



The Republic of Uganda

STATEMENT

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TO

PARLIAMENT

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MINISTERIAL RESPONSE TO THE PARLIAMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA ON SELECTIVE CRITERIA BY GOVERNMENT TO ACCORD FALLEN DISTINGUISHED PERSONS STATE AND OFFICIAL BURIALS

Rt. Hon Speaker and Hon. Members, on Wednesday 20th November 2019 on the floor of Parliament, Hon. Amongin Jacqueline, Ngora District Woman MP raised concern over the selective criteria by Government to accord fallen distinguished persons state and official burials and the need for an eligibility criterion for state and official burials. My Ministry was directed to report to the House in that regard and undertook to present to the House a schedule of specific officers who qualify for state and official burials on Tuesday 17th December 2019.

Rt. Hon Speaker, The Ministry of Public Service is responsible for the management of State and official Burials through existing government institutions. The current management of State and Official burials is premised on the following statutory instruments:-

The Constitution of the Republic of Uganda, 1995. ii. Emoluments and Benefits of the President, Vice President and Prime Minister Act, 2010. iii. Parliament (Remuneration of Members) Act, Cap. 259. iv. Public Service Standing Orders 2010 for civil servants and other public officers outside the purview of the above legislation. v. Circular Standing Instruction No.1, 2005 on Guidelines for handling of political leaders and other dignitaries after demise (CSI No. 1. 2005).

According State and Official is intended to ensure that State and Official funerals observe and adhere to the strict rules of protocol, to honour people of national significance and commemorate the memory of former Heads of State, senior public officers and other prominent Ugandans in line with the above regulation.

Rt. Hon Speaker and members the current provisions of the State and Official Burial has come under scrutiny and has had implementation challenges ranging from Selection criteria, Benefits /funeral package that are provided for those accorded as well as required finances. It is in the above regard that the issue of selective criteria by Government to accord fallen distinguished persons state and official burials and the need for an eligibility criterion for state and official burials arises.

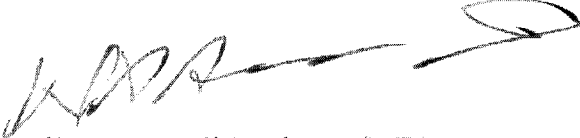
I wish to report that My Ministry has embarked on development of a comprehensive National Burial Policy to address the challenges of the current provisions. The main objectives of the proposed policy are as follows:-

- i. To harmonize the policy and regulatory framework for the management and holding of State and Official funerals, days of mourning and burial ceremonies in Uganda.
- ii. To guide Government in the planning, organizing, conducting, and attending various State and Official Funerals ceremonies.

Rt. Hon. Speaker, as I conclude I would like to inform you that the Draft National Burial Policy is in place and shall soon be submitted to Cabinet for approval upon which you will be informed accordingly.

I submit

FOR GOD AND MY COUNTRY



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