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THE MOVEMENT ACI, 1997.
AN ACr to make provision for the movement political system pursuant to article 70 of the Constitution and for related matters.

Whereas article 271 of the Constitution provides that the first presidential, partiamentary, local govermment and other public elections after the promulgation of the Constitution shatl be held under the movement political system;

AND whereas article 70 of the Constitution describes the nature of, and defines the principles to which the movement political system shall conform and provides in clanse (2) as follows-
"(2) Parliament may-
(a) create organs under the movement political system athl defind llatir roles; ant!
(b) preseribe from time to time any other demestatic principle of the movement political system, as it may consider necessary":

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Now therefore be it enacted by Partiament as follows-

Part I-Preliminary.
Shan tille. $\quad$ I. This $\Delta \mathrm{ct}$ maty be ciled as the Movement $\Lambda \mathrm{ct}, 1997$.

Inter. pretntion.
2. In this Act unless the context otherwise requites-
"Chairperson" means the Chairperson of the National Conference and of the Natiogal Execotive Commitlec:
"Director" means a Director of the Secretariat appointed under section 13 of this Act;
"district" includes a city;
"Jeadership training centre" means a centre established for the purpose of promoting political cducation; "Movement" means the movement political system referred to in article 70 of the Constitution;
"National Conference" or "Conference" means the National Conference of the Movement established by section 4 of this Act;
"National Exccutive Commillec" meàns the National Exccutive Committee established by section 10 of Whis Act;
Wational Political Commissar" means the National . $:$ : Political Commissar appointed under section 13 of this Act;
"parish" includes "ward";
"Secretarial" means the Secretariat of the Movement cstablished by section 13 of this Act;
"subecounty" includes a division in a city or municipality. Part II-The Movement. -

Part ill-Organs under Movement.
4. (1) The Movement shall have a National Conference which shall be the lighest organ under the Movement.
(2) The other organs under the Movement are-
(a) the National Executive Committec;
(b) the Secretariat of the Movement;
(c) District Movement Committees;
(d) Division and Municipal Movement Committees;
(c) Sub-county Movement Committees and Town Movement Committees:
(f) Parish Movement Committees; and
(g) Village Movément Commillees.
(3) The National Conference slatl be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal and may sue or be sued in its name in respect of the rights and obligations of all movement organs.
(4) The National Political Commissar shall be responsible for receiving all process of Court and other legal documents on behalf of the National Conference.
5. (1) The National Conference shatl consist of the following persons-
(1) He Clairperwor:
(b) Hic Vice-Chairpersem;
(c) the National Political Commissar;
(d) all members of Parfiament;
(c) all members of every Districa Execulive Commillee:
(1) the Chairpetsons of all Division and Municipal Movement Conmittees;

Composition
(g) the Chairperson of every subcounty movement commilue: $\quad$ -
(h) the Chairperson of every town council movement Committec:
(i) Five members of the National Womens' Executive Committec under the National Womens' Council Stante, by93, clecacal by the National Womens. Executive Commillec;
(j) five members of the National Youth Execulive Committec under the Youth Council Statute, 1993 clected by the National Youth Executive Committee:
( $k$ ) five representatives of the National Organisation of Trade Unions, elected by the National Executive Committee of the National Orgamisation of Trade Unions;
(l) five representives of the National Union of Disabled persons of Uganda, elected by the National Exccutive Commiltec of that Union:
(m) ten representatives of the Uganda Peoples Defence Forces, elected by the Uganda Peoples Defence Forces Council;
(n) five representatives of the Uganda Police Force. clected by the Police Council:
(o) three representatives of the Uganda Prisons Service;
(p) all Resident District Commissioners who shall b. : ex-officio members;
(q) ten representatives of the private business sector elected under the auspices of the Uganda National Chamber of Commerce and Industry;
(i) five representatives of the Vetcrans' Association.
(2) Where the person elected President of the Republic of Uganda is not the person elected Chairperson he or she shall be a member of the National Conference.
(3) There shall be a Chairperson of the Nattional Conference who shall be a person nominated by at least two hundred members of the National Conference from at least two thirds of atl the districts of Uganda and elected by the National Conference.
(4) There shall be a Vice-Clairperson of the National Conference who shall be a person nominated by at least two bundred members of the National Conference from al least two thirds of all the districts of Uganda and elected by the Conference.
(5) The Electoral Commission shall appoint a returning fficer for the purposes of conducting any elections under this section.
(6) The Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson may be removed from office by resolution supported by a majority of all members of the National Gonference on grounds of -
(a) inability to perform the functions of his or her office arising out of physical or mental incapacity;
(b) misbehaviour or misconduct;
(c) incompetence: or
(d) faiture to convene meetings of the National Comference or the National Executive Committe as required by law.
(7) The Chairperson and the Vice-Chairperson is each entitled to appear at any proceedings for his or her removal and - be represented there by a lawyer or other expert or person of his or her chaics.
6. The National Conference shall-
(a) initiate, formatate and evolve national consensus on key political, economic and social policies in Uganda;
 in politicalt, economic and social forlicies it the country;

