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**OFFICIAL STATEMENT BY THE GOVERNMENT SPOKESPERSON ON THE FUNERAL OF THE LATE UMUKUKA EMERITUS WILSON WAMIMBI**

Fellow Countrymen and Countrywomen, on Monday, April 12 2024 the Government of Uganda learnt with shock of the passing on of the Umukuka Emeritus Wilson Wamimbi which occurred at April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at Kirudu Hospital in Kawempe – Kampala.

He was born in 1938 in Busano Sub-County – Mbale District. He went to Nabumali High School and trained as a teacher at Kyambogo College before joining Makerere University where he graduated with a Degree in Marketing. He worked as a Marketing Officer with Bugisu Cooperative Union and later joined politics in the 1990s.

He served as District Chairman of Mbale District and Uganda's Ambassador to Canada before becoming the first cultural leader of the Bamasaba. Later in 2010, he was elected as the first Cultural Leader of 'Inzu ya Masaba' for five years.

The Government of Uganda sincerely commiserates with the family, Bugisu Community and the rest of Ugandans on the passing away of Umukuka Emeritus Wilson Wamimbi, who was a noble leader of high stature of integrity and a unifier among the Bugisu Community.

On this somber day, a great dark shadow has befallen and hangs upon this Pearl of Africa and by extension across the entire Bugisu Sub-Region; where the **Umukuka Emeritus Wilson Wamimbi** is no more.

The **Umukuka Emeritus Wilson Wamimbi** will be deeply missed not only by those who knew him; worked with him; were led by him; but also those that had a Political as well as Leadership Career to learn from him.

Accordingly, H.E Gen. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, in line with **Article 99 of the 1995 Constitution of the Republic of Uganda as amended which vests Executive**



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**Authority of Uganda in the President; has therefore directed that the Umukuka Emeritus Wilson Wamimbi be accorded an Official Burial.**

Regarding Official Burial preparatory arrangements, the Government of Uganda has constituted a hybrid of the National Organizing Committee Chaired by the **Minister for Presidency – Hon. Milly Babirye Babalanda** with representatives from the family and thus agreed on the following tentative Programme:

Day	Time	Activity	Venue
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> April, 2024	9:30am-11am	Church service	St. Luke Ntinda, Kampala
	06:00pm – 08:00 pm	Body arrives in Mbale	Inzu Ya Masaba Lukhobo Hall
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> April, 2024	8:00am-11:30am	Sironko- Inzu ya Masaba Mwambu	
	12:00pm-2:30pm	Manafwa – Inzu ya Masaba Mubuya	
		Night Vigil	Mbale-Rongoro, 7miles on Mbale Tororo Rd.
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> April, 2024	8:00am-110am	Council sitting	Mbale District
	10:30am-12:00am	Inzu Ya Masaba Lukhobo Sitting	



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	2:00pm-5:00pm	Church Service	St. Andrews Cathedral – Mbale
		Night Vigil	Mbale – Busano
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> April, 2024	ALL DAY	Viewing, prayers and Clan Speeches	Mbale- Busano
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> April, 2024	10:00am – 2:00pm	<b>Burial Ceremony</b>	

Other than covering all the burial expenses; the Government of Uganda will also cater for the following:

1. Providing Security at all venues – all the Security Agencies have been duly briefed and key deployments have been undertaken at all venues to secure both life and property of all mourners.
2. The Uganda Police Force has been directed to oversee all the Official burial Ceremonies including the gun salute at the burial on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2024. The neighborhood is encouraged to remain calm during the gun salute moment.

Rest in peace **Umukuka Emeritus Wilson Wamimbi**

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