



## **WORKING TOGETHER FOR PEACEFUL AND VIOLENCE FREE 2016 GENERAL ELECTIONS**

**28<sup>th</sup> January 2016**

We the Youth of Uganda, through the Interparty Youth Platform (IYOP), on this 28<sup>th</sup> Day of January 2016

Being a platform comprising of different Political Parties in Uganda - including Conservative Party (CP), Democratic Party (DP), Forum for Democratic Change (FDC), Justice Forum (JEEMA), National Resistance Movement (NRM), Peoples Progressive Party (PPP) and Uganda People's Congress (UPC)

Conscious of our responsibility and the fact that our Political Parties have majority as Youth

Aware that poverty, lack of jobs and other employment opportunities and general falling standards of living are the major causes of violence in electoral process in Uganda

Cognizant of the fact that our generation as youth form the largest voting bloc in the Country

Taking into consideration the role played by Civil Society, Political Parties, Government, Media, Security Agencies and other stakeholders in determining the path in violence free elections

We resolve to pursue the following position in the interest of our future as youth and our country Uganda:

1. We pledge to continue building consensus among young people and youth groups across the political divide and creating awareness on peaceful means of democratic consolidation as part of the fundamental tenet upon which the Interparty Youth Platform (IYOP) was founded.
2. We condemn any form of violence and re-affirm our commitment to tolerance and peaceful engagement in the forthcoming and other future elections in Uganda.
3. We defy any form of electoral manipulation and re-affirm our interest in freely and fairly participating in processes that help us to truly become masters of our own destiny.
4. We call upon different political parties and leaders alike to embrace peace in its totality, shunning all manner of electoral violence – verbal, physical, psychological and structural.