MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION OF PARLIAMENT TO INSTITUTE AN INQUIRY INTO THE STATUS OF THE UGANDA ASSOCIATION OF EXTERNAL RECRUITMENT AGENCIES MONITORING FUND

(MOVED UNDER RULES 55 & 56 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF PARLIAMENT)

WHEREAS National Objective and Directive Principle Number XXVI enshrined in the Constitution is emphatic on the fact that all public offices shall be held in trust for the people, that all persons placed in positions of leadership and responsibility shall, in their work be answerable to the people and that all lawful measures shall be taken to expose, combat and eradicate corruption and abuse of office or misuse of power by those holding political and other public offices.

AND WHEREAS Ambassador Ahmed Ssenyomo acting on recommendations of the Gender Ministry as a condition to lift the ban on exportation of domestic workers appointed Mr. Yassin Abdulaziz Musoke as Labour Liaison/Consular Assistant at the Embassy of the Republic of Uganda to Saudi Arabia on 1st May 2018;

NOTING THAT The External Recruitment companies on behalf of domestic workers remit $70 per Ugandan to the account of the Uganda Association of external recruitment agencies held in Stanbic bank, which money is then transferred by cheques to Mr. Yassin Abdulaziz Musoke’s personal account held in Stanbic Bank Metro Branch;

CONCERNED THAT the Labour Liaison/Consular Assistant for the Embassy of the Republic of Uganda was not only appointed irregularly at the embassy but has mismanaged the Uganda Association of External Recruitment Agencies Monitoring Fund;

FURTHER CONCERNED THAT The Ministry of Gender in a report presented to the Committee on Gender and this parliament stated that a Monitoring Fund was established as a condition for lifting the ban on domestic workers in 2017, but the FUND is operating/existing under no legal framework and its expenditure unaccounted for;
ALARMED THAT the phenomenon of externalization of domestic labour in Uganda has caused untold pain and suffering to the jobless youth of this country and should not only be regulated but strictly monitored;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved by Parliament that:

1. Parliament suspends any further payment of this monitory fund till Gender committee investigates and submits recommendations for proper management of this fund.

2. The Labour Liaison/Consular Assistant at the Embassy of the Republic of Uganda at Saudi Arabia be suspended;

3. That Ministry of Gender should answer for its failure to supervise this monitory fund leading to its mismanagement and yet continue to force companies to pay the said amount of 70 dollars per domestic worker exported or terminate their job orders.

4. That ambassador of Uganda to Saudi Arabia should answer for his involvement in Yasins appointment.

5. In light of the above, the Ministry of Gender should show cause as to why parliament by this resolution should not suspend Labour export of domestic workers since their safety can no longer be guaranteed.

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