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Uganda – UGA36312 – Central Civic
Education Committee – Democratic Party –
Uganda Young Democrats – Popular
Resistance Against Life Presidency –
Buganda Youth Movement

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Please provide information on the following:

1. Leadership, office bearers of the Central Civic Education Committee (CVEC or CCEC) since 1996.

The acronym used in sources for the Central Civic Education Committee's is CCEC. As of 10 January 2008, the CCEC was initially headed by Daudi Mpanga who was the Minister for Research for the south central region of Buganda according to *Uganda Link*.¹

On 1 September 2009 the *Buganda Post* reported that the committee was headed by Betty Nambooze Bakireke.² She is commonly referred to as Betty Nambooze. Nambooze was Democratic Party spokeswoman.³ The aforementioned September 2009 *Buganda Post* article alleged that Nambooze had been kidnapped and tortured by the Central Government for three days. She had apparently been released due to international pressure and, according to the Buganda Kingdom's website, the CCEC had resumed its duties.⁴

In a November 2009 report, the *Uganda Record* states that Nambooze had subsequently been arrested, this time in connection with the September 2009 riots in Kampala.³

The CCEC was created by the Kabaka (King) of Buganda in late 2007 or early 2008 according to a 9 January 2008 article from *The Monitor*. The CCEC was set up with the aim to "sensitise" the people of Buganda region to proposed land reforms.⁵ The previously mentioned *Buganda Post* article provides some background on the CCEC:

The committee, which was personally appointed by Ssabasajja Kabaka Muwenda Mutebi, is credited for awakening Baganda to the reality that Mr. Museveni and his NRM are committed to destroy Buganda through unjust and discriminative laws such

¹ Kiwera, N. 2008, 'Land Saga Brewing Widespread Agitation in Uganda', *Uganda Link*, 10 January <http://www.ugandanlink.com/politics/land-saga-brewing-widespread-agitation-in-uganda.html> - Accessed 5 March 2010 – Attachment 1

² 'Kabaka's Nambooze Committee Ready For Combat Again' 2009, *Buganda Post*, 1 September <http://www.bugandapost.com/main/archives/475> - Accessed 5 March 2010 – Attachment 2

³ 'Betty Nambooze arrested' 2009, *The Uganda Record*, 2 November <http://www.ugandarecord.co.ug/index.php?issue=26&article=333&seo=Betty%20Nambooze%20arrested> - Accessed 5 March 2010 – Attachment 3

⁴ 'CENTRAL CIVIC EDUCATION COMMITTEE RESUMES DUTIES' (Undated), Buganda Kingdom Government website http://www.buganda.or.ug/index.php?view=article&id=928%3Acentral-civic-education-committee-resumes-duties&option=com_content&Itemid=93 - Accessed 5 March 2010 – Attachment 4

⁵ Muzaale, F. 2008, 'Don't Interfere, Baganda Tell Museveni', *All Africa Global Media*, source: *The Monitor*, 9 January <http://allafrica.com/stories/200801090551.html> - Accessed 5 March 2010 – Attachment 5

as the Land Act. It is chaired by the indefatigable and exceptionally popular Betty Nambooze.⁶

2. Leadership, office bearers of the Democratic Party since 1996.

The current President and leader of the Democratic Party (DP) is Norbert Mao. Mao defeated opponent Kampala mayor Nasser Sebaggala in February 2010 to become the party's fifth President.⁷ Prior to this, John Ssebaana Kizito had held the post from November 2005 to 2010 and had run for President of Uganda in the elections of 2006. Dr Paul Ssemwogerere had held the party Presidency from 1980 to 2005.⁸

UG Pulse mentions that John Ssebaana Kizito had been the Treasurer of the party for more than 20 years up to November 2005 when he became party President.⁸ Otto Ebil was elected the Party's Secretary General at the DP's delegate conference in November 2005.⁹ A March 2010 report states that Mathias Nsubuga is the party's current Secretary General.¹⁰

A 2 March 2010 article from *The New Vision* discusses the history of the DP leadership:

It should be recalled that ever since DP was formed on October 6, 1954, it has had six succeeding presidents; Yakobo Kasolo, Matayo Mugwanya, Benedicto Kagimu Mugumba Kiwanuka, Dr. Paul Kawanga Ssemogerere, John Ssebaana Kizito and now Norbert Mao.

