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GUIDELINES FOR THE CENSORSHIP/CLASSIFICATION FOR FILM, VIDEO, PLAYS AND OTHER RELATED APPARATUSES

PURSUANT to Section 9(1) (e) and 9(2) of the PRESS and JOURNALISTS ACT CAP. 105 OF THE LAWS OF UGANDA the MEDIA COUNCIL is mandated to censor film, video, plays and other related apparatuses for public consumption.

NO film, video, play and other related apparatus should be published or shown to the public before classification.

THE GENERAL PURPOSE of censorship/classification is to:

- Give the viewing public the opportunity to see a wider range of film, video, play and other related apparatus dealing with the realities of life in a legally organized and socially acceptable manner
- Protect children and young persons from viewing film, video, play and other related apparatus that could be harmful to them.
- Protect the public from unsolicited exposure to materials which some may find offensive considering the right of everyone to have their dignity respected and protected.
- Promote ethnic and religious harmony, Uganda being a multi-ethnic developing country

In reaching a decision on classification of any film, video, play or related apparatus the Council shall ensure that: such a film, video, play and other apparatus has educational, informative or entertainment value and in particular that;

- (i) The medium of film, video, play or related apparatus remains responsible and sensitive to the values and standards of society;
- (ii) Artistic expression and creative freedom are not unduly curbed;
- (iii) Certification is responsible to social changes;
- (iv) The medium of film, video, play and other apparatus provides clean and healthy entertainment in accordance with the morals of Ugandan society.
- (v) As far as possible the film, video, play and other apparatus is of aesthetic value and of good standard;
- (vi) The Council shall at all times in the discharge of its mandate seek to preserve and promote artistic freedom

2. In pursuit of the above objectives the Council shall ensure that: