



MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION OF PARLIAMENT URGING GOVERNMENT TO PROMOTE FRUIT PRODUCTION IN THE NORTH AND EASTERN UGANDA BY PARTNERING WITH INVESTORS IN THE SECTOR AND OUTGROWERS IN THE CATCHMENT AREAS OF SOROTI FRUIT FACTORY

WHEREAS the Constitution of the Republic of Uganda under objective IX of the National Objectives and Directive Principles of State Policy provides for the Right to development and enjoins the state to encourage private initiative and self-reliance in order to facilitate rapid and equitable development;

AND WHEREAS the Constitution under objective (XI) of the National Objectives and Directive Principles of State Policy sets out the state's duty to stimulate agricultural, industrial, technological and scientific development by adopting appropriate policies and enactment of enabling legislation;

RECALLING THAT Commercial fruit production for domestic consumption and export had been successfully undertaken in the 1960s under Government run schemes at Kiige, Ongino and Odina. These schemes produced various citrus fruits that supplied Nairobi, Uganda, Rwanda and Burundi but collapsed due to political turmoil in the mid-1970s;

AWARE THAT Government has formulated strategies, plans, projects and policies like the Poverty Eradication Action Plan(PEAP), Prosperity for All(PFA), Modernisation of Agriculture (PMA), the Farm Income Enhancement and Forest Conservation (FIEFOC) Project, and the Water for Agricultural Production Project where three other schemes of Kiige in Kamuli District, Ongino in Kumi District,

Odina in Soroti District will be rehabilitated all aimed at increasing productivity and incomes of farmers as well as providing water for irrigation for agriculture;

RECOGNISING THAT Uganda has fertile soils, conducive climate and Government policy that is highly supportive to fruit production as a strategic export, this great production potential, the increasing domestic and regional demand is not satisfied and the processing of fruits is low because of no large scale fruit growers at the moment. Fruits are produced exclusively as a smallholder crop in the Northern and Eastern regions under rain-fed conditions and this seasonality in production affects supply;

FURTHER RECOGNISING THAT there is demand for fruit juices however, Uganda's fruit industry is not that developed to meet this demand hence a range of fruit juices are imported into the country. Also important to note is the increasing number of fruit out growers in Northern and Eastern regions though with several challenges like high incidences of pests, fake/low quality agricultural inputs like fertilizers, limited or nonexistent irrigation, Weak farmers' organizations' which affects productivity;

NOTING THAT the above challenge can be overcome by Government partnering through joint venture with investors in fruit processing and out growers in Northern and Eastern region to enhance sustainable fruit production for raw materials to the fruit industries;

FURTHER NOTING THAT Parliament is the voice of the people and is mandated to ensure people's issues are voiced out to Government;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by this House that government is urged:

- 1) To promote fruit production in the Northern and Eastern region by partnering with investors in the sector and out growers within the catchment areas of Soroti fruit factory;

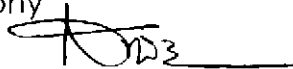
- 2) To strengthen primary cooperative societies through mobilization of all farmers to join the cooperatives;
- 3) To enable banking and collective marketing of fruits through provision of trucks to the farmers' cooperative societies; and
- 4) To control pests and diseases through provision of Agro Chemical and motorized spray pumps.

I beg to move.

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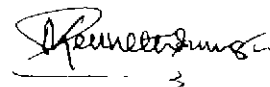
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