

THE NGOMA RESOLUTIONS 2019

**BY
THE NATIONAL RESISTANCE MOVEMENT
PARLIAMENTARY CAUCUS RETREAT**

NGOMA, 19TH MARCH 2019

WHEREAS WE, Members of the National Resistance Movement (NRM) Parliamentary Caucus have been assembled in a Retreat at the National Leadership Institute, Kyankwanzi, from the 13th March to the 19th March 2019;

WHEREAS we convened under the theme "INDUSTRIALISATION FOR JOB CREATION AND SHARED PROSPERITY", to review: progress in the implementation of the NRM Manifesto 2016 -2021, our work as legislators, and to foster unity and cohesion amongst ourselves;

AND WHEREAS we have deliberated in a cordial manner, and in the sagacious and guiding presence of our National Chairperson and President of Uganda, His Excellency Yoweri K. Museveni - who delivered the Key Note Address of the Retreat titled "Building a Resilient, Integrated and Self Sustaining Economy", as well as a foundational paper titled "Understanding Ideology and Society";

HAVING DEEPLY considered all the presentations and carefully listened to one another;

WARMLY APPRECIATIVE of the overall guidance of the Central Executive Committee (CEC) and the Chobe CEC Retreat Resolutions;

EVER MINDFUL of our duty to the membership of the Movement, the entire Ugandan and African people;

SALUTING the resource persons of the Retreat for their commendable expertise and competence;

HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

1. IDEOLOGY AND LEADERSHIP:

a). To deeply appreciate and salute the leader of our revolution and our Movement, as well as President of Uganda, Gen. Yoweri K. Museveni;- for his visionary, bold, courageous, steadfast and

consistent leadership of our people in their struggles against dictatorship and for democracy and freedom - spanning more than 50 years;

b). To warmly and strongly recommend to the membership of the NRM and our national leadership organs, the continuation in leadership of both state and party up to 2021 and beyond - of our beloved leader, Gen. Yoweri K. Museveni;

c). To strongly endorse His Excellency Yoweri K. Museveni as our sole candidate for election as National Chairperson of the NRM and President of Uganda in 2020 and 2021 respectively. We note with pleasure, his acceptance;

d). To warmly commend and salute the Central Executive Committee, for leading the way during the Chobe Retreat, for the Resolutions we are making and adopting today;

e). To promote and support the deepening of ideological study within the Caucus, and within the Movement at large;

f). To promote the deliberate mentoring and development of the ideological, political and technical cadreship for protecting the gains of our revolution, as well as securing the future of the Ugandan and African people;

g). To work to encourage all NRM Cadres to understand: the role of Science and Technology as the primer of all socio-economic change; the correctness of the four NRM ideological principles of Patriotism, Pan Africanism, Socio-Economic Transformation and Democracy; and the ten strategic bottlenecks that have hindered our growth and development;

h). To urge Government to ensure the development and implementation of an expanded education curriculum in all institutions - to cater for the patriotic and ideological development in the country;

i). To urge Government to urgently study the introduction of National Service for the Youth;

j). To warmly appreciate the fraternal and comradely delegations from the African National Congress and Chama Cha Mapinduzi for gracing our Retreat, and sharing their experiences in the struggle and party building.

2. THE ECONOMY:

a). To fully support the proposed National Development Plan (NDP) III Strategic Direction, with its overall goal of "Increasing Household Incomes and the Quality of Life";

b). To fully support the proposed strategies for implementing NDP III;

c). To fully support the adoption by Government of the Parish Development Model, as proposed by the Central Executive Committee - as the central pillar in the uplifting of the 68% of the population still bogged down in subsistence farming;

d). To fully support Government to do everything to bring down the cost of electricity to at least US5 cents for manufacture, etc;

e). To work to ensure that our economy of four sectors - Commercial Agriculture, Manufacturing, Services, and ICT - absorbs and renders useful all our active population so that they produce goods and services for import substitution and export promotion, etc;

f). To fully support Government in bringing down the cost of money utilizing, for example, the Uganda Development Bank to handle the issues of the cost of money for agriculture, manufacturing, some aspects of services (tourism and hotels) and some aspects of ICT (BPOs, for instance).

g). To fully support Government in ensuring a more investor friendly atmosphere - free of delays and free of corruption of public

officials; and more wealth funds to convert our idle youth to owners of the small businesses across the four sectors.

