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The Pan-African Parliament;

1. COGNISANT of the current political events in Uganda relating to the arrest, and trial of the Opposition Leader Dr. Kizza Besigye,
2. RECALLING the intimidation of the Ugandan Judiciary by both verbal and the unusual presence of large numbers of armed security personnel at the precincts of the High Court in Kampala,
3. AWARE of the demonstration that took place at the precincts of the Pan-African Parliament by Ugandan residents in the Republic of South Africa and their presentation of a petition to the President of the Pan-African Parliament;
4. NOTING of rule 4(1) (b) of the Rules of Procedure which provides that in its consultative and advisory role and in accordance with the provisions of Article 3, 11 and 18 of the Protocol, the Parliament shall promote human and peoples rights, consolidate democratic institutions and the democratic culture, good governance, transparency and the rule of law by all organs of the Union, Regional Economic Communities and Member States;

HEREBY RESOLVES THAT:

The President of the Pan-African Parliament immediately delivers to the Chairman of the African Union His Excellency President Olusegun Obasanjo of Nigeria the Resolution of the Pan-African Parliament at the Seventh Sitting of its Fourth Ordinary Session held on Tuesday 29th November 2005 at Midrand, Republic of South Africa as set out here below:

- a. The Chairman of The African Union urgently intervene in the situation in Uganda where the arrest and detention of Dr. Kizza Besigye an Opposition Leader is threatening stability in that Country;
- b. Ensure that instability is avoided in Uganda by the unconditional release from detention of Dr. Kizza Besigye;
- c. Ensure that the Government of Uganda respects the rule of law and fundamental human rights of citizens in compliance with the African Union Protocol on Human Rights and Peoples Freedoms.