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Natiunal Conference.
(c) advise on and review implementation of key mational policies: $\quad 6$
(d) advise the l.egistature and the Executive on the policy of the movement making such recommendations as it may think fit;
(c) promote national tulty and solidarity; and
(f) review the implementation of foverment proprammes and make appropriate recommendations on them to the Exccutive and the Legislature.

Role of Chairperson.
7. (1) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Chairpersor. shall-
(a) We Heat of the Movement and Chairperson of the National Conference androf the National Exccutive Committec;
(b) convene and preside over mectings of the National Conference and the National Executive Commituec:
(c) ensure that the policies and principles of the Movement are implemented; -
(d) be the Chief spokesperson' of the Movement:
(c) give guidance to organs of the Movement; and
(f) do any other thing necessary for the good of the Movement and for the proper implementation of Movement principles and policies in consultatiowith the National Excculive Commituce.
(2) The Vice-Chairperson shall assist the Chairperson in the carrying out of his or her functions under this section.

Mectings of National Conference.
8. (1) The National Conference shall ordinarily meet once in every two years.
(2) The National Conference may also have extraordinary meetings as and when necessary.
(3) All meetings of the National Conference shall be convened by the Chairperson by giving not less than thirty days notice in the national media.
(4) In the absence of the Chairperson meetings may be called by the Vice-Chaiperson in the mamer prescribed by subsection (3).
(5) The first meeting of the National Conference shat be convened by the President by giving not less than thinty days notice in the mational media.
(6) The Chaitperson of the Electoral Commission or a Commissioner designated by the Clairperson shall preside at any meeting for the election of a Chairperson of the National Conference.
(7) The Chairperson shall preside at an election of the Vice-Chairperson.
(8) The election of the Chairperson shatl be the first business of the National Conference at any time when the office of the Chairperson is vacant.
(9) An election, to the office of the Vice-Chairperson shatl be lield at the first meeting of the Nationat Conference after that oflice becomes vacime.
(10) Subject to the provisions of this section, all meetings of the Conference shall be presided over by the Chairperson or in his or her absence, by the Viec-Chairperson: - od in the absence of both of them, the meeting shall be presided oner by a member of the Conference clected by the members present.
(11) All decisions at a meeting of the Conference shall be taken by consensus; and, in the absence of a consensus, by the votes of a majority of members present and voting; except that in the case of an election, the vote shall be by secret ballot.
(12) The National Conference shall otherwise preseribe its own procedure for its meetings.
9. (I) At leas one quarer of the members of the National
 Chairperson or the Vice-Chairperson to convenc an extraordinary meeting of the National Conference, specifying. the agenda to be considered at that meeting.
(2) $1 \%$
 otherwise lails within a reasonable lime to respond to the recpuest made under subsection ( 1 ) ; or
(b) after receipt of the response of the Chairperson , Vice Chairperson to the request, at least one quarter of the members of the National Conference are dissatisfied with the response,
then at Icast one quarter of the members of the National Conference ${ }^{-}$ may, by written notice signed by them, call a special mecting, in this section refered to as a "requisition meeting" and the notice shatl be published in the national media appointing a date not less than thinty days from the date of publication of the notice, for the mecting and stating the place and agenda of the mecting.
(3) 1 meeting by requisitioh shall be presided over by the Chairperson or in his or her absence by the Viec Chairperson but in the absence of both of them or if they refuse or are unwilling to preside and a quorum has been realised. the members present shall elect one of their number other than the National Political Commissar to preside at the mecting.
(4) The Nationat Political Commissar shall act as. returning officer at an election under subsection (3).
(5) All decisions taken and resolutions passed by a meeting by requisition of the National Conference shall have the same effect as decisions and resolutions taken or passed at an ordinary mecting of the National Conference.
(6) All expenses incurred by members in organising a mecting by requisition shall be borne by the Movement.

