

The Hon. Jacob Oulanyah
The Deputy Speaker
Parliament of the Republic of Uganda
P. O. Box 7178 Kampala
Uganda

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Dear Hon. Jacob Oulanyah

REF: A VOTE OF THANKS TO THE 9TH PARLIAMENT OF UGANDA

On behalf of the Governing Council of Acholi Religious Leaders Peace Initiative (ARLPI) and on behalf of the entire population of Northern Uganda, especially the victims and survivors of the LRA war, and on my own behalf, we sincerely welcome the decision of the 9th Parliament of Uganda in restoring the Amnesty Act in Uganda.

Amnesty Act was introduced in Uganda, as a moral imperative to open the way for the victims of circumstances to be reintegrated into the communities where they first came from. It was absolutely imperative for the 9th Parliament of Uganda to act wisely, as it did, to restore the Amnesty Act in its entirety.

Thus, we are morally obliged to express our heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to all Members of the 9th Parliament of Uganda for their wise decision-making skills in restoring the Amnesty Act in Uganda. However, reinstatement of the Amnesty Act without Part II will be very much problematic, especially to the population of Northern Uganda whose aspirations would be badly wounded, if the matter is stalled.

We are, therefore, appealing to you to use your diplomatic influence to bear upon other Members of Parliament of Uganda to ensure that Part II of the Amnesty Act, which was lapsed by the Statutory Instrument of the Minister of Internal Affairs, is restored by Parliament of Uganda.

Please kindly send me a copy of the Resolution of the House concerning the reinstatement of the Amnesty Act in Uganda.

I am, therefore, looking forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenient time.

Yours Sincerely

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Secretary General, ARLPI
CC: Chairperson ARLPI
CC: Acting Programme Coordinator
CC: All Members of the Governing Council