



THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I am writing to inform everybody concerned, regarding the misinformation that we understand is being spread by some groups that Madame Slater and her organization, the Family Watch, prompted us or supported us, when we passed the Anti-Homosexuality Law. This is false. We did not need our young friend Sharon to prompt us to defend our heritage and our values, just as we did not need anybody from outside to fight colonialism, Idi Amin or neo-colonialism. To say so, is, actually, to insult us and misdirect oneself.

On the contrary, when Sharon spoke to us, she advised us about creating a safe haven clause for the homosexuals and for people with unwanted same sex attraction, to get help and not punishment.

Her comments, were actually helpful when I sent back the Bill to Parliament for reconsideration and recommending to them to stop efforts of criminalizing the mere fact of being a homosexual because, after careful analysis, we found out that it was not the individual's fault. We found out that homosexuality was not genetic or on account of hormonal imbalances, but psychological on account of some factors in one's history. That is why the law confined itself to anti-promotion of homosexuality and homosexual rapes.

Therefore, Madame Slater had nothing to do with originating, canvassing for or supporting the enactment of this law. Her comments concentrated on CSE and the ACP-EU Agreement.

Yoweri Kaguta Museveni

PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA

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