Part iv-Committeles of Nationai. Confierincti.
: 10. (1) There shall be a National Executive Committee of - the National Conference.

National Excculive Committer.
(2) The Nattional Executive Committee shall be a standing committec of the National Conference.
(3) The National Executive Committee shall consist of -
(a) the Chairperson;
(b) the Vice-Chairperson;
(c) the Nattional Political Comminsar;
(d) the District Chairperson of every district:
(c) one member of Parliament from each district elected by the metnbers of Parliamen from the district;
(f) one third of the District Women Representalives in Partiament elected by those represemtatives laking into account regional balatice;
(g) two representatives of the Uganda Peoples Defence Forces elected by the Uganda Peoples Defence Forces Council from among representatives of the Uganda Peoples Defence Forces who are representatives of the Uganda Peoples Defence Forces in the National Conference;
(h) one representative of the Uganda Police Force from among the representatives of the Force in the Nathonal Comference:
(i) one representative of the Uganda Brisons Service from among the representatives of the Service in the National Conference;
(j) one representative of the private business sector elected from :mong the representatives of the privale
 National Chamber of Commerce and lodustry in the National Conference;
(k) one representative of the Velerans' Association from :mong: the represematives of the $\Lambda$ Assome: ation in the National Conference:
(l) one representalive of the persons with disabilities, from among the representatives of persons with disabilities in the National Conference:
(mi) one represconative of the Youth from among the representatives of the youth in the National Conference:
(II) one representative of the Workers from among their representatives in the National Conference.
$\left(\frac{3}{(\beta)}\right)_{\text {Where the person elected }}$
$(\mathcal{q})$ Where the person elected President of the Republic of Uganda is not the person elected Chairperson he or she shall be a member of the National Exccutive Committec.
11. (1) The National Exceutive Commitiee shall-
(a) initiate policy and other theasures considered by the National Conference;
(b) deal with policy matters on behalf of the National Conference;
(c) be responsible for the day-to-day affairs of the Conference;
(d) advise the National Conference on the performance ${ }^{\prime}$ of its functions; and
(c) perform such other functions as the National Conference may direct.
(2) The National Political Commissar shall be Secretary to the National Excculive Committec.
12. (1) The National Exccutive Commillec shall med for

(2) Mectings of the Commitue shall be convened by the Chairperson or in his or her absence by the Viec-Chairperson.
(3) Except in an emergency, a notice of mol Icss than foumern days shath he piven for exery mestanf of the Commillee
 mecting.
consensus: and in the absence of a comsensus, by a majority of the members present and voting.
(5) No member of the Committec shall have a second or casting vole.
(6) The Committec may otherwisc prescribe its own procedure for its mectings.

