



THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA

MINISTRY OF TRADE INDUSTRY AND COOPERATIVES

Press Statement by

The Hon. Minister of Trade Industry and Cooperatives on

**The Cancellation of National Chamber of Commerce and Industry
Elections scheduled for 16th December 2016**

On

8th December 2016.

CANCELLATION OF THE NATIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY ELECTIONS

Introduction

I have received a number of concerns from different stakeholders on operations of Uganda National Chamber of Commerce and Industry including a petition on the forthcoming elections.

Action taken by my Ministry

The government has serious security concerns over the planned elections for the Uganda National Chamber of Commerce and Industry scheduled for 16th December 2016. Different stakeholders have expressed fears. The chairperson of the National Chamber of Commerce and Industry, M/S Olive Kigongo in her letter dated 27th October 2016 to H.E. the president has further confirmed these “**National Security threats and concerns.** Government has therefore decided to cancel the **Chamber Elections forthwith.** All contenders to the chamber elections, District Authorities, Resident District Commissioners (RDCs) and the Business community are accordingly informed.

Thank you

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MINISTER OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND COOPERATIVES