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Uganda National Meteorological Authority
Bill No. 42 (Amendment) Bill **2024**

THE UGANDA NATIONAL METEOROLOGICAL AUTHORITY
(AMENDMENT) BILL, 2024

MEMORANDUM

1. Policy and principles of the Bill

The policy behind the Bill is to give effect to the Government Policy for Rationalisation of Government Agencies and Public Expenditure (RAPEX) which was adopted by the Cabinet on 22nd February 2021.

2. Defects in existing law

The Constitution establishes a definite number of Government agencies, including constitutional commissions, authorities, boards, local councils and other statutory bodies. These were established to perform certain specified constitutional functions. Over the years, however, there has been a proliferation of agencies established by Acts of Parliament, Executive Orders and administrative arrangements. Whereas most of the agencies are necessary due to the critical nature of the functions they perform, Government has established that a certain limited number of agencies were established without due consideration to the aspects of institutional harmony, functional duplications, overlaps and affordability. Government has also established that some agencies have served the purpose for which they were established. The mandate of a few other agencies has been overtaken by events. Such agencies need to be rationalised.

More importantly, the proliferation of agencies has created mandate overlaps and jurisdictional ambiguities among the agencies. Additionally, the high cost of administering the agencies has drained the national treasury at the expense of effective service delivery. This has overstretched the capacity of Government to sustain them. Government has also established that the generous salary structures of the agencies has created salary disparities between employees of the agencies and public officers in the traditional civil service leading to demotivation of human resources in the mainstream public service.

3. Remedies proposed in the Bill.

The intention of the Bill is to amend the Uganda National Meteorological Authority Act, 2012, Act 11 of 2012, to—

- (a) enable the mainstreaming and rationalisation of the functions of the Uganda National Meteorological Authority into the Ministry responsible for matters relating to meteorology thereby, *inter alia*, relieving the Government of the financial drain on its resources and the burden of wasteful administration and expenditure of maintaining an Authority yet the function of meteorology may be performed by a department of meteorology like it was before 2012 when the Ministry was in charge of meteorology and performed the function effectively;
- (b) facilitate efficient and effective service delivery by clearly delineating the mandates and functions of the Ministry responsible for matters relating to meteorology and other government agencies and departments in respect to meteorology, thereby avoiding duplication of mandates and functions;
- (c) promote coordinated administrative arrangements, policies and procedures for—

- (i) ensuring the efficient and successful management, financial accounting and budgetary discipline of government agencies and departments;
 - (ii) enabling the Government to play its proper role more effectively; and
 - (iii) enforcing accountability;
- (d) to restructure and re-organise the Ministry responsible for matters relating to meteorology to perform the meteorology function effectively and eliminating bloated structures and functional ambiguities in the Ministry.

4. Provisions of the Bill

The Bill has 43 clauses. Clause 2 of the Bill stipulates the objectives of the Bill. Clause 3 of the Bill provides for the purpose of amendment of the National Forestry and Tree Planting Act, 2003, which is to mainstream the functions of the Uganda National Meteorological Authority into the Ministry responsible for matters relating to meteorology. Clause 6 of the Bill seeks to dissolve the Uganda National Meteorological Authority while clause 7 transfers the responsibilities of the Uganda National Meteorological Authority to the Ministry responsible for matters relating to meteorology. The rest of the clauses of the Bill seek to give effect to the dissolution of the Uganda National Meteorological Authority.

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ENTITLED

**THE UGANDA NATIONAL METEOROLOGICAL
AUTHORITY (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2024**

An Act to amend the Uganda National Meteorological Authority Act, 2012, Act 11 of 2012 to mainstream the functions of the Uganda National Meteorological Authority into the Ministry responsible for matters relating to meteorology in order to give effect to the Government Policy on Rationalisation of Government Agencies and Public Expenditure, and for related purposes.

BE IT ENACTED by Parliament as follows:

1. Interpretation

In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—

“agency” means a body established by an Act of Parliament and includes an authority;

“commission” means a body established by the Constitution;

“Government” means the Government of Uganda.

2. Objective

(1) The main objective of this Act is to give effect to the Government Policy for Rationalisation of Government Agencies and Public Expenditure adopted by the Cabinet on 22nd February, 2021 and contained in Cabinet Minute No. 43(CT 2021).

(2) Without prejudice to the general effect of subsection (1), the following objectives shall be deemed to fall under the objective specified in that subsection—

- (a) the merging, mainstreaming and rationalisation of agencies, commissions, authorities and public expenditure thereby, *inter alia*, relieving the Government of the financial drain on its resources and the burden of wasteful administration and expenditure;
- (b) the facilitation of efficient and effective service delivery by clearly delineating the mandates and functions of government agencies and departments and thereby avoiding duplication of mandates and functions;
- (c) the promotion of coordinated administrative arrangements, policies and procedures for—
 - (i) ensuring the efficient and successful management, financial accounting and budgetary discipline of government agencies and departments;
 - (ii) enabling the Government to play its proper role more effectively; and
 - (iii) enforcing accountability; and
- (d) the restructuring and re-organisation of agencies and departments of Government by eliminating bloated structures and functional ambiguities in Government agencies and departments.

3. Purpose of amendment of Act 11 of 2012

The purpose of amending the Uganda National Meteorological Authority Act, 2012, Act 11 of 2012, is to mainstream the functions of the Uganda National Meteorological Authority into the Ministry responsible for matters relating to meteorology.

