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His Excellency,

The President of the Republic of Uganda

Your Excellency,

**RE: PETITION TO HIS EXCELLENCE THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA
REGARDING THE ABSENCE OF A DESIGNATED STATE ATTORNEY IN LWENGO
DISTRICT**

Lwengo District NGO Forum, a civil society umbrella for all civil societies operating in Lwengo District, respectfully write to bring to your attention a matter of grave concern affecting the administration of justice and the rule of law in Lwengo District.

Our Forum exists to contribute to public policy dialogue through advocacy, networking, information sharing, and partnership in development. In this regard, we are deeply concerned by the continued absence of a designated State Attorney in Lwengo District.

Your Excellency, since 2010 when Lwengo got a district status, there has been no single designated State Attorney, despite having two Grade One Magistrates' Courts, located in Mbirizi and Kyazanga.

As a result, most criminal case files originating from Lwengo District are forwarded to Masaka City for sanctioning. This process has allegedly led to delayed justice, increased costs, and serious logistical challenges. In particular:

- a)** Suspects are allegedly detained in police custody beyond the statutory 48 hours, contrary to the law.
- b)** Police stations struggle with inadequate facilitation to transport files to Masaka.
- c)** Inmates spend excessive time in police cells awaiting prosecutorial guidance.
- d)** The absence of a State Attorney has negatively affected the rule of law and public confidence in the justice system.
- e)** Most of the sanctioned files are being heard in Masaka which has left Judicial Officers in Lwengo redundant.

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We further note with concern that Masaka City currently has over ten (10) State Attorneys, while Lwengo District, which is growing rapidly and experiencing a high crime rate, has none. This imbalance has greatly prejudiced access to justice in our District.

Your Excellency, we humbly request your intervention to ensure that at least two (2) State Attorneys are deployed to Lwengo District to address the growing prosecutorial demands and restore efficiency in the justice system.

We strongly believe that your timely intervention will not only strengthen the rule of law but also help protect and consolidate the gains of the National Resistance Movement (NRM) by ensuring justice is delivered promptly and fairly to the people of Lwengo District.

We humbly pray that Your Excellency you consider this petition.

Yours faithfully,



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