Part V-Secretarint of the Movemient.
13. (1) The Movement shall have a Secectariat headed by the National Political Commissar.
(2) The Chaitiperson shall submit to the National Executive Committec a list of not more than threc names of persons nominated by the Chairperson to be candidates for the office of National Political Commissar.
(3) The members of the National Executive Committec shall clect a National Political Commissar from the nomines submitted by the Chairperson.
(4) The National Political Commissar shall be Secretary to the National Conference.
(5) As Sccictary the National Political Commissar shall be responsible for the recoreling of the minutes of all procectings of the National Conference and shall perform such other functions as the National Conference may direct.
(6) The National Political Commissar may be removed from offiee by the Chaiperson on any of the following gromals-
(a) abuse of office:
(b) misconduct or misbehaviour;
(c) physical or mental incapacity, namely that he or she is incapable of performing the functions of his or her office by reasen of physical or mental incapacity:
(d) mismamagement; or
(e) incompetence.
(7) Where the question of the removal of the National 'olitical Commissar from oflice under paragraph (c) of subcliuse 6) arises, the Chairperson shall request the professional head of nedical services of Uganda to constitute a Medical Board :omprising five qualified and eminent medical specialists to :xamine the National Political Commissar and to report its finding in his or her state of healdh to the Chaiperson.
(8) The Chairperson shall cause the National Political Sommissar to be informed within twenty four hours of the onstitution of the Medical Boated: and the National Political Vommissar shall submit himself for herself to the Medical Board or examination within seven days.
(9) If the Medical Board determines that the National. 'olitical Commissar is by reason of plasical or menta mapacity mable: forentom the functions of that wifice, the Chatperson shall hake steps to remove him or her from office.
(10) If the Medical Boad, after the expiration of the eriod of seven days referted to in subsection (8) reports that the lational Political Commissar has fated or refused to submit

