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**Bill No. 17**

*(Amendment) Bill*

**2002**

**THE NATIONAL RESISTANCE ARMY (AMENDMENT)  
BILL, 2002.**

**MEMORANDUM.**

The object of this Bill is to amend the National Resistance Army Statute, 1992—

- (a) to provide for appropriate command and control structure for the Uganda Peoples' Defence Forces;
- (b) to amend section 2 to allow the establishment of the Lands Forces and the Airforces;
- (c) to provide for the creation of a common command and control structure for the Uganda Peoples' Defence Forces;
- (d) to create the command of the different services of the army; and
- (e) to provide for the open procurement of all the requirement of the services.

**AMAMA MBABAZI,**  
*Minister of Defence.*

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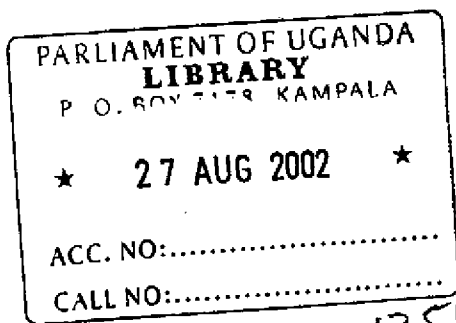
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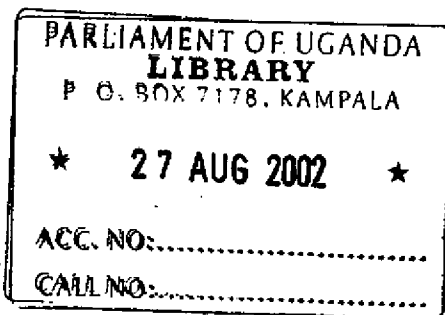
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**ARRANGEMENT OF CLAUSES**

*Clause.*

1. Short title.
2. Changing of certain references.
3. Section 2 of the Statute amended.
4. Section 3 of the Statute amended.
5. Section 4 of the Statute amended.
6. Section 8 of the Statute amended.
7. Section 9 of the Statute amended.
8. Section 10 of the Statute amended.
9. New section 10A.
10. Section 14 of the Statute amended.
11. Section 79 of the Statute amended.
12. New section 103A.
13. Section 108 of the Statute amended.





A BILL For An Act

ENTITLED

**THE NATIONAL RESISTANCE ARMY (AMENDMENT)  
ACT, 2002.**

**An Act To Amend The National Resistance Army Statute, 1992**

BE IT ENACTED by Parliament as follows:

1. This Act may be cited as the National Resistance Army (Amendment) Act, 2002.

Short title.

2. The National Resistance Army Statute, 1992, in this Act referred to as the "Statute" is amended by—

Changing of certain references. Statute No. 3 of 1992.

(a) substituting for every reference to "Army" a reference to "Defence Forces";

(b) substituting for every reference "National Resistance Army Council" a reference to "Uganda Peoples' Defence Forces Council".

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Section 2 of  
the Statute  
amended.

**3.** Section 2 of the Statute is amended by substituting for it the following—

“Composition  
of the  
Defence  
Forces

2. (1) The Uganda Peoples' Defence Forces established by clause (1) of article 208 of the Constitution shall consist of the following Services—

(a) the Land Forces;

(b) the Airforces; and

(c) such other Service as may be prescribed by the Uganda Peoples' Defence Forces Council in consultation with the National Security Council.

(2) The strength of the Defence Forces shall be determined by the President in consultation with the Defence Forces Council”.

Section 3 of  
the Statute  
amended.

**4.** Section 3 of the Statute is amended by substituting for it the following—

“Composition  
and the  
establishment  
of services

3. (1) Each of the Services of the Defence Forces shall consist of—

(a) a Regular Force;

(b) a Regular Reserve; and

(c) such other force as may be prescribed by the Defence Forces Council.

(2) Each Regular Force, Regular Reserve or any Force prescribed under paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of this section shall consist of such units and shall be under the immediate supervision and control of officers, as may be prescribed by the Uganda Peoples' Defence Forces Council.

(3) Each Regular Force shall consist of—

- (a) officers commissioned by the President;
- (b) militants enrolled in accordance with regulations under this Act for the purpose of rendering continuous service during the period of their engagement; and
- (c) each Regular Force shall consist of such other officers and militants as are attached to the Regular Force under arrangements made by the Commander-in-Chief.

5. Section 4 of the Statute is amended by substituting for it the following—

Section 4 of the Statute amended.

“4 Each Regular Reserve shall consist of officers whom the Defence Forces Council has transferred to such Reserve and militants who have been transferred in accordance with the terms of their enrolment”.

6. Section 8 of the Statute is amended by substituting for it the following—

Section 8 of the Statute amended.

“Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Forces, etc.

8. (1) The President in terms of clause(1) of article 98 of the Constitution, shall be the Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Forces.

