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STATEMENT ON THE SANCTIONING OF THE SPEAKER OF PARLIAMENT OF UGANDA BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM

Kampala, Wednesday 2nd May 2024

The Republic of Uganda is a stable democracy that enjoys cordial relations with the vast majority of States in the family of nations. Our political landscape, since 1986, has continued to evolve in peace and stability bolstered by the faith of its People as the hallmark of the NRM Government. Our standing in the region and internationally has reflected the dividends of this peace and stability.

The Parliament of the Republic of Uganda reflects the legitimate voice and aspirations of the Ugandan people. It is with surprise, that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Uganda learnt, of a statement issued on the official website of the United Kingdom Government on 30th April 2024, announcing the imposition of sanctions on 'Ugandan politicians charged with corruption'. The case referred to under the UK's *Global Anti Corruptions Sanctions regime* concerning two former Ministers Hon. Mary Goretti Kitutu and Hon. Agnes Nandutu, represents the first time that it is applied with respect to Uganda. It glosses over the fact that the two cases mentioned had been uncovered by the government's own investigative Agencies and are currently being handled under the Ugandan Courts of Law. The two on the charge sheet, therefore, remain under the presumption of innocence until proven guilty.

The third person mentioned in the Sanctions regime is Rt. Hon. Anita Annet Among who is none other than the Right Honorable Speaker of Parliament of Uganda who has not been charged by the Director of Public Prosecutions in the above-mentioned cases. We therefore seek to find the rationale for actions taken by the British Government in this Sanctions designation.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs looks forward to engaging with the British High Commission in Uganda and the Government of the United Kingdom, with whom we maintain cordial relations, on this matter while mindful that sovereignty remains a cardinal principle in the bilateral relations between two countries.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'John Mulimba'.

Hon. John Mulimba,

Minister of State for Foreign Affairs/Regional Affairs