MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION OF PARLIAMENT URGING THE

GOVERNMENT TO MITIGATE THE INCREASING ANIMAL-HUMAN CONFLICTS

(Under Rule 55 of the Rules of Procedure)

WHEREAS article 237 (2) (b) of the Constitution of the Republic of Uganda, Objective XIII of the National Objectives and Directive Principles of State Policy and section 3 of the Wildlife Act, Cap. 200 vest the ownership of every wild animal and wild plant existing in the wild habitat in Uganda in the Government on behalf of, and for the benefit of, the people of Uganda;

AND WHEREAS the Uganda Wildlife Authority in pursuant to the Wildlife Act, Cap 200 is obliged to develop and recommend policies on wildlife management to the Government; and to coordinate the implementation of Government policies in the field of wildlife management in Uganda;

AND FURTHER WHEREAS Uganda is a signatory to a number of international conventions, treaties and Agreements relating to wildlife which obligate Uganda to sustainably conserve wildlife resources in partnership with the local communities;

AWARE that the Uganda Wildlife Policy 2014 calls for the promotion of the interests of local communities around Conservation areas and directs that all efforts should be made to ensure peace, stability and harmonious co-existence between wildlife and people;

concerned that there is increasing conflict between wildlife and communities in Nwoya district and other parts of Uganda that has occasioned deaths to residents, losses and sufferings to commercial and small-scale farmers near Murchison Falls National park due to marauding elephants, buffalos and wild pigs;

NOTING that the Uganda Wildlife Authority lacks the human capacity and resources to effectively monitor wildlife inside and outside the protected areas, which has led to wildlife encroachment onto people's land, as well as animal attacks on the local population;

CONVINCED that these conflicts pose serious threats to conservation efforts and earnings from tourisms and that there is need for urgent and lasting solution which controls wildlife transgression into the communities, encourages collaborative game management, and ensures prompt and adequate compensation to affected communities;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved by the Parliament of Uganda as follows:

- 1. The Government and the Uganda Wildlife Authority should institute the following measures to mitigate the increasing animal-human conflicts:
 - Install an electric fence around national parks to minimise humanwildlife conflict.
 - ii. Recruit and deploy more park staff, both inside and outside protected areas.
 - iii. Allocate more material resources such as vehicles and communication equipment to alleviate the strain.

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