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**THE PEACE AGREEMENT**

**BETWEEN**

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA**

**AND**

**THE UGANDA NATIONAL RESCUE FRONT II**

**THIS PEACE AGREEMENT** is made between the **GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA** and the **UGANDA NATIONAL RESCUE FRONT II, the Parties**, pursuant to the Ceasefire Agreement signed between the Parties on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of June 2002 and to the Peace Talks held from 16<sup>th</sup> December 2002 to 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2002 at State Lodge, Arua

WE, the Parties to this Agreement:

**AWARE** that Uganda in general and West Nile in particular has for a long time suffered political, social and economic instability;

**CONSCIOUS** that this instability has impaired development in West Nile and in Uganda at large;

**RECALLING** the desire of both the people and the Parties hereto for peace in the region;

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**MINDFUL** that any continuation of armed conflict shall perpetually prevent development in the region;

**BELIEVING** that the process of restoring peace, stability and development is now irreversible, as reflected in the spirit of mutual cooperation, trust, and goodwill between the Parties at the peace talks:

**NOW DO SOLEMNLY PROCLAIM** for and in the name of peace, stability and development in West Nile in particular and in Uganda at large, the urgent necessity:

- of bringing to a speedy and permanent end of armed conflict in all its forms and manifestations.
- of bringing total peace, security and good order throughout the region.

**AND TO THIS END DECLARE AND AGREE AS FOLLOWS:**

#### **ARTICLE I**

#### **CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES**

With effect from the signing of this agreement this 24th day of December 2002, all forms of hostilities between the Parties to this Agreement totally, permanently, and unequivocally cease.

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## ARTICLE II

### DISARMAMENT

Immediately after the signing of this agreement the UNRF II shall hand over all arms and ammunitions in its possession together with their inventory to the Uganda Peoples' Defense Forces (UPDF).

## ARTICLE III

### DISSOLUTION OF UNRF II AND THE DEMOBILISATION, REINTEGRATION AND RESETTLEMENT OF EX- COMBATANTS

1. With effect from the signing of this Agreement, the UNRF II shall for all intents and purposes stand dissolved.
2. Demobilisation and reintegration of the ex-combatants who are to resettle in civilian life shall be done concurrently within thirty (30) days after the signing of this Agreement. During that period the ex-combatants shall stay at Bidi-Bidi Camp as the Amnesty Commission processes their Amnesty Certificates and initial resettlement packages.
3. Government shall provide a sum of UGX 4,200,000,000 (Uganda Shillings Four Billion and Two Hundred Million) for the resettlement of all UNRF II ex-combatants.
4. The sum stated in Article III (3) above shall be made available within one year from the date of signing this Agreement. This period may however be extended if the circumstances relating to the mobilization of funds so warrant.

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## ARTICLE V

### DEVELOPMENT IN WEST NILE

1. UNRF II recognizes and appreciates on-going Government programmes in West Nile and calls upon Government to expedite their completion.
2. The Government recognizes the development programmes identified by the UNRF II as priority areas as reflected in the proceedings of the peace talks and agrees to embark on their implementation as soon as practicable.
3. The Government shall in conjunction with the Committee referred to in Article VII (2) herein convene the stakeholders' conference mentioned in Article VIII of the Ceasefire Agreement within four (4) months from the date of signing this Agreement.

## ARTICLE VI

### NATIONAL ISSUES

UNRF II recognizes steps taken by Government towards peaceful resolution of conflicts in other parts of the country and calls upon all other armed groups to abandon war and embark on peaceful resolution of conflicts.



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5. The UNRF II Chairman shall nominate ten (10) members of UNRF II whom Government shall facilitate to pursue further education.
6. The UNRF II Chairman shall further nominate sixteen (16) members of the UNRF II not covered in Article III (5) above whom Government shall assist to find gainful employment.
7. The UNRF II Chairman shall be provided with such assistance, as the Government shall deem appropriate.
8. Government shall facilitate the One Hundred and Thirty-Five (135) *Child Soldiers* who are interested in going back to school.

