



MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION OF PARLIAMENT TO COMMEND THE RT. HON. REBECCA ALITWALA KADAGA FOR CONSISTENTLY UPHOLDING AND PROTECTING UGANDA'S CULTURAL VALUES DURING THE 139TH INTER PARLIAMENTARY UNION ASSEMBLY WHICH TOOK PLACE IN GENEVA

WHEREAS the 139th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) was held in Geneva, Switzerland from 14th – 18th October, 2018 under the theme: "Strengthening the Global Regime for Migrants and Refugees: the need for evidence-based policy solutions";

AND WHEREAS the Speaker of Parliament, the Rt. Hon. Rebecca Alitwala Kadaga led Uganda's delegation that included Hon. Mourine Oso, Hon. Abdulatif Sebagala Sengendo, Hon. Rose Kabagye, Hon. Esther Anyakun, Hon. Paul Akamba and Hon. Francis Mwijukye to the 139th IPU Assembly;

NOTING THAT during the said IPU meeting, members of the Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights proposed an amendment to rules that could make it impossible for the General Assembly to change or debate anything passed by the Standing Committee;

NOTING FURTHER THAT such an amendment would be an avenue through which debate on the rights of Lesbian, Gays, Bisexuals and Transgenders who are commonly known as homosexuals would be entertained by the General Assembly, thereby disregarding views and values on same sex marriages by African, Arab and Asian representatives;

RECALLING THAT the Rt. Hon. Speaker took a firm decision and rallied various delegates in different geopolitical regions to support the motion which could allow the Assembly to intervene in the choice of topic for discussion;

CONSIDERING THAT the Rt. Hon. Speaker has consistently and eloquently exhibited leadership, courage and firmness at earlier IPU Assemblies, for

example, at the 138th IPU Assembly in Geneva, Switzerland where she objected to the unfair move of tabling homosexuality on the agenda and at the 127th IPU Assembly in Canada where she famously rejected the forceful imposition of foreign sexual practices on Africans which are contrary to our cultural norms and values;

APPRECIATING the brave performance by the Rt. Hon. Speaker in defending cultural norms and values of Africans in general and Ugandans, in particular, which norms and values shape the future direction of this great nation, and above all, aspire to uphold the Constitution of the Republic of Uganda.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by this 10th Parliament to:

1. Congratulate the Rt. Hon. Rebecca Alitwala Kadaga, the Speaker of Parliament of Uganda and urge her to remain firm in her persistent commitment to uphold African values.
2. Appeal to members of IPU and the international community to respect cultural values and aspirations of each member state.
3. Urge all Ugandans to wholly remain firm in defense of our values and opposition to foreign sexual practices such as homosexuality.
4. Urge Ugandan officials who engage in international business on behalf of Uganda to, at all times, promote her interests rather than those of other nations.
5. Urge government to identify and deal firmly with Non-Governmental Organizations which serve as the main conduit for dissemination and promotion of homosexuality and other decadent practices in Uganda.

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