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*Rationalisation of Government Agencies (Water and Environment Sector) (Amendment) Bill* **2024**  
**Bill No. 7**

**THE RATIONALISATION OF GOVERNMENT AGENCIES  
(WATER AND ENVIRONMENT SECTOR) (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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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, therefore, is to amend or repeal several Acts of Parliament to—

- (a) enable 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) facilitate efficient and effective service delivery by clearly delineating the mandates and functions of government agencies and departments, 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 agencies and departments of Government by eliminating bloated structures and functional ambiguities in Government agencies and departments.

#### **4. Provisions of the Bill**

The Bill has three parts and 90 clauses.

##### **Part I—Preliminary**

Part I deals with preliminary matters including interpretation and the purpose of the Bill.

##### **Part II —Amendment of Uganda National Meteorological Authority Act, 2012 (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 established under the Act into the Ministry responsible for matters relating to meteorology.

##### **Part III—Amendment of National Forestry and Tree Planting Act, 2003 (Act 8 of 2003)**

The purpose of amending the National Forestry and Tree Planting Act, 2003 is to mainstream the functions of the National Forestry Authority established under the Act into the Ministry responsible for the environment.

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**THE RATIONALISATION OF GOVERNMENT AGENCIES (WATER AND ENVIRONMENT SECTOR) (AMENDMENTS) BILL, 2024**

**ARRANGEMENT OF CLAUSES**

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*Clause*

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90. Savings provisions for Act 8 of 2003

A Bill for an Act

**ENTITLED**

**RATIONALISATION OF GOVERNMENT AGENCIES  
(WATER AND ENVIRONMENT SECTOR) (AMENDMENT)  
ACT, 2024**

**An Act to repeal, and to make amendments to, certain Acts of Parliament establishing statutory bodies in the water and environment sector in order to give effect to the Government program on rationalisation of Government agencies and public expenditure, and for related purposes.**

BE IT ENACTED by Parliament as follows:

**PART I—PRELIMINARY**

**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. Objectives of this Act**

(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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**PART II— AMENDMENT OF UGANDA NATIONAL METEOROLOGICAL AUTHORITY ACT, 2012 (ACT 11 OF 2012)**

**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 established under the Act into the Ministry responsible for matters relating to meteorology.

**4. Amendment of short title of Act 11 of 2012**

There is substituted for the short title to Act 11 of 2012, the following—

“The Uganda National Meteorological Act, 2012”;

**5. Amendment of long title of Act 11 of 2012**

There is substituted for the long title to Act 11 of 2012, 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 under Act 11 of 2012**

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 under Act 11 of 2012.

**8. Amendment of section 1 of Act 11 of 2012**

Section 1 of Act 11 of 2012 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 Act 12 of 2012**

For the title to Part II of Act 11 of 2012, there is substituted the following—

**“PART II—ADMINISTRATION OF ACT”**

**10. Amendment of section 3 of Act 11 of 2012**

For section 3 of Act 11 of 2012, there is substituted the following—

**“3. Administration of Act**

This Act shall be administered by the Ministry”.

**11. Amendment of section 4 of Act 11 of 2012**

Section 4 of Act 11 of 2012 is amended by substituting for “Authority” wherever it appears, the word “Ministry”.

**12. Repeal of section 5 of Act 11 of 2012**

Section 5 of Act 11 of 2012 is repealed.

**13. Repeal of section 6 of Act 11 of 2012**

Section 6 of Act 11 of 2012 is repealed.

**14. Repeal of section 7 of Act 11 of 2012**

Section 7 of Act 11 of 2012 is repealed.

**15. Repeal of section 8 of Act 11 of 2012**

Section 8 of Act 11 of 2012 is repealed.

**16. Repeal of section 9 of Act 11 of 2012**

Section 9 of Act 11 of 2012 is repealed.

**17. Repeal of section 10 of Act 11 of 2012**

Section 10 of Act 11 of 2012 is repealed.

**18. Repeal of section 11 of Act 11 of 2012**

Section 11 of Act 11 of 2012 is repealed.

**19. Repeal of section 12 of Act 11 of 2012**

Section 12 of Act 11 of 2012 is repealed.

**20. Repeal of section 13 of Act 11 of 2012**

Section 13 of Act 12 of 2012 is repealed.

**21. Repeal of section 14 of Act 11 of 2012**

Section 14 of Act 11 of 2012 is repealed.

**22. Repeal of section 15 of Act 11 of 2012**

Section 15 of Act 11 of 2012 is repealed.

**23. Amendment section 16 of Act 11 of 2012**

Section 16 of Act 11 of 2012 is amended by substituting for “Authority” wherever it appears the word “Ministry”.

**24. Repeal of section 17 of Act 11 of 2012**

Section 17 of Act 11 of 2012 is repealed.

**25. Repeal of section 18 of Act 11 of 2012**

Section 18 of Act 11 of 2012 is repealed.

