

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION OF PARLIAMENT URGING GOVERNMENT TO REVIEW THE TAX REGIME ON CCTV CAMERAS AND AUTOMOTIVE TRACKING DEVICES

(Moved Under Rule 55 of the Rules of Procedure)

WHEREAS the Constitution establishes different security organs of the state such as the Police, the Army and the National Security Council that are mandated to ensure security of Uganda as a nation;

AND WHEREAS the security situation in the country over the last few years has been characterized by murders such as the killing of the then police spokesman Andrew Felix Kaweesi, the killings of Muslim clerics and murders of girls;

AWARE THAT on 20th June 2018, the President of Uganda addressed the nation about the security situation and explained twelve action points that government would take to address the security situation including the Installation of CCTV cameras and encouraging the installation of private CCTV cameras;

FURTHER AWARE THAT the President commissioned CCTV cameras on 8th October 2018 at the National Command and Control Centre at Nateete Police Station and thereafter 122 live CCTV cameras were installed to monitor Lungujja, Old Kampala, Rubaga, Kawaala, Kabowa, Nateete and Mutundwe;

COGNIZANT OF THE FACT THAT in April 2019, Parliament authorised Government to borrow up to US\$ 104 million from Standard Chartered Bank to finance the National CCTV Network Expansion Project and the debate in Parliament indicated the tremendous importance of CCTV cameras;

FURTHER COGNIZANT OF THE FACT THAT the Democratic Party (DP) on July 2nd 2019, asked the government to remove taxes on CCTV cameras to enable many Ugandans to install them in their homes and business and on 5th

September 2019, while reporting to Parliament, The Minister of Internal Affairs in a statement to Parliament on the security situation noted that acquiring CCTV cameras for private individuals is still expensive and the Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development was being engaged to review the tax regime on this so as to make CCTV cameras for private individuals more affordable;

NOTING THAT the advantages of CCTV cameras are numerous, the police can identify criminals recorded with cameras; the police can prevent crimes from happening and can quickly solve criminal cases with material evidence from CCTV cameras, cameras protect against property theft, and vandalism, if there are no witnesses to a crime, the surveillance footage will aid police investigation;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that:-

1. Parliament urges Government to revoke taxes on CCTV cameras and automotive tracking devices so as to make them more affordable.

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