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Commencement: 13 March, 1998.

An Act to provide for the procedure for ratification of treaties in accordance with article 123 of the Constitution and for related matters.

1. Interpretation.

In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires, “treaty” includes a convention, agreement or other arrangement made under article 123(1) of the Constitution.

2. Ratification.

All treaties shall be ratified as follows—

By the Cabinet in the case of any treaty other than a treaty referred to in paragraph (b) of this section; or by Parliament by resolution—

(i) Where the treaty relates to armistice, neutrality or peace; or

(ii) In the case of a treaty in respect of which the Attorney General has certified in writing that its implementation in Uganda would require an amendment of the Constitution.

3. Signing of the instrument of ratification, etc.

Subject to section 2, the instrument of ratification of a treaty shall be signed, sealed and deposited by the Minister responsible for foreign affairs.

4. Treaties to be laid before Parliament.

All treaties ratified by the Cabinet shall be laid before Parliament as soon as possible.

5. Depository of treaties.

The Minister responsible for foreign affairs shall be the depository in Uganda of all treaties.

6. Rules.

The Minister responsible for foreign affairs may, in consultation with the Attorney General, by statutory instrument, make rules for giving effect to this Act.

History: Act 5/1998.