



PRESS RELEASE OF THE NETWORK OF AFRICAN NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTIONS (NANHRI) ON THE SUDDEN PASSING ON OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBER AND CHAIRPERSON OF UGANDA HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION MR. MED KAGGWA

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It is with profound sorrow and shock that we announce the sudden passing on of the Steering Committee member and the Chairperson of the Uganda Human Rights Commission (UHRC) Mr. Med Kaggwa.

Mr. Kaggwa passed on in Kampala, Uganda, on November 20, 2019 and will be laid to rest on November 21, 2019.

For the last 10 years, Mr. Kaggwa has served as the Chairperson of the UHRC and the Steering Committee of the Network of African NHRIs representing East African Subregion.

Mr. Kaggwa has been a fervent supporter of the Network of African NHRIs, in which he strongly believed in working together in cultivating a human rights culture in Africa.

Based on his experience as a lawyer, Member of Parliament in Uganda and other national and regional assignments, the Chairperson has been highly resourceful to the Network of African NHRIs, especially in advising on policy direction and implementation at the Steering Committee level.

Besides his invaluable contributions at the Steering Committee, Mr. Kaggwa has been an active member during General Assembly and Biennial Conference meetings of the NANHRI and his insightful contributions will be missed by all.

As the Special Rapporteur on Prisons, Conditions of Detention and Policing in Africa at the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (ACHPR), he greatly contributed to the development of the ACHPR's Principles on the Decriminalisation of Petty Offences in Africa, which were launched in 2018.

Guided by the Principles on Decriminalisation of Petty Offence, NANHRI has been implementing Decriminalisation of Petty Offences project in which progress is being made

in removing these punitive laws targeting vulnerable groups from the penal codes across Africa.

The demise of Mr. Kaggwa is, therefore, not only a loss to the family, staff of the UHRC, friends and relatives, but also to the Network of African NHRIs and the entire human rights fraternity in Africa and globally.

Yours Sincerely,

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