



Press Statement

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CHAPTER FOUR UGANDA RESUMES OPERATIONS

(Kampala, Uganda / June 30, 2022) On June 8, 2022, Chapter Four Uganda received its new permit of operations issued by the National Bureau for Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO Bureau). We are delighted to officially announce to our clients, partners and the people of Uganda that the office is now open, we have resumed operations and all staff have returned to work.

The reopening comes after a nine-month period of “indefinite suspension” by the NGO Bureau, a decision which Chapter Four Uganda challenged in Court. Hon. Justice Musa Ssekaana ruled that the NGO Bureau must hear Chapter Four Uganda within one month – and this pathed the way for the new permit and the reopening.

“We renew our commitment to defend legal rights and reclaim respect for civic spaces and freedoms in Uganda,” remarked Dr Zahara Nampewo, Board Chair, Chapter Four Uganda as she welcomed staff back to the office. “All services are fully operational, including emails and social media accounts. We thank all partners and stakeholders for their kind support and solidarity during the suspension period and throughout the five-month court process.”

Chapter Four Uganda resumes its vital work of promoting human rights and protecting victims of violations and abuse in Uganda. We remain deeply concerned about the increasingly hostile and unsafe environment for civil society organisations, non-governmental organisations and human rights defenders in Uganda.

As a principled defender of rights, we will continue our work to pursue compliance with human rights law as guaranteed under the Constitution of Uganda and the applicable international and regional human rights instruments.

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