

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION OF PARLIAMENT URGING CABINET TO EXPEDITE THE RATIFICATION OF THE PROTOCOL TO THE CONSTITUTIVE ACT OF THE AFRICAN UNION RELATING TO THE PAN-AFRICAN PARLIAMENT (MALABO PROTOCOL).

(Moved under Rule 55 of the Rules of Procedure of the Parliament of Uganda)

WHEREAS Objective XXVIII (iii) of the National Objectives and Directive Principles of State Policy mandates Uganda to promote regional and pan-African cultural, economic and political cooperation and integration;

WHEREAS Article 5 and 17 of the Constitutive Act of the African Union provide for a Pan- African Parliament as an organ of the African Union whose composition, functions and powers and organisation are to be defined in a protocol;

WHEREAS the Protocol to the Constitutive Act of the African Union relating to the Pan-African Parliament established the Pan African Parliament to ensure effectively, the full participation of the African peoples in the economic development and integration of the Continent;

AND WHEREAS the Malabo Protocol continued the Pan African Parliament which was established by Protocol to the Constitutive Act of the African Union relating to the Pan-African Parliament by spelling out its functions and powers;

AWARE THAT numerous promises have been made by African states to ratify the Malabo protocol although only 13 have ratified and deposited the instrument, including the commitment by H.E the president of the republic of Uganda when he officiated at the opening of Pan African parliament sitting in 2017 and his subsequent meeting with the Ugandan Pan African Parliament delegation,

The resolution by the pan African parliament speakers conference that was chaired by the Speaker of Uganda Rt. Hon Rebecca Alitwala kadaga in Midrand October 2017.

NOTING THAT the Malabo Protocol sets out the functions of the Pan African Parliament under Article 8 of the Protocol to the Constitutive Act of the African Union relating to the Pan-African Parliament one of which is to be the legislative organ of the African Union;

DEEPLY CONCERNED THAT currently, the Malabo Protocol has been ratified by only eleven (11) countries, while eighteen (18) including Uganda are yet to ratify it and yet all twenty-eight (28) ratifications are needed for the protocol to come into force;

FURTHER CONCERNED THAT the delayed ratification of the Malabo Protocol limits the functions of the Parliament to an only advisory role as opposed to exercise of its full legislative authority;

RECOGNIZING THAT the Malabo protocol is critical to Uganda's foreign policy in promoting respect for international law and treaty obligations and peaceful coexistence and nonalignment.

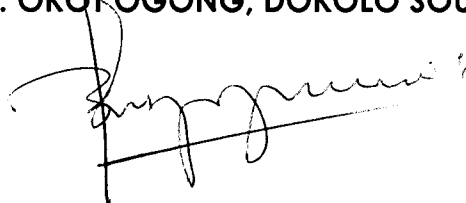
NOW THEREFORE be it resolved by this Parliament;

1. That Cabinet expedites the ratification of The Protocol to the Constitutive Act of the African Union Relating to the Pan-African Parliament (Malabo Protocol).

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