4. Amendment of short title of the Uganda National Meteorological Authority Act, 2012

For the short title of the Uganda National Meteorological Authority Act, 2012, hereinafter referred to as the “principal Act”, there is substituted the following—

“The Uganda National Meteorological Act, 2012”;

5. Amendment of long title of principal Act

There is substituted for the long title to the principal Act, the following—

“An Act to give effect to the Convention on the World Meteorological Organisation; the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and other related Conventions, protocols and Memoranda of Understanding to which Uganda is a party; to provide for the control and development of technically sound and scientific meteorological services and to provide for other related matters.”.

6. Dissolution of Uganda National Meteorological Authority

On the commencement of this Act, the Uganda National Meteorological Authority established by Act 11 of 2012 shall be dissolved.

7. Responsibility for functions

On the commencement of this Act, the Ministry responsible for matters relating to meteorology shall be responsible for performing the functions formerly performed by the dissolved Uganda National Meteorological Authority.

8. Amendment of section 1 of principal Act

Section 1 of the principal Act is amended—

- (a) by repealing the definitions of “Authority”, “Board” and “Executive Director”; and
- (b) by inserting in the appropriate alphabetical order the following—

“Ministry” means the Ministry responsible for matters relating to meteorology;”.

9. Amendment of title of Part II of principal Act

For the title to Part II of the principal Act, there is substituted the following—

“PART II—ADMINISTRATION OF ACT”

10. Amendment of section 3 of principal Act

For section 3 of the principal Act, there is substituted the following—

“3. Administration of Act

This Act shall be administered by the Ministry”.

11. Amendment of section 4 of principal Act

Section 4 of the principal Act is amended by substituting for “Authority” wherever it appears, the word “Ministry”.

12. Repeal of section 5 of principal Act

Section 5 of the principal Act is repealed.

13. Repeal of section 6 of principal Act

Section 6 of the principal Act is repealed.

14. Repeal of section 7 of principal Act

Section 7 of the principal Act is repealed.

15. Repeal of section 8 of principal Act

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16. Repeal of section 9 of principal Act

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17. Repeal of section 10 of principal Act

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18. Repeal of section 11 of principal Act

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19. Repeal of section 12 of principal Act

Section 12 of the principal Act is repealed.

20. Repeal of section 13 of principal Act

Section 13 of the principal Act is repealed.

21. Repeal of section 14 of principal Act

Section 14 of the principal Act is repealed.

22. Repeal of section 15 of principal Act

Section 15 of the principal Act is repealed.

23. Amendment section 16 of principal Act

Section 16 of the principal Act is amended by substituting for “Authority” wherever it appears the word “Ministry”.

24. Repeal of section 17 of principal Act

Section 17 of the principal Act is repealed.

25. Repeal of section 18 of principal Act

Section 18 of the principal Act is repealed.

26. Repeal of section 19 of principal Act

Section 19 of the principal Act is repealed.

27. Repeal of section 20 of principal Act

Section 20 of the principal Act is repealed.

28. Repeal of section 21 of principal Act

Section 21 of the principal Act is repealed.

29. Repeal of Part III of principal Act

Part III (sections 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28) of the principal Act is repealed.

30. Amendment of section 29 of principal Act

Section 29 of the principal Act is amended by substituting for “Authority” wherever it appears the word “Ministry”.

31. Amendment of section 30 of principal Act

Section 30 of the principal Act is amended by substituting for “Executive Director” wherever it appears the word “Minister”.

32. Amendment of section 32 of principal Act

Section 32 of the principal Act is amended by substituting for “Authority” wherever it appears the word “Ministry”.

33. Amendment of section 33 of principal Act

Section 33 of the principal Act is amended by substituting for “Executive Director” the word “Minister”.

34. Amendment of section 34 of principal Act

Section 34 of the principal Act is amended by substituting for “Executive Director” the word “Minister”.

35. Repeal of section 35 of principal Act

Section 35 of the principal Act is repealed.

36. Amendment of section 36 of principal Act

Section 36 of the principal Act is amended by substituting for “Board” the word “Minister” and substituting for “Authority” the word “Ministry”.

37. Repeal of section 37 of principal Act

Section 37 of the principal Act is repealed.

38. Amendment of section 38 of principal Act

Section 38 of the principal Act is amended by substituting for “Authority” wherever it appears the word “Ministry”.

39. Amendment of section 39 of principal Act

Section 39 of the principal Act is amended by substituting for “Executive Director” the word “Minister” and substituting for “Board” the word “Minister”.

40. Repeal of section 42 of principal Act

Section 42 of the principal Act is repealed.

41. Repeal of section 43 of principal Act

Section 43 of the principal Act is repealed.

42. Repeal of section 44 of principal Act

Section 44 of the principal Act is repealed.

43. Repeal of Schedule 2 to principal Act

Schedule 2 to the principal Act is repealed.

44. Savings

(1) The board members and staff of the Uganda National Meteorological Authority shall be paid their terminal benefits in accordance with the terms and conditions of their service.

(2) Compensation is not payable to any member of the board of the Uganda National Meteorological Authority for loss of office resulting from the dissolution of the Uganda National Meteorological Authority.

(3) The staff of the Uganda National Meteorological Authority may be redeployed to serve in the public service subject to availability of positions.

(4) On the commencement of this Act, all the property, assets, rights, obligations, and liabilities of the Uganda National Meteorological Authority shall vest in the Government of Uganda under the Ministry.

(5) Any proceedings commenced by or against the Uganda National Meteorological Authority may be continued by or against the Attorney General.

(6) A licence, permit, certificate or authorisation issued by the Uganda National Meteorological Authority under the Act which is in force immediately before the commencement of this Act shall have effect from the commencement of this Act as if granted by the Ministry.

(7) The terms and conditions including the rights and obligations under a licence, permit, certificate or authorisation in force immediately before the commencement of this Act, shall not be less favourable than those that applied immediately before the commencement of this Act.