



REF: ADM61/01

18th April, 2006

**GUIDELINES COVERING ELECTIONS OF YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES TO
PARLIAMENT**

A. LAW APPLICABLE

- The Constitution of the Republic of Uganda, 1995
- The Parliamentary Elections Act, No 17 of 2005
- The Political Parties and Organisations Act, No. 18 of 2005
- The Electoral Commission Act, Cap 140
- National Youth Council Act, Cap 319 and Regulations
- The Parliamentary Elections (Special Interest Groups) Regulations, 2001
- The National Youth Council (Amendment) Act, 2006

B. YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES TO PARLIAMENT

1. Subject to Article 78(1) (c) of the Constitution, there shall be for purposes of representation to Parliament five youth representatives at least one of whom shall be a woman.
2. The Commission shall provide reasonable financial and other necessary assistance for purposes of conducting the elections.
3. The Commission shall conduct the elections in accordance with the Parliamentary Elections Act with such modifications, including modifications to prescribed forms, as may be necessary.

C QUALIFICATION, ELECTORAL COLLEGE AND THE ELECTORAL PROCESS

1. The representatives of the youth shall be elected, by the district youth councils within the region of representation constituted into an electoral college and the woman youth representative shall be elected by a national youth council conference.

2. For the purpose of election of representatives of the youth in Parliament, Uganda shall be divided into four regions namely;
 - (a) the Northern Region;
 - (b) the Eastern Region;
 - (c) the Central Region; and
 - (d) the Western Region.
3. A person seeking to be elected as a representative of the Youth in Parliament shall be a youth (***persons between eighteen and thirty years, i.e from 18 to 29 years of age***) and also be qualified to be a Member of Parliament.
4. All the members of District Youth Councils within each region shall constitute an electoral college for the election of the representative of the youth in Parliament for that region.
5. The National Youth Council Conference for the election of the woman representative of the youth in Parliament shall comprise:-
 - (i) The National Youth Executive Committee;
 - (ii) The Chairperson of every District Youths Council;
 - (iii) The Secretary for Female Youths at the District level;
 - (iv) The Secretary for finance at the district level;
 - (v) A representative of Youth Persons with Disabilities; and
 - (vi) Four students' representatives elected by the Uganda National Students' Association, two of whom shall be female and one from a secondary school.

D NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES

1. The nomination of a candidate for election shall be made on the prescribed form supported by two registered voters who are members of the Electoral College and shall be accompanied by a nomination fee of ten currency point (Ug.Shs. 200,000/=).
2. The nomination paper of every candidate shall be accompanied by two postcard sized copies of the candidate's own recent straight face, colour photograph.
3. The name of the candidate shall be recorded in the nomination paper with the surname first and shall not include any title, degree or other prefix or suffix. The occupation of the candidate shall be stated briefly.
4. For the avoidance of doubt, all persons nominated as candidates for election to Parliament must be persons qualified to be members of Parliament.
5. A person is qualified to be a Member of Parliament if that person-
 - (a) is a citizen of Uganda;
 - (b) is a registered voter; or
 - (c) has completed a minimum formal education of Advanced Level standard or its equivalent.
6. A person is not qualified for election as a Member of Parliament if that person-
 - (a) Is of unsound mind;
 - (b) Is holding or acting in an office the functions of which involve a responsibility for or in connection with the conduct of an election;
 - (c) Is a traditional or cultural leader as defined in the Constitution of the Republic of Uganda;
 - (d) Has been adjudged or otherwise declared bankrupt under any law in force in Uganda and has not been discharged; or
 - (e) Is under a sentence of death or a sentence of imprisonment exceeding nine months imposed by any competent court without the option of a fine;

- (f) Has, within the seven years immediately preceding the election, been convicted by a competent court of crime involving dishonesty or moral turpitude; or
- (g) Has, within the seven years immediately preceding the election, been convicted by a competent court for contravention of any law relating to elections conducted by the Commission.

E. SPONSORSHIP OF CANDIDATES BY POLITICAL ORGANISATIONS OR POLITICAL PARTIES

1. Nomination of candidates may be made by a political organisation or political party sponsoring a candidate or by a candidate standing for election as an independent candidate without being sponsored by a political organisation or political party.
2. Where a person is sponsored by a political party or political organisation, the nomination paper shall indicate that he/she is so sponsored stating the name and address of the political organisation or political party.

F. CAMPAIGNS

Each nominated candidate shall be given not more than ten (10) minutes to introduce himself or herself to the electoral college before the polling exercise commences.

G. POLLING

1. The election shall be conducted by secret ballot.
2. Any vacancy occurring in any office the holder of which is required to be a member of an electoral college for the purpose of any election shall not affect the result of the election.

Eng. Dr. Badru M. Kiggundu
Chairman, Electoral Commission