



## **MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION OF PARLIAMENT URGING GOVERNMENT TO STRENGTHEN EFFORTS FOR PROMOTING ROAD SAFETY IN UGANDA.**

(Moved under Rule 56 of the Rules of Procedure)

**Aware that** Uganda has in the recent years, institutionalized the annual commemoration of the National Road Safety Week with that of 2021 scheduled for 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> December.

**And further Aware that** Uganda as a Member of the United Nations General Assembly that adopted resolution A/RES/74/299 "Improving global road safety", has signified its commitment under the Second Decade of Action for Road Safety, to reduce road traffic deaths and injuries by at least 50% by 2030;

**And Further Aware that** the resolution A/RES/74/299 calls upon member states to continue action on all road safety targets- multimodal transport and land-use planning, safe road infrastructure, safe vehicles, safe road use and post-crash response.

**Cognizant** that the Traffic and Road Safety Act, 1998 (Amendment) Act, 2020 recognizes the need to promote road safety in Uganda through the strengthening of road transport regulation and road safety management; and the Government through the Ministry of Works and Transport (MoWT) has instituted a series of reforms to address some of the gaps in the legal and institutional frameworks governing road safety.

**Cognizant of** the raft of Statutory Instruments aimed at operationalizing the implementation of the Road Safety Act, notably:

- a) The Traffic and Road Safety (prescribed Alcohol limit) Regulations 2004,
- b) Traffic and Road Safety (Speed Limit) Regulation 2004,
- c) Traffic and Road Safety (Motorcycle) Regulations 2004,
- d) Traffic and Road Safety (Wearing of seat belt) Regulations 2004,
- e) Traffic and Road Safety (Restriction of use of mobile telephones) Regulations 2004,
- f) Traffic and Road Safety (Speed governors) Regulations 2004, and
- g) Traffic and Road Safety Act, 1998 statutory instrument 361-10.

**Noting that** globally, road traffic injuries remain the leading cause of death with millions of lives lost to crashes almost every day; hence the World Remembrance Day for Road Traffic Victims observed every third Sunday in November each year, as the “appropriate acknowledgement for victims of road traffic and their families.”; pay homage to those who have died on the world’s roads; advocate for better support for the victims and bereaved families; and promote action to save lives.

**Noting that** in Uganda, the Police Crime Report 2020 estimates deaths accruing to road traffic crashes at 3000 people while serious injuries average 13,500 people annually. The Uganda road crash severity index was 30 deaths per 100 crashes in 2019. The main risk behavior factors contributing to road carnage and injuries include high speed,

- drink driving, improper or non-use of helmets, seatbelts and child
- restraints.

**Further concerned that** road crashes and injuries have a significant impact on any country's GDP and the entire economy. The World Health Organization report (2017) on managing speed estimated that road traffic crashes cost countries approximately 3% of their GDP, with the economic losses in low- and middle-income countries equivalent to 5% of GDP (approx. 6.4 trillion shillings for Uganda's case.)

**NOW THEREFORE be it resolved by this Parliament that:**

1. The government increases funding for the road safety programmes and activities, specifically the Department of Traffic and Road Safety of the Ministry of Works and Transport and the directorate of Traffic Police for human resource and equipment.
2. The Ministry of Works and Transport considers reducing the Speed Limit for urban areas, high built up areas and school zones from 50 Km/ Hr to 30 Km/ Hr.
3. The Ministry reduces the Blood Alcohol Content (BAC) from the current 0.08mg/100ml to 0.05mg/100ml for the general drivers, 0.02mg/100ml for young and novice drivers and commercial drivers.
4. The Ministry of Works and Transporting liaison with other relevant agencies such as UNBS considers setting acceptable standards for helmets, seatbelts and child restraints to be allowed on the Market.

5. The Uganda Police Force strengthens enforcement of road safety laws and regulations, especially during this Month that we are nearing end of year holidays.
6. The Ministry of works and transport, Ministry of health and Uganda Police Force should work concertedly to improve the collection and management of road crash data.
7. Government strengthens measures to curb corruption between traffic offenders and the law enforcers on the roads.

**I beg to move:**

**Moved by: Hon. Alex Ruhunda (MP)  
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**Seconded by: Hon. Kamateneti Josyline (MP)  
DISTRICT WOMAN REPRESENTATIVE, NTUGAMO DISTRICT**

  
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