#### ARTICLE IV ?

##### INTEGRATION OF SELECTED UNRF II OFFICERS AND MEN INTO THE UPDF

1. Immediately after the signing of this Agreement, UNRF II ex-combatants who opt and qualify to join the UPDF shall be integrated into the UPDF.
2. It is agreed that the ex-combatants referred to in Article IV (1) above shall be issued with their Amnesty certificates after the signing of this Agreement and thereafter their initial resettlement packages shall be made available as soon as practicable.
3. The UNRF II officers who wish and qualify to join UPDF shall be allowed to retain their current ranks subject to passing appropriate examinations set and conducted by the UPDF.

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## ARTICLE VII

### IMPLEMENTATION

1. All disbursements relating to this Agreement shall be made by Government and other interested parties.
2. On dissolution of the UNRF II, the former members of the Front shall form a Committee through which they shall liaise with Government on matters relating to the implementation of this Agreement.
3. The Government shall whenever appropriate grant clearance for the Committee to solicit for funds from third parties to cover its operational expenses.
4. The Government agrees to provide office space for the Committee.

## ARTICLE VIII

### MISCELLANEOUS

1. The Parties recognize and appreciate the invaluable role played by the Aringa-Obongi Peace Initiative Committee (AROPIC) in the peace process and accordingly agree that a sum of UGX 200,000,000/= (Uganda Shillings Two Hundred Million) be extended to AROPIC to cover outstanding bills and winding-up expenses.
2. The Parties further recognize and appreciate the invaluable role played by the Government's development partners.
3. Government undertakes to facilitate the return of all UNRF II ex-combatants currently living in Juba and Khartoum, Sudan as soon as possible.

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DONE AT Yumbe this 24<sup>th</sup> day of December 2002

SIGNED.....  
Rt. Hon. ERIYA KATEGAYA  
First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Internal Affairs  
For and On behalf of the Government of the Republic of  
Uganda

In the Presence of:

Name: Maj Gen Toram Mugume

Signature: [Signature]

SIGNED.....  
Maj. Gen. ALI A. BAMUZE  
Chairman Uganda National Rescue Front II High Command  
For and on behalf of the Uganda National Rescue Front II

In the Presence of:

Name: Lt. Col Amis Akwaku

Signature: [Signature]





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## APPENDIX

**Mediator:** The Hon. Justice P.K.K. Onega, Chairman, Amnesty Commission

### **Government Delegation:**

#### **Political**

1. Hon. Francis J. Ayume, Attorney General
2. Hon. Zoe Bakoko Bakoru, Minister of Gender, Labour and Social Development
3. Hon. Agard Didi, Minister of State for Northern Uganda Reconstruction

#### **Technical**

1. Dr. S.P. Kagoda, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Internal Affairs - (Leader of Delegation)
2. Maj. Gen. Joram Mugume, Presidential Advisor on Military Affairs
3. Mr. Ahmed Mustafa Doka, Resident District Commissioner, Yumbe District
4. Mr. Okoth-Nyalulu, Resident District Commissioner, Arua District
5. Col. Hussein Adda, Camp Commandant, UPDF Headquarters, Bombo
6. Capt. Ruhinda Maguru, Special Duties, Office of the President



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**Uganda National Rescue Front II Delegation:**

1. Lt. Col. Amis Akuaku, Secretary General – (Leader of Delegation)
2. Mr. Noah Achikule, Political Commissar
3. Mr. Agotre Zubairi
4. Col. Yusuf Lubega
5. Lt. Col. Ismail Andi
6. Mr. Joseph Andeoye
7. Mr. Mahmood Angoliga
8. Mr. Grace Effort
9. Mr. Innocent Nyakuta
10. Mr. Pascal Piwang.

**Observers:**

1. Gen. Mustafa Adrisi
2. Mr. Sadat Aringa
3. Col. Nasur Izaruku
4. Mr. Daud Bule
5. Mr. Abubaker Alahai Buga
6. Mr. Haruna Sebbi
7. Mr. Al Haji Buruhan Ganyana Miuro
8. Mr. Benjamin Kazoora



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**Officials:**

1. **Mr. John B. Rujagaata Suuza**, State Attorney, Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs
2. **Mr. Caleb Alaka**, Advocate, Lukwago, Alaka and Company Advocates – Legal Counsel for UNRF II
3. **Mr. Barney Afako**, Consultant, Amnesty Commission - (Rapporteur).