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Rt. Hon Anita Annet Among,
The Speaker of The Parliament of Uganda,
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RE: WITHDRAWAL OF OUR SIGNATURES FROM THE MOTION FOR THE REMOVAL OF COMMISSIONERS HON ESTHER AFWOYOCHAN, HON MATHIAS MPUUGA, HON PROSSY AKAMPURIRA AND HON SOLOMON SILWANY.

Reference is made to the above cited censure motion and High Court Cause No. 0085 of 2024.

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Rt. Hon, Speaker we are part of the Members of Parliament who signed up or appended our signatures in support of the said Motion that was filed with the Clerk of Parliament by Hon Theodore Ssekikubo on the 5th August, 2024. At the time of filing the said Motion, the apparent issue then was that of the 'Service Award' which at the time we believed had been smuggled or passed without Parliamentary approval by the Commissioners and nothing else.

At the time, High Court Miscellaneous Cause No. 0085 of 2024: Bwette Daniel - Vs- Parliamentary Commission where a member of the Public being aggrieved by the decision and Service Award to the Four Commissioners, sought Judicial Remedies challenging the said award, had not yet been filed or we were not aware of its existence in Courts of Law. Rt Hon. Speaker, we only got to know of the resultant Ruling and Orders issued by His Lordship Justice Dr. Douglas Karekona

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Singiza on 12th August, 2024 legitimizing the issue of the 'Service Award' to the Four Commissioners, when your Letter to Hon. Theodore Ssekikubo Ref: SP/6 dated 16th August, 2024 titled **Motion For the Removal of Commissioners Hon Esther Afwoyochan, Hon Mathias Mpuuga, Hon Prossy Akampulira, and Hon Solomon Silwany** together with the reply to yours by Hon. Theodore Ssekikubo dated 19th August 2024, which were all posted in a Parliamentary whatsapp Group named "Anti-Corruption Group 11th Parliament."

Rt. Hon. Speaker, in your said letter, you ably guided that;

*"All aspects of the Motion have been well canvassed in the ruling of court and continuing with the same would not only be an action of legal mootness but also violate the **res judicata** principle as illustrated in the above decision."*

We note that, Hon. Theodore Ssekikubo at Page.1 – 2, Paragraphs 3 and 4 of his letter in reply to you stated that,

"Nonetheless, Rt. Hon. Speaker; this is to draw your attention to page.3 and page.4 of our motion as presented to the Clerk to Parliament on 5th August, 2024. It raises other grave matters of Misconduct, misbehavior as follows;

FURTHER NOTING THAT the said Backbench Commissioners of Parliament have been involved in massive abuse of Parliamentary Commission finds and siphoning money under illegal overlapping and unconscionable paid up trips abroad in contravention of the Leadership Code (Amendment) Act, 2017; the Public Finance and Management Act, 2015 among others."

Hon. Theodore Ssekikubo went further on page. 3, Paragraph. 1 to state that;



"In the final analysis therefore, we once again reiterate our position as Petitioners that the Parliament shall not be turned into a Court of Law or Judicial body, hence the principles of res judicata as raised in your letter cannot arise."

As if the above was not enough, Hon, Theodore Ssekikubo on Thursday, 15th- August, 2024 while appearing on NBS TV Talk show Programme titled "Fourth Estate" raised very many other issues like Commissioners traveling abroad with their spouses, award of contracts for Institutional procurements etc, which were not part and parcel of the issues in the Motion we appended our signatures to facilitate its filing with the Clerk to Parliament on the 5th August 2024.

Rt Hon. Speaker, the addition of issues by the Movers of the Motion to the original motion amounts to an illegal amendment of the motion, which in itself amounts to a departure from the earlier issue of 'Service award' which we had agreed to and was aggrieved about. This action clearly shows that, the Movers of the Motion intend to illegally use our signatures to achieve their own strange ambitions without our express consent especially because, the purpose for which, we appended our signatures has already been put in perspective and as such extinguished by the said High Court of Uganda decision.

If the movers of the Motion want to address additional issues outside the motion they ought to seek fresh mandate in respect to the amendments by acquiring new signatures to back the amendments to the motion, which they have not done. This to us amounts to fraud, misrepresentation and abuse of our signatures by the movers of this Motion.

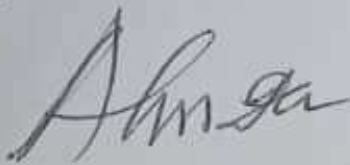
 

Rt. Hon. Speaker, in light of your guidance in respect to the motion and the court decision in the High Court Misc. Cause No.85 of 2024; Bwette Daniel -Vs- The Parliamentary Commission and the fact that, there is a departure from the Original Motion over the 'Service Award' received by the Four Commissioners of Parliament, we hereby withdraw our signatures and therefore consent from the said Motion filed with the Clerk to Parliament by Hon. Theodore Ssekikubo on the 5th-August, 2024, for the above reasons.

Be that as it may, we thank the movers of the motion for their spirited fight and wish them luck in bringing a fresh motion that is devoid of the 'service award' or decisions made by the Parliamentary Commission on 6th May 2022 which has been clarified by court.



HON. CHEMASWET ABDI FADHIL KISOS, MP
SOI COUNTY



HON. CHELANG'AT ALING'A SOLOMON, MP
T'OO COUNTY.

c.c. Rt. Hon Deputy Speaker.
The Government Chief Whip.
Hon Theodore Ssekikubo.
Clerk to Parliament.