...Other non-Baganda who were active in DP included: Tiberio Atwoma Okeny, who was DP vice-president from 1980 to 1984 before he challenged Ssemogerere and was defeated and he defected. He later formed his own party, the Nationalist Liberal Party with Anthony Ochaya, Cuthbert Obwangor and Francis Bwengye, who was DP secretary general and was elected a rival president general in 2000.

...So when DP chose veteran politician John Ssebaana Kizito, a protestant, to succeed Dr. Ssemogerere in 2005 after political party activities were lifted, it was a landmark.

... A fundamental change, therefore, was made in Mbale last weekend, when Gulu district chairman and former parliamentarian Norbert Mao, was elected president general.¹¹

The US Department of State's Human Rights Report from 2009, outlining events in 2008, reported on arrests and cases against DP members. Several members' names are mentioned:

On June 10, Democratic Party (DP) members Domic Matovu Savio, Emmanuel Mugandusi, Samuel Mulindwa, Margret Wazemba, and Ben Kiwanuka were arrested and charged with emitting noise in excess of permissible levels, taking part in a riot, assault,

⁶ 'Kabaka's Nambooze Committee Ready For Combat Again' 2009, *Buganda Post*, 1 September <http://www.bugandapost.com/main/archives/475> - Accessed 5 March 2010 – Attachment 2

⁷ Ocowun, C. 2010, 'Uganda: Mao Gets Hero's Welcome in Gulu', *All Africa Global Media*, source: *The New Vision*, 28 February <http://allafrica.com/stories/201003010455.html> - Accessed 5 March 2010 – Attachment 6

⁸ Rulekere, G. 2006, 'Uganda Elections 2006: DPs Ssebaana Kizito Holding Tough Flag', *UG Pulse*, 12 January <http://www.ugpulse.com/articles/daily/Government.asp?ID=268> - Accessed 5 March 2010 – Attachment 7

⁹ Robert, T. 2005, 'Evolving Party-Movement Relations in Uganda: The case of the 2006 election', Makerere University, November <http://www.cmi.no/pdf/?file=/uganda/doc/political-parties-November-05.pdf> - Accessed 5 March 2010 – Attachment 8

¹⁰ Katende, B. 2010, 'Uganda: Mao Targets Besigye, Museveni for 2011', *All Africa Global Media*, source: *The Independent*, 2 March <http://allafrica.com/stories/201003020856.html> - Accessed 5 March 2010 – Attachment 9

¹¹ Kateregga, A. 2010, 'Uganda: DP Sets Precedent for Country's Parties', *All Africa Global Media*, source: *The New Vision*, 2 March <http://allafrica.com/stories/201003030329.html> - Accessed 5 March 2010 – Attachment 10

and carrying arms during an "illegal" rally at their party headquarters. The DP members were released on bail, and the case was pending at year's end.

...There were no developments in the following 2007 cases of forcible dispersion or arrest of demonstrators: the January unlawful assembly case against DP members Vincent Kabuubi, Deo Ssekitoleko, Fred Sebyoto, and Geoffrey Tomusange;

...There were no developments in the January 2007 case in which the Masaka District Court charged DP President John Sebaana Kizito and MPs Erias Lukwago and Issa Kikungwe with falsifying documents that implicated the government in the 1987 murder of Andrew Kayiira, a former energy minister and leader of the defunct Uganda Freedom Movement.¹²

3. Leadership, office bearers of the Uganda Young Democrats between 1996 and 1998.

No information was found on the Uganda Young Democrats (UYD) leadership or office bearers between 1996 and 1998.

