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**Bill No. 5**

*Political Parties and Organisations*  
*(Amendment) Bill*

**2008**

**THE POLITICAL PARTIES AND ORGANISATIONS  
(AMENDMENT) BILL, 2008**

**MEMORANDUM.**

The object of this Bill is to amend the Political Parties and Organisations Act, 2005 to provide for the use of Government or public resources for political party or organization activities.

Under this new era of multiparty democracy which is still young in the country, there is need for a provision, which should enable the political parties to be funded in one way or the other so that they can strengthen their bases to provide good governance.

Political parties and organisations are public institutions accountable to the people of Uganda. The State is therefore under an obligation to facilitate political parties and organizations in their activities.

There are no other viable means of supporting political parties and organisations other than state funding. The state has a duty to nurture and develop political parties and organizations more so in a young and growing democracy like Uganda. Non provision of State funding to political parties and organizations exposes them to solicit for donor aid which may compromise their national interest, integrity and independence.

Funding or facilitating the activities of political parties is not a new phenomenon. Examples can be found in the practice of various developed countries.

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*Attorney General and Minister of Justice and Constitutional Affairs.*

A BILL for an Act

Entitled

**THE POLITICAL PARTIES AND ORGANISATIONS  
(AMENDMENT) ACT, 2008.**

**An Act to amend the Political Parties and Organisations Act, 2005 to provide for the use of Government or other public resources for political party or organization activities.**

BE IT ENACTED by Parliament as follows—

**Amendment of the Political Parties and Organizations Act, 2005**

The Political Parties and Organisations Act, 2005 is amended by inserting immediately after section 14 the following—

**“14A. Use of Government or public resources for political party or organization activities**

Government shall contribute funds or other public resources towards the activities of political parties or organizations represented in Parliament in accordance with the following principles—

- (a) registered political parties or organizations shall be funded by Government under this Act in respect of elections and their normal day to day activities;

- (b) in respect of elections, Government shall finance political organizations and parties on equal basis;
- (c) in respect of normal day to day activities, funding shall be based on the numerical strength of each political party or organization in Parliament;
- (d) the funds provided to political parties and organizations under this Act, shall be subject to audit by the Auditor General”.