



REPUBLIC OF UGANDA

THE PARLIAMENT OF UGANDA

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION OF PARLIAMENT ON THE BAN ON FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION TO BE PRESENTED AT THE 65TH SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

(Under Rule 43 of the Rules of Procedure)

WHEREAS Article 24 of the Constitution provides that no person shall be subjected to any form of torture or cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, and Article 32 of our Constitution provides that laws, cultures, customs and traditions which are against the dignity, welfare or interest of women which undermine their status, are prohibited;

REAFFIRMING THAT Female Genital Mutilation is a blatant violation of the human rights of women and girls which is committed in Uganda, African countries and worldwide;

AWARE THAT a Bill entitled '**Prohibition of Female Genital Mutilation**' was unanimously passed by the Parliament of Uganda and passed in to an Act on the 10th of December 2009 and assented to by H.E the President on 17th March 2010;

CONGRATULATING African Heads of State on their adoption in 2003 of the Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on the Rights of Women (Maputo Protocol), which in its Article 5 binds States Parties to prohibit and condemn all forms of Female Genital Mutilation and in particular to prohibit, through legislative measures backed by sanctions, all forms of Female Genital Mutilation, in order to eliminate the vice;

AWARE THAT the law is an essential element of the prevention and elimination of Female Genital Mutilation;

AND AWARE THAT African countries where Female Genital Mutilation is committed have not yet all domesticated the Article 5 of the Maputo Protocol to prohibit Female Genital Mutilation;

AND ALSO AWARE THAT of those countries which have domesticated Article 5 only few of them have implemented the provisions of laws prohibiting Female Genital Mutilation;

CONSIDERING THAT Female Genital Mutilation is a challenge to the international community as a whole, which needs to be addressed by the United Nations;

RECOGNISING THAT in the most recent Inter-parliamentary Conference held in Dakar, Senegal, on the 3rd and 4th of May 2010, it was resolved that each respective states presents and ensures the adoption of a Resolution at the next session of the UN General Assembly for a worldwide ban on female genital mutilation;

COGNISANT THAT the UN Resolution banning female genital mutilation will consolidate the measures that countries have agreed to take in order to facilitate the common goal on the fight against female genital mutilation and reaffirm the principles so clearly stated by the African Union in 2003.

NOW THEREFORE it is hereby resolved by Members of this Parliament that:

1. The Government of Uganda takes a lead role in sponsoring and soliciting support from African Countries to adopt a resolution banning FGM globally during the fourth coming AU summit on reproductive and maternal health due in July 2010 at Kampala.
2. Requests the Head of State, as well as the East African Community and the African Union, to present a Resolution banning female genital mutilation worldwide at the forthcoming 65th Session of the UN General Assembly in September 2010.
3. It registers its appeal to the UN General Assembly to adopt a resolution banning FGM globally at the 65th session of their meeting.

Moved by: Hon. Herbert Sabila, MP Tingey County, Kapchorwa District

Seconded by: Hon. Hon. Betty Amongi Ongom, MP Apac District

I certify that this resolution was passed by Parliament on the 8th day of June, 2010.



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Paul G. Wabwire
For: CLERK TO PARLIAMENT

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