(2) The Commander-in-Chief shall appoint—

- (a) an officer of the Defence Forces to be known as the Chief of Defence Forces to be head of the Defence Forces and who shall be responsible for the command, control and administration of the Defence Forces;

- (b) an officer of the Defence Forces to be known as the Deputy Chief of Defence Forces to deputise for the Chief of Defence Forces and to assist him or her in the administration of the Defence Forces and to carry out such duties as may be delegated to him or her;
- (c) an officer of the Defence Forces to be known as the Chief of Staff who shall be responsible for the control and administration of the Defence Forces;
- (d) an officer of the Defence Forces to be known as the Commander, Land Forces who shall be responsible for the command, control and administration of the Land Forces;
- (e) an officer of the Defence Forces to be known as the Commander, Airforce who shall be responsible for the command, control and administration of the Airforces;
- (f) an officer of the Defence Forces to be known as the Deputy Commander, Land Forces in charge of Reserves;
- (g) an officer of the Defence Forces to be known as the Deputy Commander Land Forces in charge of the specialised Forces;
- (h) an officer of the Defence Forces to be known as the Deputy Commander Airforce in charge of Airforce Reserve;

- (i) an officer of the Defence Forces to be known as Land Forces Chief of Staff who shall be responsible for the control and administration of the Land Forces;
- (j) an officer of the Defence Forces to be known as Airforce Chief of Staff who shall be responsible for the control and administration of the Airforce;
- (k) such other officer of the Defence Forces under such title as he or she may deem fit to be the commander of any Service of the Defence Forces prescribed under paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section 1 of this Act who shall be responsible for the command, control and administration of that Service and shall be responsible to the Chief of Defence Forces; and
- (l) officers of the Defence Forces to command units of the Services who shall be responsible for the command, control and administration of the units.

7. Section 9 of the Statute is amended by substituting for subsection (1) the following—

Section 9 of  
the Statute  
amended.

"(1) There shall be established for the purposes of this Act a Uganda Peoples' Defence Council consisting—

- (a) members of the High Command;
- (b) senior Army officers as at the 26th day of January, 1986;
- (c) all Directors of the Services established under this Act; and

(d) Commanding Officers of Brigades and Battalions and officers commanding equivalent units of the Defence Forces."

8. Section 10 of the Statute is amended by substituting for subsection (1), the following—

"(1) There is established under this Act the High Command of the Defence Forces consisting of—

- (a) the President, who shall be the Chairperson;
- (b) the Minister,
- (c) members of the High Command as at the 26th day of January, 1986;
- (d) the Chief of Defence Forces;
- (e) the Deputy Chief of Defence Forces;
- (f) the Chief of Staff;
- (g) the Service Commanders;
- (h) Service Chiefs of Staff;
- (i) all Chiefs of the Services of the Defence Forces;
- (j) all Division Commanders, officers commanding equivalent units of the Defence Forces and the commandant of the General Headquarters; and
- (k) such commanders and technical persons or experts as are from time to time co-opted by the President to advise the High Command."

9. The Statute is amended by inserting immediately after section 10 the following new section.

10A There is established a board to be known as the Commissions Board for each service.

Section 10  
of the  
Statute  
amended.

New section  
10A.

"Commissions  
Board



- (1) The Commissions Board shall consist of—
  - (a) the Service Commanders;
  - (b) the Deputy Service Commander;
  - (c) the Service Chief of Staff;
  - (d) the Chief of Operations and Training;
  - (e) the Chief of Personnel and Administration who shall be the Secretary;
  - (f) the Chief of Military intelligence and Security;
  - (g) the Chief Political Commissar;
  - (h) the Chief of Legal Services;
  - (i) the Commandant of the General Headquarters; and
  - (j) the Director of Career Planning.

(2) The recommendations of the Commissions Board, Land Forces and Airforce shall be forwarded to the Chief of Defence Forces for approval.

10. Section 14 of the Statute is amended by substituting for the words Regular or “Reserve” the following words “the Reserve forces service of the Defence Forces”.

Section 14  
of the  
Statute  
amended.

11. Section 79 of the Statute is amended by inserting immediately after the words “each Division” in subsection (l) the words “or equivalent unit of the Defence Forces”.

Section 79  
of the  
Statute  
amended.

12. The Statute is amended by inserting immediately after section 103 the following new section.

New section  
103A.

“Procure-  
ments

103 A The Chief of Staff shall be responsible for all procurements of the Defence Forces in liaison with the Services and the Military Tender Board of the Ministry.”

Section 108  
of the  
Statute  
amended.

13. The Statute is amended in section 108 by—

(a) substituting for the definition of "Army", the following new definition—

"Defence Forces" means the Uganda Peoples' Defence Forces;";

(b) substituting for the word "Army Council" occurring in the definition of "war materials", the words "Defence Forces Council"; and

(c) inserting immediately after the definition of "court martial" the following new definitions—

"Defence Forces Council" means the Uganda Peoples' Defence Forces Council established by section 7 of this Act;

(d) inserting immediately after the definition of "Minister" the following new definition—

"Ministry" means the Ministry responsible for defence;

(e) inserting immediately after the definition of "Senior Army Officer" the following new definition—

"Service" means a component part of the Defence Forces specified in subsection (1) of section 3 of this Act.

"Service commander" means a service commander specified in paragraph (k) of subsection (2) of section 6 of this Act;

"Service Chief of Staff" means a Service Chief of Staff specified in paragraphs (i) and (j) of subsection (2) of section 6 of this Act.