3. THE WORKS AND TRANSPORT SECTOR:

a). To commend and congratulate the political and technical leadership of the Sector for a job well done, in meeting Manifesto Commitments;

b). To particularly commend the leadership of the Sector for the steady progress in the following areas: road upgrading projects; rehabilitation of the national road network; completion of bridges; completion and operationalization of ferries; procurement and distribution of road equipment units; expansion of Entebbe International Airport; the air transport sub sector; etc;

c). To remind the leadership of the Caucus to organize an interface in Kampala by the end of this month, between the political/technical leadership team of the Sector and members of the NRM Parliamentary Caucus. This is to ensure that the various questions and issues raised by members during the Retreat, relating to the implementation of programs, projects, etc in the Sector - across the country - are adequately and exhaustively addressed.

4. THE HEALTH SECTOR:

a). To commend and congratulate the political and technical leadership of the Sector for a job well done, in meeting Manifesto Commitments;

b). To particularly commend the leadership of the Sector for the steady progress and significant achievements in the following areas: Progress against the Health Sector Impact Indicators (Under 5 Mortality Rates, Infant Mortality Rate, Neonatal Mortality, Maternal Mortality Ratio), Life Expectancy; Progress in Implementation of Manifesto Pledges (availability of drugs for the elderly, etc), completion of works on hospitals; etc.

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5. THE ENERGY AND MINERAL DEVELOPMENT SECTOR:

a). To commend and congratulate the political and technical leadership of the Sector for a job well done, in meeting Manifesto Commitments.

b). To particularly commend the leadership of the Sector for the steady progress in the following areas: completion and commissioning of various power generation projects; initiatives to ensure reduction of retail electricity tariffs; improvements on existing transmission grid; completion of medium voltage lines; electrification of sub county headquarters; etc

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6. THE EDUCATION AND SPORTS SECTOR:

a). To commend and congratulate the political and technical leadership of the Sector for a job well done, in meeting Manifesto Commitments.

b). To particularly commend the leadership of the Sector for the steady progress in the following areas: achievements in the pre-Primary sub sector - in strengthening monitoring and supervision,

introducing early childhood development in PTCs, etc; in the Primary sub sector - in the construction of classrooms and teachers' houses, etc; provision of public secondary schools per sub county; completion and equipping of public tertiary institutions; provision of instructional materials for Secondary Schools; rehabilitation of traditional secondary schools; reform of lower secondary curriculum; the BTVET Sub Sector; etc.

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7. THE NRM PARLIAMENTARY CAUCUS:

To ensure:

a). That Members redouble efforts to defend and propagate the Party interests in Parliament;

b). That Members commit to fund their party by way of automatic deductions at source;

c). That the NRM Parliamentary Caucus reinvigorates zonal meetings, so that Members can present exigent issues and receive feedback from the National Chairperson;

d). That the Parliamentary Commission working in liaison with the NRM Parliamentary Caucus conducts refresher training for members on the conduct and procedures of Parliament;

e). That we commit ourselves to maintaining the highest levels of ideological, political and organizational discipline.

8. SOCIAL MEDIA:

a). To urge Government to increase budgetary support to the ICT Sector;

b). To urge Government to provide ICT and Social Media training for MPs;

c). To urge MPs and other leaders to actively take up the use of social media;

d). To urge closer monitoring by the state, of social media;

e). To urge the Sector leadership to ensure that the various gatekeepers are strengthened and beefed up;

9. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT:

To support the Constitutional Amendment proposed by CEC at the Chobe Retreat - to provide for lining up as a mode of election for internal elections and primaries.