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Universal Periodic Review

### Report of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review\*

#### Uganda

Addendum

**Views on conclusions and/or recommendations, voluntary commitments and replies presented by the State under review**

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1. Uganda welcomes the recommendations made in the course of the review held on the 11<sup>th</sup> of October 2011 and after careful consideration, is pleased to provide the following responses, to be included in the outcome report.

2. Uganda has ratified all the major UN Human Rights Conventions and is committed to continuing the process of accession to developing norms and standards.

### **Not accepted**

3. Recommendations 112.1, 112.2, 112.32, 112.33, 112.34, 112.35, 112.36, 112.37, 112.38 on the abolition of the death penalty are **not accepted**.

4. The recommendation did not enjoy the support, during the course of country-wide constitution-making consultative processes.

5. However, the Supreme Court has ruled, and the Government accepts that after 3 years, a death sentence which is not enforced is automatically commuted to life imprisonment, without remission.

6. Recommendations 112.10, 112.11 and 112.12 are **not accepted**.

7. The provisions on the Convention on Statelessness are not entirely in conformity with provisions of our constitution and laws relating to the acquisition of nationality.

8. Recommendations 112.25, 112.26, 112.27, 112.28, 112.29, 112.30, 112.31 with respect to Standing Invitations.

9. We will continue to consider requests for country visits on a case by case basis. We would also like to re-iterate that equal attention should be given to Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.

10. Recommendation 112.42 is vague, and thus **not accepted**.

### **Partially accepted**

11. Recommendations 112.3, 112.4, 112.5 and 112.7 with respect to ratification of OPCAT do not currently enjoy support, and are **not accepted**. However, we **accept** that its provisions are to be adopted into proposed national legislation. We are glad to report that we have in place the Prohibition and Prevention of Torture Bill, 2012, which incorporates important provisions of the Convention.

12. Recommendation 112.6 is partly accepted for reasons mentioned above, but with respect to discrimination against women is **accepted**.

13. Recommendation 112.9 is **partly accepted**.

14. The Government should point out that, currently, the issue does not apply to our national context. However, we will study the issue further, with a view to providing a remedy where the situation arises and merits consideration.

### **Accepted**

15. Recommendations 112.13, 112.14, 112.16, 112.17, 112.18, 112.19 are **accepted**.

16. Government reports that it has proposed the Prohibition and Prevention of Torture Bill, 2012, which incorporates important provisions of the Convention.

17. Recommendations 112.8 and 112.22 and 112.23 are **accepted**.
  18. The Government has been deeply committed to the advancement of women's rights. We have established mechanisms to promote the assumption into political office of women, and provided educational opportunities on an affirmative action basis for girls and women.
  19. The Marriage and Divorce Bill is currently before the relevant Committee of Parliament for scrutiny. It has far reaching proposals to deal with marital rights and duties, cohabitation, separation and property rights. We therefore accept these recommendations.
  20. Recommendations 112.20 and 112.21 are **accepted**.
  21. The Public Order Management Bill has been withdrawn for further consultations. It is nonetheless important to achieve the delicate balance between rights, duties and responsibilities.
  22. Recommendation 112.24 is **accepted**.
  23. The Government accepts the recommendation on aligning our policies to the African Union policy framework regarding pastoralism.
  24. Recommendation 112.39 and 112.40 are **accepted**.
  25. Government is committed to fulfilling its commitments under ILO Conventions.
  26. Recommendation 112.41 is **accepted**.
  27. Government aims to achieve the AU Abuja Declaration target of 15 per cent for Health Budget.
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