



MILESTONES OF THE OPPOSITION IN PARLIAMENT

**FIRST SESSION OF THE 10TH PARLIAMENT
FOR THE PERIOD JUNE 2016 – JUNE 2017**



FOREWORD

In accordance with the provisions of the Administration of Parliament (Amendment) Act (2006), the Opposition in Parliament has been able to execute its mandate of keeping the government in check and providing alternatives to government positions.


It is on this basis that we present milestones of the Opposition in Parliament for the 1st Session of the 10th Parliament.

We are grateful to the leadership of Parliament for making it possible for Opposition Members of Parliament to execute the mandate of keeping the government in check and generating alternatives to government positions.

We thank the people of Uganda who empowered and placed their trust in us to articulate their concerns. We commit to obtaining their views and ensuring that they are heard in Parliament through the alternative voice.

We therefore present to the country, milestones of what we have been able to articulate in additions to contributions made during debates in the 1st Session of the 10th Parliament for the period June 2016 – June 2017.


FOR GOD AND MY COUNTRY








Kiiza Winfred (MP)


Leader of the Opposition







SECTOR	ISSUE	MEDIUM OF CONTRIBUTION	MILESTONES
 <p>Legislature</p>	<p>Keeping government in check and scrutiny of government policies</p>	<p>Oversight visits, Parliamentary Committees, Plenary and Media</p>	<p>Delivered timely Responses to the State of the Nation Address and National Budget Framework Paper 2017/18 – 2021/22. These exposed government wasteful expenditures and misrepresentation of facts while articulating alternative policies.</p> <p>Undertook oversight visits to Zoka Forest reserve, East Madi wild Life reserve, Pagirinya and Bidibidi refugee settlement camps. Published oversight report that highlighted massive environmental degradation, deplorable conditions of refugees and conflict with host communities.</p> <p>Delivered timely bill analyses to Parliamentary Committees. Analysis was undertaken on Local Government (Amendment) Bill 2016, Leadership (Amendment) Bill 2016, Local Government (Amendment) Bill 2016, Biofuels Bill 2016 and amendment of Rules of Procedure. The analyses provided legislative alternatives.</p> <p>Delivered Minority reports on National Budget Framework Paper 2017/18 – 2021/22, Supplementary Schedule 2 for FY2015/16, Supplementary Schedule 2 for FY2016/17 and Annual Budget Estimates for FY2017/18. These exposed poor budget prioritization, implementation challenges and wasteful allocations. Recommendations to address issues were also made.</p>




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 <p>Legislature</p>	<p>Scrutiny into misappropriated public funds</p>	<p>PAC, COSASE, LGAC and Government Assurances Accountability Committees</p>	<p>Delivered Minority report on Local Government (Amendment) Bill 2016 which advocated for change of strategy in conducting local council elections from lining up to secret ballot.</p> <p>Spearheaded consensus building in plenary to delete a proposal in the Anti – Terrorism (Amendment) Act 2016 that would have empowered Minister in charge of security to declare a person as a suspected terrorist without prior trial.</p> <p>Accountability Committees have delivered comprehensive and timely reports resulting from scrutiny of Auditor General Reports and matters referred by the Speaker. The Committees have been commended by Parliament, Executive and public for advancing approach of processes improvement, recovery of public resources misappropriated by public officials and fulfillment of government assurances.</p>
 <p>Security</p>	<p>Amplified the misconduct of Uganda Police Force towards civilians in Uganda</p>	<p>Motion moved by Hon. Muwanga Kivumbi</p>	<p>Motion was adopted and Parliament condemned Police brutality. Government delivered an apology in Parliament. Implicated Police officers were charged in Uganda Police Court. They were convicted and given punishments ranging from demotion to fines.</p>


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 <p>Security</p>	<p>Arbitrary killings in Rwenzori regions</p> <p>Torture of suspects at Nalufenya detention facility by security operatives</p>	<p>Statement made by Hon. Winfred Kiiza</p> <p>Minority report by Hon. Akol Anthony on Report of the Committee on Human Rights on alleged cases of torture of suspects</p>	<p>Speaker directed the Committee on Defence and Internal Affairs to investigate the insurgency. The Committee is yet to table the report.</p> <p>Minority report was adopted. It urged Parliament to condemn torture and abolish all illegal detention places in Uganda including Nalufenya detention facility. It recommended prosecution of perpetrators of torture and urged government to charge suspects within 48 hours in courts of law.</p>
 <p>Foreign Affairs</p>	<p>Legal support to Ugandans held in foreign prisons</p>	<p>Question to Prime Minister raised by Hon. Mwijukye Francis</p>	<p>Ministry of Foreign Affairs committed to offer support to Ugandans in foreign prisons among whom is Sam Mugumya.</p>
 <p>Minerals Development</p>	<p>Failure to revive Kilembe Mines</p>	<p>Matter of National Importance by Hon. Robert Centenary</p>	<p>During the State of the Nation Address 2017, President noted that the concession agreement to revive Kilembe Mines was awarded to incompetent company i.e. Tibet Hima Company and government was in process of terminating it.</p>