**26. Repeal of section 19 of Act 11 of 2012**

Section 19 of Act 11 of 2012 is repealed.

**27. Repeal of section 20 of Act 11 of 2012**

Section 20 of Act 12 of 2012 is repealed.

**28. Repeal of section 21 of Act 11 of 2012**

Section 21 of Act 11 of 2012 is repealed.

**29. Repeal of Part III of Act 11 of 2012**

Part III (sections 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28) of Act 11 of 2012 is repealed.

**30. Amendment of section 29 of Act 11 of 2012**

Section 29 of Act 11 of 2012 is amended by substituting for “Authority” wherever it appears the word “Ministry”.

**31. Amendment of section 30 of Act 11 of 2012**

Section 30 of Act 11 of 2012 is amended by substituting for “Executive Director” wherever it appears the word “Minister”.

**32. Amendment of section 32 of Act 11 of 2012**

Section 32 of Act 11 of 2012 is amended by substituting for “Authority” wherever it appears the word “Ministry”.

**33. Amendment of section 33 of Act 11 of 2012**

Section 33 of Act 11 of 2012 is amended by substituting for “Executive Director” the word “Minister”.

**34. Amendment of section 34 of Act 11 of 2012**

Section 34 of Act 11 of 2012 is amended by substituting for “Executive Director” the word “Minister”.

**35. Repeal of section 35 of Act 11 of 2012**

Section 35 of Act 11 of 2012 is repealed.

**36. Amendment of section 36 of Act 11 of 2012**

Section 36 of Act 11 of 2012 is amended by substituting for “Board” the word “Minister” and substituting for “Authority” the word “Ministry”.

**37. Repeal of section 37 of Act 11 of 2012**

Section 37 of Act 11 of 2012 is repealed.

**38. Amendment of section 38 of Act 11 of 2012**

Section 38 of Act 11 of 2012 is amended by substituting for “Authority” wherever it appears the word “Ministry”.

**39. Amendment of section 39 of Act 11 of 2012**

Section 39 of Act 11 of 2012 is amended by substituting for “Executive Director” the word “Minister” and substituting for “Board” the word “Minister”.

**40. Repeal of section 42 of Act 11 of 2012**

Section 42 of Act 11 of 2012 is repealed.

**41. Repeal of section 43 of Act 11 of 2012**

Section 43 of Act 11 of 2012 is repealed.

**42. Repeal of section 44 of Act 11 of 2012**

Section 44 of Act 11 of 2012 is repealed.

**43. Repeal of Schedule 2 to Act 11 of 2012**

Schedule 2 to Act 11 of 2012 is repealed.

**44. Savings provisions for Act 11 of 2012**

(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.

**PART III—AMENDMENT OF NATIONAL FORESTRY AND TREE PLANTING ACT, 2003 (ACT 8 OF 2003)**

**45. Purpose of amendment of Act 8 of 2003**

The purpose of amending the National Forestry and Tree Planting Act, 2003 (Act 8 of 2003) is to mainstream the functions of the National Forestry Authority established under the Act into the Ministry responsible for the environment.

**46. Amendment of long title of Act 8 of 2003**

The long title to Act 3 of 2008 is amended by repealing the words “to establish a National Forestry Authority”.

**47. Dissolution of the National Forestry Authority**

On the commencement of this Act, the National Forestry Authority established by Act 8 of 2003 shall be dissolved.

**48. Responsibility for functions under Act 8 of 2003**

On the commencement of this Act, the Ministry responsible for forestry shall be responsible for performing the functions formerly performed by the National Forestry Authority under Act 8 of 2003.

**49. Amendment of section 3 of Act 8 of 2003**

Section 3 of Act 8 of 2003 is amended—

(a) by repealing the definitions of “Authority”, “Board”, “Executive Director”; and

(b) by inserting immediately after the definition of “Minister” the following—

“Ministry” means the Ministry responsible for forestry;”.

**50. Amendment of section 6 of Act 8 of 2003**

Section 6 of Act 8 of 2003 is amended by repealing the words “on the advice of the Board”.

**51. Amendment of section 12 of Act 8 of 2003**

Section 12 of Act 8 of 2003 is amended by substituting for “Authority” wherever it appears, the word “Ministry”.

**52. Amendment of section 26 of Act 8 of 2003**

Section 26 of Act 8 of 2003 is amended by substituting for “Authority” the word “Ministry”.

**53. Amendment of section 36 of Act 8 of 2003**

Section 36 of Act 8 of 2003 is amended by substituting for “Authority” the word “Ministry”.

**54. Amendment of section 45 of Act 8 of 2003**

Section 45 of Act 8 of 2003 is amended by substituting for “Authority” the word “Ministry”.

**55. Amendment of section 48 of Act 8 of 2003**

Section 48 of Act 8 of 2003 is amended in subsection (3)(b) by substituting for “Authority” the word “Ministry”.