 om office.
(11) There shall such mamber of Direcooss and Depmey
 centres as the National Exectave Commillee may establish within the Secretariat.
(12) The Dircelors and Depuly Dircclors shall be appoined by the Chairperson with the appoval of the National lixcentive ( ommillere.
(13) There shall be such number of other staft as the National Excculive Commillec may appoint.
(14) Public officers may be seconeted to the Secretariat for enabling the Secretariat to carry out its functions.
14. (1) The National Exccutive Committec may, by resolution supported by more than half of all members of the Commiltce, pass a vote of econsure against the National Political Commissar on any of the following grounds-.
(a) abuse of office:
(b) misconduct or misbchaviour:
(c.) physical or mental incapacity. namely that he or she is incapable of performing the functions of his or her office by reason of physical or mental incapacity;
(d) mismanagement; or
(e) incompetence.
(2) Upon a vote of censure being passed against the National Political Commissar, the Chairperson shall, unless the National Political Commissar resigns his or her office, lake appropriate action in the matter which may include any of the following-
(a) reprimand:
(b) suspension; or
(c) dismissal.
(3) Proceedings for censure of the National Political Commissar shall be initiated by a pectition to the Chairperson signed by not less than one third of all members of the National Executive Commillee giving notice that they are dissatisfied with the conduct or performance of the National Political Commissar and intend to move a motion for a resolation of censure and setung out particulas of the grounds in support of the motion.
(4) The Chairperson shall, upon receip of the petition, caluse a copy of it to be given to the National Political Commissar:
(5) The motion for the resolution of censure shall not be debated until the expiry of thirty days after the petition was sent to the Chairperson.
(6) The National Political Commissar is entitled during the debate to be heard in his or her defence.
(7) This section shatl apply to a Director and a Deputy Director as it applies to the National Political Commissau:
15. Under the direction of the National Political Commissar, the Secretariat shall-.-
(a) be responsithe for giving elfect to the decisions of the National Conference and the National Executive Commilles:
(b) be responsible for mational mobilisation of the people and to lawilitate the discharye of the finctions of the National Combenace and the Natomal IExcomive Commillec;
(c) be responsible for providing administrative and secretarial services to the National Conference and the National Executive Commillec; and
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 known as the District Movement Commillee.
(2) The District Movement Committe shall consist of( 1 ) Whe Chaipperson of the Commiltec:
 ex-of/ficion member:
(c) atl members of the District Council;
(d) all Chairpersons of City Division Councils and Municipal Councils;
(e) all Chaipersons of Sub-comaty Comacils or Town Councils in the district:
(f) all Chairpersons of County Councils in the District;
$(g)$ all members of Partiamen from that district;
(h) one representative of the private business sector elected under the auspices of Uganda National Chamber of Commerce and lndusrty branch in cach disurict; and
(i) one representative of lhe Veterans' Association clected by the Association branch in cach district.
(3) The Chairperson of the District Movement Committee shall be a person nominated by at least one quarter of the members of the District Movement Committec and elected by the Committec.
17. The District Movement Commillee shall be responsible to the National Executive Committec for policy matlers of the Movement with regard to the district.
18. (1) A District Movement Committec shall meet al Ienst once in every four month.s.
(2) Mectings of the District Movement Committec shall be convened by the Chairperson of the Committec.
(3) Each District Movement Committee shatl have a Secretary who shatl be appointed by the Chatiperson of the Committee from anmong the members of the Committee and with the approvat of the Commitlee.
19. (1) There shall be for every Division within a Ciay and for every Municipality, a Division Moventent Commillec, or, als the case may be, a Municipal Movement Committee.
(2) The members of the City Division Council or of the Municipal Council shatl, as the case maty be constitute the inembers of the Division or Manicipal Movement Committee.
(3) The Chairperson of each parish movement committe shall be a member of the Division Movemen Committee or as the case may be, the Municipal Movenient Committee of the Division or Municipality in which the parish falls.
(4) The Champerson of the Division or the Manticipat Movement Commitlee shall be a person nominated by at least one quarter of the members of the Division or Municipal Movement Committee and elected by that Committee.
(5) A Division or Municipal Movemen Commiltee shatl be responsible to the District Movement Committee in whose jurisdiction the Division or Municipality falls for policy matters of the Movement with regard to the Division or the Municipality.
20. (1) $\wedge$ Divisiom of Mamicipal Movement Commbitece shall mee al least ance in every fom momath:
(2) Meetings of the Commitlee shall be convened by the Chairperson of the Committee
(3) Each Division or Municipal Movement Commillee
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(2) The members of the sub-county or the town council shall, as the case may be, constitute the members of the subconnty or town movement commitue.
(3) The Chairperson of each parish movement committee shall be a member of the sub-county or as the case may be, the town movement committee of the sub-county or town in which the parish falls.
(4) The Chairperson of the sub-county or the town council movement committee shall be a person nominated by at least one quarter of the members of the sub-county movement or town council movement committec and elected by that Committec.
(5) $\wedge$ sub-county or town council movement commituce shatl be responsible to the District Movement Committec in whose jurisdiction the sub-county or town falls for policy matters of the Movement with regard to the sub-county or the town council.
22. (1) A sub-county or town council movement committe shatl meet at least once in every four months.
(2) Mectings of the committee shall be convened by the Chairperson of the committec.
(3) Each sub-county or town council movement committec shall have a Secretary who shall be appointed by the Chairperson of the committec from among the members of the committee and with the approval of the committee.
23. (1) There shall be a parish movement committec for ${ }^{\text {ip }}$ cuery parish.
(2) A parish movement committec shall consist of all members of the parish council.
(3) The Chaiperson of each village movement committe shall be a member of the parish movement committee of the parish in which the village lalls.
(4) The Chaiperson of the parish movernent commillee shatl be a person nominated by at least one quater of the members of the parish movement committee and eleced by the commitlee.
(5) A parish movement committee shatl be responsible to the sub-county moventin committee in whose jurisdiction the parish fatls, for policy matters with regard to the parish.
24. (1) $\wedge$ parish movement committee shatl meet at least once in every three momblas.
(2) Meetings of the parish movement committee shall be convened by the Chairperson of the committee.
(3) Each parish movement committee shall have a Secretary who shall be appointed by the Chaitperson of the committee from among the members of the cosmittee and with the approval of the committee.
25. (1) There shall be a village movement commitice for every village.
(2) $\wedge$ village movement committee shall consist of all the adult members of the village.
(3) The Chairperson of the village local council shall be the Chairperson of the village movement commillee.
(d) The villape movement commillee shall be responsible to the parish movement commattee within whose jurisdiction the village falls, for policy matters of the movement with regard to the village.
26. (1) $\wedge$ village movement committee shall meet at least mice in every monll.
(2) Mectings of the village movement committee shall be convened by the Chairperson of the committee.
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 approval of the committec.
Part VII-Gi:neral..
27. The summon of the National Comferames. the National Executive Commitece and any other organ under the Movenent for any meeting shatl be one quater of the membership of that organ.
28. The National Conference, the National Execulive Committee and any other organ under the Movement may act notwithsianding any vacancy in its membership.
29. Parliament may, by resolution, prescribe other democratic principles of the Movement for the purposes of patiagraph (b) of clatuse (2) of article 70 of the Constitution.
30. The National Exccutive Commiltec may appoint standing and other committecs to assist it in the discharge of its functions under this Act.
31. (1) Before assuming the dutics of his or her office, the Chairperson, Vice Chairperon or National Political Commissar shall take and subscribe the oalt of office specified in the Schedule to this Act.
(2) The oath of office prescribed by this section shall be administered by the Chief Justice or by a Judge designated by the Chicf Justice.
32. (1) The funds of the Movement shall consist of-
(a) monies as may be from time to time be appropriated by Parliament:
(b) grants and donations within or outside Uganda given with approval of the Minister responsible for finance.
33. The Movement ogans shall keep proper books of accoums and records in relation to them and the accounts shatl be andited and reported on by the suditor (ientaral in aceordance with article 163 of the Constitution.
34. Subject to this Act, the terms and condtions of service of members of the National Conference, the National Executive Committee and other organs under the Novemem and atso of employees of the Movement shatl be determined by the National Executive Commillee.
35. All assets and property of organs under the Movement shall be deemed to be assets of the State.
36. (1) Subject to the provisions of the Constitution, the term of the National Conference and the National Executive Commitlee and any odser organ of the Movement shall be live years commencing from the first meeting of the National Conlerence and thereatier for live years at a time.
(2) On the expiry of the five years prescribed in subsection (1) the office of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson and the National lolitical Commassar and that of the Sectetary of each other organ under the Movement shall become vacant but each such person shatl be eligible to be re-elected or re-appointed.
(3) Where any institution, association or body has :remesentative or whersmatives, as a member or members al th.
 the institution, association of body shalt, within the last sixty days of the period of five years specified in subsection (1), hold an election for the election of a representative or representatives on the National Conference or other organ.
 to be a member of the organ on the expiry of the five year period specified in subsection (1) but is eligible to be re-elected. i
(5) Where a person bolds any office in the Movement

