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**Wednesday, 17 January 2018**

*Parliament met at 2.00 p.m. in Parliament House, Kampala*

PRAYERS

*(The Deputy Speaker, Mr Jacob Oulanyah, in the Chair.)*

*The House was called to order.*

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

**THE DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Honourable members, I welcome you to this sitting. As you can see, it is a sitting that was meant for a specific purpose.

Given the importance of the matter at hand, I found it necessary to call this sitting at short notice. You will recall that on 20 December 2017, the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development in compliance with section 9(5) of the Public Finance Management Act, 2015 presented the Budget Framework Paper in line with Rule 144 of the Rules of Procedure of Parliament.

At the time of the presentation, the certificate of Gender and Equity responsiveness was not availed as provided for in the Public Finance Management Act, 2015. This sitting has been called for the said omission to be corrected.

I, therefore, request that the sectoral committees should continue processing business related to the Budget Framework Paper as earlier directed and no interruption, whatsoever, should be entertained. Thank you.

LAYING OF PAPERS

CERTIFICATE OF GENDER AND EQUITY RESPONSIVENESS OF THE BUDGET FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2018/2019

2.04

**THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FINANCE, PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (PLANNING)(Mr David Bahati):** Mr Speaker, I beg to lay a Certificate of Gender and Equity compliance as made under section 9(6) of the Public Finance Management Act, 2015.

**THE DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Thank you. Let the records capture that. It is sent to the Budget Committee and all the sectoral committees, which are dealing with the Budget Framework Paper, for them to attach to whatever they are handling.

I will alter the Order Paper, even if it is not in our Rules of Procedure, courtesy to the Leader of the Opposition is in order. She needs to lay at the Table a response to the Budget Framework Paper from the Opposition. Please.

2.06

**MS SANDRA SANTA ALUM (UPC, Woman Representative, Oyam):** Thank you, Mr Speaker. In accordance with Rule 52 of the Rules of Procedure of the Parliament, I beg to lay at the Table the Opposition response to the National Budget Framework Paper for the Financial Year 2018/2019 to 2022/2023. I beg to lay.

**THE DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Let the records capture that. It is sent to the Budget Committee and sectoral committees to handle together with other documents. Any other supplementary documents from the Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development should be sent directly to the sectoral committees that are handling this matter so that the process is not disrupted.

Honourable members, this House is adjourned to 30 January 2018. Thank you.

*(The House rose at 2.08 p.m. and adjourned until Tuesday, 30 January 2018 at 2.00 p.m.)*