

LEGAL NOTICE SUPPLEMENT

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**APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON AND MEMBERS OF THE
JUDICIAL**

**TRIBUNAL OF INQUIRY INTO THE CONDUCT
OF**

THE HON. LADY JUSTICE DR. ESTHER KISAAKYE KITIMBO

JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT OF UGANDA

AND

ITS TERMS OF REFERENCE

Pursuant to article 144 (2), (3) and (4) of the Constitution of the Republic of Uganda, I do hereby APPOINT the Chairperson and Members of the Judicial Tribunal of Inquiry into the conduct of Hon. Lady Justice Esther Kisaakye Kitimbo of the Supreme Court of Uganda—

CHAIRPERSON

Hon. Justice Galdino Okello (Retired)

MEMBERS

1. Hon. Justice Jotham Tumwesigye (Retired)
2. Hon. Lady Justice Winfrida Beatrice Karosso

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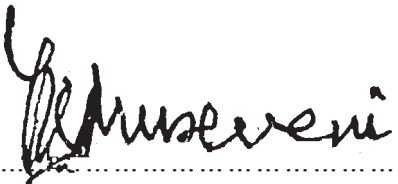
1. To inquire into the behavior and conduct of Hon. Lady Justice Esther Kisaakye Kitimbo pertaining to the consideration by the Supreme Court of Uganda in the matter of *Presidential Election Petition No. 1/2021 Kyagulanyi S. Robert vs Yoweri Museveni Tibuhaburwa Kaguta*, Electoral Commission and Attorney General and its related applications.

Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Tribunal shall in particular inquire into—

- a) whether Hon. Lady Justice Esther Kisaakye Kitimbo had a duty to adhere to the practice of sharing her rulings in the matter of the Presidential Election Petition No. 1/2021 and its related applications with the Justices of the Supreme Court on the coram, before its delivery;
- b) whether Hon. Lady Justice Esther Kisaakye Kitimbo disobeyed the directive of the Chief Justice, as head of the panel, to deliver her rulings in the matter of Presidential Election Petition No. 1/2021 and its related applications on a date to be designated;
- c) whether Hon. Lady Justice Esther Kisaakye Kitimbo's conduct in delivering the rulings as a single Justice of the Supreme Court in a matter where coram had been empanelled, was in breach of the Uganda Code of Judicial conduct and the practice of the court;

- d) whether the verbal public statements of Hon. Lady Justice Esther Kisaakye Kitimbo on the 18th and 19th of March 2021 brought the image of the Judiciary in disrepute;
- e) whether Hon. Lady Justice Esther Kisaakye Kitimbo associating with an applicant, the media and the public to informally address a matter before a court breached the provisions of the Uganda Code of Judicial Conduct;
- f) whether Hon. Lady Justice Esther Kisaakye Kitimbo was absent from duty when she extended her approved leave period and did not report back for duty at the Supreme Court upon her return from medical leave; and
- g) whether a recommendation should be made to H.E. the President for the said Hon. Lady Justice Esther Kisaakye Kitimbo to be removed from the office of Justice of the Supreme Court of Uganda.

Dated this 6th day of February, 2025.



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YOWERI K. MUSEVENI
President.