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 <p>Education and Sports</p>	<p>Banning the promotion of sexual education in Uganda</p>	<p>Motion moved by Hon. Akello Lucy</p>	<p>Motion was adopted and government ran a public notice banning sexual education in schools.</p>
	<p>Closure of Nakivubo Stadium due to tax arrears</p>	<p>Statement made by Hon. Ssewanyana Aloizious</p>	<p>Speaker directed the Committee on Commissions, Statutory Authorities and State Enterprises (COSASE) to scrutinize the management of Nakivubo Stadium and its remittances of taxes.</p>
	<p>Poor performance of Uganda in Rio Olympics</p>	<p>Statement made by Hon. Ssewanyana Aloizious</p>	<p>Government committed to avail more funds in FY2017/18 for sports infrastructure maintenance, talent development and national teams.</p>
<p>Closure of Makerere University hampering academic progression of students</p>	<p>Statement made by Hon. Adeke Ann</p>	<p>Speaker directed government to expedite its investigations into Makerere University and reopen it as a matter of Urgency. President instituted a visitation committee to investigate the operations of Makerere University</p>	

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 <p>Water and Environment</p>	<p>Illegal mining degrading Lwera wetland</p>	<p>Statement made by Hon. Babirye Mary Kabanda</p>	<p>Speaker directed Committee on Natural Resources to investigate illegal sand mining in Mpigi, Kalungu and Wakiso districts. The Committee presented its report and Parliament made resolutions halting illegal sand mining in Lwera wetland and Lake Victoria until government addresses issues raised by the Committee.</p>
 <p>Communications</p>	<p>Disconnection of unregistered, unverified and invalidated SIM Cards subscriber identity module (SIM)</p>	<p>Motion moved by Hon. Winfred Kiiza</p>	<p>Motion was adopted and Parliament made resolutions urging government to extend the deadline for the registration, verification and validation exercise of SIM cards for not more than 1 year from May 2017.</p> <p>National Identification and Registration Authority (NIRA) was also urged to register and issue national identity cards at village levels so as to effectively facilitate SIM card registration, verification and validation.</p> <p>The Speaker referred to the Committee on Rules, Privileges and Discipline the Minister for Information, Communication and Technology for adhere to Parliament's resolution.</p> <p>Government extended the period of registration, verification and validation exercise of SIM cards from May 2017 to end of August 2017.</p>

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 <p>Works and Transport</p>	<p>Halting construction of new roads in FY2016/17</p>	<p>Statement made by Hon. Nzoghu William</p>	<p>Government made comprehensive commitments in Parliament to construct new roads for which funds were appropriated in FY2016/17.</p>
 <p>Accountability</p>	<p>Mismanagement of Uganda Telecom Limited (UTL)</p> <p>Failure by the National Medical Stores to supply medicines to health centers country wide due to financial constraints</p>	<p>Motion moved by Hon. Nandala Mafabi</p> <p>Minority Report by Hon. Nzoghu William on the Select Committee report on the management of UTL.</p> <p>Statement by Hon. Atim Ogwal Cecilia</p>	<p>Parliament constituted a select committee to investigate into the mismanagement of Uganda Telecom Company Limited. Majority and minority reports were presented and Speaker deferred debate to a later date. The reports highlight massive mismanagement of UTL.</p> <p>Speaker directed the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development to present to Parliament a statement on the status of the USD 200million loan from PTA passed by Parliament for activities that included funding of the National Medical Stores.</p>

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 <p>Agriculture</p>	<p>Delayed payment of tea nursery operators by National Agricultural Advisory Services (NAADS) in Kigezi region</p>	<p>Question to Prime Minister raised by Hon. Winfred Kiiza</p>	<p>Upon commitment and directive of Prime Minister, the tea nursery operators are being paid.</p>
 <p>Social Development</p>	<p>Misuse of alcohol in Uganda</p> <p>Illegal detention of children</p>	<p>Motion to introduce Private Members Bill moved by Hon. Namboze Betty Bakireke</p> <p>Matter of National Importance by Hon. Joseph Ssewungu</p>	<p>Parliament made a resolution and directed government to harmonize position with Hon. Betty Nambooze on the Alcohol Drinks Control Bill. Parliament is yet to receive a position on the Bill arising from the harmonization initiative.</p> <p>Parliament condemned illegal detention of the children as suspects in relation to the murder of the late Assistant Inspector General of Police, Andrew Felix Kaweesi.</p>
 <p>Health</p>	<p>Lack of comprehensive policy on hemophilia and solutions for Ugandans living with haemophilia</p>	<p>Motion by Hon. Ssewungu Joseph Gonzaga</p>	<p>Motion was adopted and Parliament made a resolution urging government to develop comprehensive policy on hemophilia and solutions for Ugandans living with haemophilia</p>

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	<p>Unfulfilled undertakings by Government</p>	<p>Questions, Statements and Motions by Opposition Members</p>	<p>Upon request by the Opposition in Parliament, Government made undertakings that are yet to be fulfilled. They included providing comprehensive responses on</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation of Informal training in Uganda • Harmonization of power connection charges • Roadmap to commencing oil production • Implementation of affirmative action in Busoga Region • Controversies surrounding payment of allowances to public servants working in hard to reach and hard to stay areas • Performance of AGOA and strategic goals of Uganda with regard to AGOA • Criteria for selection of national candidates for international posts • Equipping hospitals and health centres in Uganda • Status of Contingency Fund • Actualization of Qadhis courts • State of insecurity in Uganda • Status of the USD 200 million loan from PTA passed by Parliament



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