 to hold that other office.
(6) Where a person is a member of the National Conference, or the National Executive Commitlee or a member of any ollar offan muler the Movement as a representative of any instimbion, association or body, han person may be recalled by that institution, association or body and upon being recalled, he or she shatl cease to be a member of that organ.
(7) $\wedge$ person shatl not be recialled mader subsection (6) except on the following grounds-
(a) What he or she has committed any ace incompatible with his or her position as a representative of that institution, association or hody in the Conference or other organ:
(b) inability to perform the functions of his or her office by reason of infirmity of body or mind:
(c) misbehaviour or misconduct:
(d) incompetence:
(c) persistent failure in attend mectings of the organ withoul reasonable excuse.
37. (I) The National Political Commissar shall ammally prepare and submit to the National Executive Commiltee a budget for the organs under the Movement.
(2) After the National Exccutive Commitice has approved the budget it shall be submitted to the Minister responsible for finance in accordance with article 155 of the Constitution, in like manner as for a department of Goveriment.
38. (1) The Menister responsible for the administmand of this Act, may, by statheny instrument, make regulatom; bor catrying into elfect the provisions of this se and the purposes of the provisions of the Constitation retating to the Movement.
(2) Withou prejudice to the general elfect of stibsection (1), regulations may be made under that subsection-
(a) for carying into effee any democratic primeiple of the Novernean preseribed by l'arliansen under section 29 of this Act;
(b) regulating the mething of the District Movenemt Committees, Division movement commbllees Municipal movement commintes. sub-commy movement commiltees, lown cotacil movement commitlees, parish movement commitlees and village movenien committes:
(c) Aegulating the conduct of any elections whe hed for the purposes of this Act.
39. (1) This Act shat only have eflied when the movement political system is in force in Uganda.

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1. swear in the mane ${ }^{-1}$
 serve the Repoblic of Upanda in the oflice of Chainperam. Vice Chairperson of the National Conference/National Political Commissar/and will support and uphold the Constitution of the Republic of Uganda as by law established. (Sa help me Got).