**56. Amendment of title of Part VIII of Act 8 of 2003**

For the title to Part VIII of Act 8 of 2003, there is substituted the following—

**“PART III—ROLE OF MINISTRY”**

**57. Repeal of section 52 of Act 8 of 2003**

Section 52 of Act 8 of 2003 is repealed.

**58. Repeal of section 53 of Act 8 of 2003**

Section 53 of Act 8 of 2003 is repealed.

**59. Amendment section 54 of Act 8 of 2003**

Section 54 of Act 8 of 2003 is amended by substituting for “Authority” wherever it appears, the word “Ministry”.

**60. Repeal of section 55 of Act 8 of 2003**

Section 55 of Act 8 of 2003 is repealed.

**61. Repeal of section 56 of Act 8 of 2003**

Section 56 of Act 8 of 2003 is repealed.

**62. Repeal of section 57 of Act 8 of 2003**

Section 57 of Act 8 of 2003 is repealed.

**63. Repeal of section 58 of Act 8 of 2003**

Section 58 of Act 8 of 2003 is repealed.

**64. Repeal of section 59 of Act 8 of 2003**

Section 59 of Act 8 of 2003 is repealed.

**65. Repeal of section 60 of Act 8 of 2003**

Section 60 of Act 8 of 2003 is repealed.

**66. Repeal of section 61 of Act 8 of 2003**

Section 62 of Act 8 of 2003 is repealed.

**67. Amendment of section 63 of Act 8 of 2003**

Section 63 of Act 8 of 2003 is amended—

- (a) by substituting for “Authority” wherever it appears the word “Ministry”; and
- (b) in subsection (3) by substituting for “Board” the word “Ministry”.

**68. Amendment of section 64 of Act 8 of 2003**

Section 64 of Act 8 of 2003 is amended—

- (a) by substituting for “Authority” wherever it appears the word “Ministry”; and
- (b) in subsection (3) by substituting for “Board” the word “Ministry”.

**69. Repeal of section 65 of Act 8 of 2003**

Section 65 of Act 8 of 2003 is repealed.

**70. Repeal of section 66 of Act 8 of 2003**

Section 66 of Act 8 of 2003 is repealed.

**71. Repeal of section 67 of Act 8 of 2003**

Section 67 of Act 8 of 2003 is repealed.

**72. Repeal of section 68 of Act 8 of 2003**

Section 68 of Act 8 of 2003 is repealed.

**73. Repeal of section 69 of Act 8 of 2003**

Section 69 of Act 8 of 2003 is repealed.

**74. Repeal of section 70 of Act 8 of 2003**

Section 70 of Act 8 of 2003 is repealed.

**75. Repeal of section 71 of Act 8 of 2003**

Section 71 of Act 8 of 2003 is repealed.

**76. Repeal of section 72 of Act 8 of 2003**

Section 72 of Act 8 of 2003 is repealed.

**77. Repeal of section 73 of Act 8 of 2003**

Section 73 of Act 8 of 2003 is repealed.

**78. Repeal of section 74 of Act 8 of 2003**

Section 74 of Act 8 of 2003 is repealed.

**79. Repeal of section 75 of Act 8 of 2003**

Section 75 of Act 8 of 2003 is repealed.

**80. Repeal of section 76 of Act 8 of 2003**

Section 76 of Act 8 of 2003 is repealed.

**81. Repeal of section 77 of Act 8 of 2003**

Section 77 of Act 8 of 2003 is repealed.

**82. Repeal of section 78 of Act 8 of 2003**

Section 78 of Act 8 of 2003 is repealed.

**83. Repeal of section 79 of Act 8 of 2003**

Section 79 of Act 8 of 2003 is repealed.

**84. Repeal of section 80 of Act 8 of 2003**

Section 80 of Act 8 of 2003 is repealed.

**85. Amendment of section 91 of Act 8 of 2003**

Section 91 of Act 8 of 2003 is amended in subsection (1) by substituting for “Authority” the word “Ministry”.

**86. Repeal of section 94 of Act 8 of 2003**

Section 94 of Act 8 of 2003 is repealed.

**87. Repeal of section 95 of Act 8 of 2003**

Section 95 of Act 8 of 2003 is repealed.

**88. Repeal of section 96 of Act 8 of 2003**

Section 96 of Act 8 of 2003 is repealed.

**89. Repeal of Second Schedule to Act 8 of 2003**

The Second Schedule to Act 8 of 2003 is repealed.

**90. Savings provisions for Act 8 of 2003**

(1) The board members and staff of the National Forestry 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 National Forestry Authority for loss of office resulting from the dissolution of the National Forestry Authority.

(3) The staff of the National Forestry 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 National Forestry Authority shall vest in the Government of Uganda under the Ministry.

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

(6) A licence, permit, certificate or authorisation issued by the National Forestry 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 or Minister, whichever is applicable.

(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.