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STATEMENT BY HON. MINISTER OF FINANCE PLANNING AND  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ON DELAY IN FULFILLING THE  
PRESIDENTIAL PLEDGE ON BICYCLES FOR LC1 LEADERS

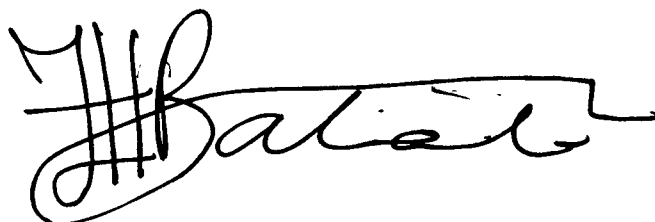
Rt. Hon. Speaker, I take note of the concern raised by the Hon. Member of Parliament representing Butaleja, Hon. Mugeni Milly over the delay in fulfilling H.E The President's pledge on bicycles for LC1 Leaders.

Rt. Hon Speaker, H.E the President pledged to provide every Local Council (LC1) Chairperson at village level in the country with a bicycle as a means of transport to effectively carry out Government programmes and activities.

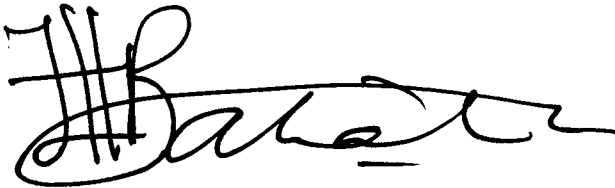
Indeed during financial year 2010/2011, my Ministry provided funds amounting to approximately Shs 11bn for purchase of bicycles for LC1 Leaders. To this end, the Government mandated the Ministry of Local Government to procure Seventy Thousand (70,000) bicycles. These would have been enough to cover all the LC1 Leaders then.

I note that whereas the Ministry of Local Government was provided with adequate budget for the purchase of bicycles for LC1 Leaders, the procurement process was mismanaged; and consequently the bicycles were not delivered. Government preferred legal action against the officers who mishandled the process and this case is still in the anti-corruption court.

Due to Government over committing resources in infrastructure development; coupled with resource constraints, it has not been possible to identify and provide funds for procurement of the bicycles. We also had to handle other related emerging pressures. For example, we had to provide vehicles to LC5 Chairpersons and Resident District Commissioners (RDCs) in order to ease their movement in overseeing implementation of Government programs.

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Accordingly, it has not as yet been possible to fulfil <sup>thus</sup> ~~the President's~~ pledge to the LC1 Leaders. However, this this is programmed for FY 2021/22, given the numerous pressures in the FY 2020/21.

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