



## **MOTION FOR RESOLUTION OF PARLIAMENT URGING GOVERNMENT TO RATIFY THE AFRICAN CHARTER ON DEMOCRACY, ELECTIONS AND GOVERNANCE**

**(Under Rule 55 of the Rules of Procedure of Parliament of Uganda)**

**WHEREAS** the African leaders under the Organization of African Unity(OAU) and in a bid to realize Africa's potential took a decision in September 1999; to re-launch Africa's pan-african organization by creating a new continental body, the African Union (AU) as a successor and to build on the work of the Organization of African Unity;

**AND WHEREAS** the African Union was officially launched in July 2002 in Durban, South Africa upon the enactment of the Constitutive Act of the African Union and subsequently the Protocol on Amendments to the Constitutive Act of the African Union which laid out the aims of the AU;

**FURTHER WHEREAS** the aims of the AU are among others to promote peace, security, and stability on the continent; to promote democratic principles and institutions, popular participation and good governance; as well as to promote and protect human and peoples' rights in accordance with the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights and other relevant human rights instruments;

**NOTING THAT** the Member States of the African Union on 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2007; adopted the African Charter on Democracy, Elections and Governance whose objectives are among others; to promote adherence to the Universal values and principles of democracy and respect for human rights; promotion and enhancement of adherence to the principles of the Rule of Law; rejection and condemnation of unconstitutional change of Government as well as the promotion of the Independence of the Judiciary among others principles;

**AWARE THAT** the Ratification of Treaties Act, Cap 204 provides for the ratification of treaties to be done by Cabinet other than for treaties relating to armistice, neutrality or peace or treaties in respect of which the Attorney General has

certified in writing that implementation in Uganda would require an amendment of the Constitution which shall be ratified by Parliament;

**CONCERNED THAT** the none ratification of the African Charter on Democracy, Elections and Governance by Uganda, makes the country lag behind in those areas, and to miss out on the necessary support that would accrue to the country from the Union on the basis of being fully fledged State parties, and yet Uganda is known to be a continental role model in Democracy.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

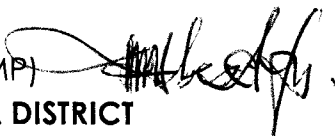
Parliament collectively urges Government to ratify the African Charter on Democracy, Elections and Governance.

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