The UYD's website has a list of the current leadership and office bearers:

<u>PRESIDENT - Leander Komakech</u>
<u>DEP. INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY - Ntale Godfrey</u>
<u>DEP. ORGANISING SECRETARY - Osenda Godfrey</u>
<u>DEP. PUBLICITY SECRETARY - Mutembule Yusuf</u>
<u>DEP. SECRETARY FOR SOCIAL WELFARE - Edwono Phiona</u>
<u>DEPUTY FINANCE SECRETARY - Maiso Peter</u>
<u>DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL - Zubair Alahai</u>
<u>DEPUTY SPEAKER - Byabashaija Kagoro</u>
<u>DEPUTY WOMEN LEADER - Nakitto Florence</u>
<u>FINANCE SECRETARY - Sebuwufu John Mary</u>
<u>INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY - Kyalwazi Steven Kaggwa</u>
<u>NATIONAL CHAIRMAN - Kenneth Kakande Paul</u>
<u>NATIONAL ORGANISING SECRETARY - Sulaiman Kidandala Serwadda</u>
<u>NATIONAL PUBLICITY SECRETARY - Mwaka Emma Lujukumoi</u>
<u>NATIONAL SECRETARY FOR SOCIAL WELFARE - Brenda Nabukenya</u>
<u>NATIONAL SPEAKER - Celestine Mugisha</u>
<u>REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT - Dungu Henry</u>
<u>REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT - Gidudu Andrew</u>
<u>REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT - Ochaki Alex</u>
<u>SECRETARY GENERAL - Samuel Muyizzi Mulindwa</u>
<u>VICE CHAIRMAN - Saulo Nsongambi</u>
<u>VICE-PRESIDENT - Fred Mukasa Mbidde</u>
<u>WOMEN LEADER - Abalo Joyce Kevin</u>

¹² US Department of State 2009, *Country Reports on Human Rights Practices for 2008 – Uganda*, February, Sections 2b, 3 – Attachment 11

According to the Canadian Immigration and Refugee Board in 2004 the UYD's President was Leander Komakech and the party's Secretary General was Michael Mabikke.¹⁴

An earlier Canadian Immigration and Refugee Board report mentions the names of two UYD officials - Michael Mabike and Godfrey Mutebi in 2000.¹⁵

4. Leadership, office bearers of the Buganda Youth Movement between 1998 and 2002.

No information was found on the leadership or office bearers of the Buganda Youth Movement (BYM) between 1998 and 2002. A *Minorities at Risk Project* report discusses the formation of the group in March 1995:

Mar 1995 - A new group, the Buganda Youth Movement, has begun fighting for autonomy for the Buganda region. They have been operating north of Kampala and have stolen weapons from local police stations in surprise attacks. No reports of confrontation between the rebels and government have appeared to date.¹⁶

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6. Leadership, office bearers of the Popular Resistance Against Life Presidency, since 2005.

Popular Resistance Against Life Presidency's (PRALP) National Coordinator was Mr. Muwanga Kivumbi in November 2005, according to a report by Makerere University.¹⁷ No information was found on whether he still held this role. The aforementioned *The Monitor* article states that Kivumbi was arrested in 2004 for a demonstration in Masaka.¹⁹

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¹³ 'Members of NEC' 2010, Uganda Young Democrats website, http://uydemocrats.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=category§ionid=4&id=13&Itemid=55 - Accessed 5 March 2010 – Attachment 12

¹⁴ Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada 2004, UGA42836.FE – Update to UGA36470.E of 12 March 2001 on the Uganda Young Democrats (UYD), including treatment of its members by government authorities, its activities in Mbale and the name of the youth leader in the Mbale section (Mar. 2001-July 2004)2004/07/00e, 8 July – Attachment 13

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¹⁶ Minorities at Risk Project 2004, *Chronology for Baganda in Uganda*, Refworld website, <http://www.unhcr.org/refworld/topic.463af2212.469f2f8d2.469f38ebc.0.html> - Accessed 5 March 2010 – Attachment 15

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