21st March 2016

All Accounting Officers (Central and Local Governments)

BID CURRENCY FOR LOCAL CONTRACTS BY ALL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES IN UGANDA SHILLINGS

Please refer to my circular of even reference dated 15th January 2016 in which I instructed all Accounting Officers to ensure that all domestic contracts for works, goods and services are awarded in Uganda shillings. Following this circular, several concerns have been raised by various stakeholders seeking clarification.

As earlier stated, the instruction does not apply to contracts that had been concluded and signed by 15th January 2016. In addition, it will not apply to contracts which by 15th January 2016 were:

i) Submitted to the Solicitor General for clearance;
ii) Approved by the Solicitor General but not signed by the parties;
iii) At a stage of displayed but not evaluated bidder notices; and
iv) At bid evaluation stage.

The purpose of this letter therefore, is to clarify the above concern and inform you that we are studying all the issues that have been raised and will provide comprehensive responses in due course.

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PERMANENT SECRETARY/ SECRETARY TO THE TREASURY

Copy to: Executive Director, Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Assets Authority

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