of  
the National  
Executive  
Committee.

(2) Meetings of the Committee shall be convened by the Chairperson or in his or her absence the Vice-Chairperson.

(3) Except in an emergency, a notice of not less than fourteen days shall be given for every meeting of the Committee and the notice shall state the matters to be discussed at the meeting.

(4) Decisions of the Committee shall be taken by consensus; and in the absence of consensus, by a majority of the members present and voting.

(5) No member of the Committee shall have a second or casting vote.

(6) The Committee may otherwise prescribe its own procedure for its meetings.

PART V—SECRETARIAT OF THE MOVEMENT.

13. (1) The Movement shall have a Secretariat.

(2) The head of the Secretariat shall be the National Political Commissar who shall be appointed by the Chairperson with the approval of the National Executive Committee.

(3) There shall also be such number of Directors in charge of Directorates as the National Executive Committee may establish within the Secretariat.

(4) The Directors shall each be appointed by the Chairperson with the approval of the National Executive Committee.

(5) There shall be such number of other staff as the National Executive Committee may appoint.

(6) Public officers may be seconded to the Secretariat for enabling the Secretariat to carry out its functions.

14. The National Political Commissar shall—

(a) be responsible for giving effect to the decisions of the National Conference and of the National Executive Committee;

(b) be responsible for national mobilisation of the people;

(c) carry out such other functions as may be assigned to him or her by the Chairperson or by the National Executive Committee.

PART VI—LOWER ORGANS OF MOVEMENT.

15. (1) There shall be a committee for each district to be known as the District Movement Committee.

District  
Movement  
Committee.

(2) The District Movement Committee shall consist of—

(a) the District Chairperson who shall be the Chairperson of the Committee;

(b) the Resident District Commissioner;

(c) all members of the District Council;

(d) all Chairpersons of LC III in the district;

(e) all Chairpersons of LC IV in the District; and

(f) all members of Parliament from that district.

16. The District Movement Committee shall be responsible to the National Executive Committee for policy matters of the Movement with regard to the district.

Functions of  
District  
Movement  
Committee.

17. (1) A District Movement Committee shall meet at least once in every six months.

Meetings of  
District  
Movement  
Committee.

(2) Meetings of the District Movement Committee shall be convened by the chairperson of the Committee.

18. (1) There shall be for every sub-county (LC III) or town council, a sub-county movement committee, or, as the case may be, a town council movement committee.

Sub-county  
and town  
council  
movement  
committees.

(2) The members of the sub-county council (LC III) or the town council shall, as the case may be, constitute the members of the sub-county or town council movement committee.

(3) The chairperson of the sub-county council (LC III) or the town council shall, as the case may be, be the chairperson of the sub-county or town council movement committee.

(4) The chairperson of a parish council shall be a member of the sub-county movement committee within whose jurisdiction the parish falls.

(5) The chairperson of a ward council shall be a member of the town council movement committee within whose jurisdiction the ward falls.

(6) A sub-county or town council movement committee shall be responsible to the District Movement Committee in whose jurisdiction the sub-county or town council falls for policy matters of the Movement with regard to the sub-county or as the case may be, within the area of jurisdiction of the town council.

**19.** (1) A sub-county or town council movement committee shall meet at least once in every six months.

(2) Meetings of the committee shall be convened by the Chairperson of the committee.

**20.** (1) There shall be a parish movement committee for every parish.

(2) A parish movement committee shall consist of all members of the parish council.

(3) The chairperson of the parish council shall be the chairperson of the parish movement committee.

(4) A parish movement committee shall be responsible to the sub-county movement committee in whose jurisdiction the parish falls, for policy matters with regard to the parish.

Meetings of  
sub-county  
or town  
council  
movement  
committee.

Parish  
movement  
committees.

**21.** (1) A parish movement committee shall meet at least once in every three months.

Meetings of parish movement committee.

(2) Meetings of the parish movement committee shall be convened by the chairperson of the committee.

**22.** (1) There shall be a village movement committee for every village.

Village movement committees.

(2) A village movement committee shall consist of all the adult members of the village.

(3) The chairperson of the village local council (LC I) shall be the chairperson of the village movement committee.

(4) The village movement committee shall be responsible to the parish movement committee within whose jurisdiction the village falls, for policy matters of the movement with regard to the village.

**23.** (1) A village movement committee shall meet at least once in every month.

Meetings of village movement committee.

(2) Meetings of the village movement committee shall be convened by the chairperson of the committee.

**PART VII—GENERAL.**

**24.** The National Executive Committee may appoint standing and other committees to assist it in the discharge of its functions under this Act.

Standing committees, etc.

**25.** Parliament shall provide such monies as may be necessary for the operation of the Movement; and the accounts of the Movement shall be subject to audit by the Auditor-General who shall report on them to Parliament at such intervals as Parliament shall determine.

Funds of the Movement.

Regulations.

**26.** (1) The Chairperson, may, with the approval of the National Executive Committee, make, by statutory instrument, regulations for carrying into effect the provisions of this Act and the purposes of the provisions of the Constitution relating to the Movement.

(2) Without prejudice to the general effect of subsection (1), regulations may be made under that subsection—

- (a) providing for the remuneration, if any, to be paid to members of the various organs of the Movement created by this Act;
- (b) regulating the meetings of the District Movement Committees, sub-county movement committees, town council movement committees, parish movement committees and village movement committees;
- (c) regulating the conditions of service of persons appointed under section 13 of this Act; and
- (d) regulating the conduct of any elections to be held for the purposes of this Act.

