Speech on the 47th Anniversary of the Victory of the Islamic Revolution of Iran

Hon. Amb. Sheikh Mohammad Ahmad Kisuule, Senior Advisor to H.E. President Museveni, as the Guest of Honour of this Ceremony,

Honourable Ministes and Members of Parliament,

Ambassadors, Honorary Consuls, and Representatives and Heads of Int'l Organisations

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Distinguished Guests,

It is a profound honour to stand before you today as we celebrate the 47th Anniversary of the Victory of the Islamic Revolution of Iran. I extend my sincere gratitude to the officials of the host country, ambassadors, and the distinguished political and economic figures joined with us for this auspicious occasion.

Before I begin, I would like to extend my heartiest congratulations to the people and government of the Republic of Uganda for the successful conduct of the recent elections, and specifically to His Excellency President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni on his re-election, reflecting the renewed trust and mandate bestowed upon him by the Ugandan people.

The Revolution of 1979 was the dawn of national sovereignty and the restoration of dignity for a nation that refused to let its destiny be

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written by foreign powers. For 47 years, the Islamic Republic has charted its course based on independence and the rejection of foreign hegemony- a path pursued with steadfastness despite unprecedented external pressures.

Despite decades of unilateral sanctions and systematic economic terrorism, Iran has achieved remarkable progress by relying on domestic talent:

I. In Terms of Scientific Sovereignty:

While Iran has historically contributed a vast share to the world's scientific and technological heritage, we endured a long period of dependency prior to the Islamic Revolution. However, in the decades since, we have moved decisively from a state of dependency to a position of global leadership. Today, Iran stands among the world's elite in nanotechnology, biotechnology, and aerospace. This is not merely academic prestige; it is the lifeblood of our progress. Our indigenous satellite launches and medical breakthroughs serve as a testament that when a nation relies on its own youth and intellect, there are no horizons it cannot reach.

II. In terms of Economic Resilience:

For years, our nation was targeted by the 'Maximum Pressure' policy- a campaign designed to stifle our growth. However, this challenge

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only accelerated our transition toward a diversified, non-oil economy. By strengthening our domestic production and expanding trade with our partners in the Global South, we have rendered these pressures a failed experiment. Our resilience proves that economic stability is born from self-reliance, not from seeking the permission of distant powers.

III. In Terms of Social Infrastructure & Self-Sufficiency:

In the spirit of true development, we have prioritized the welfare of our people. We have achieved near-total pharmaceutical self-sufficiency, producing the vast majority of our medicines and vaccines domestically. Furthermore, our national infrastructure- from power grids to advanced transit- continues to expand. We share these successes with our brothers and sisters here in Africa to demonstrate a vital truth: real development can be achieved without surrendering one's values or sovereignty to external dictates.

As we celebrate this 47th National Day in Uganda, we reaffirm our commitment to a world defined by justice, mutual respect, and the shared prosperity of sovereign nations.

While we celebrate our progress, we cannot ignore the dark reality of current global dynamics. Today, our region is grappling with a dangerous spree of lawlessness and "bully-diplomacy" orchestrated by

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the U.S. regime while backing unconditionally the Zionist regime as its proxy, which is the only proxy in the West Asia Region.

We are witnessing a regime that knows no boundaries- legal, moral, or humanitarian. The ongoing atrocities and genocidal campaigns in Gaza are not isolated incidents; they are the direct result of a Double Standard policy where the U.S. provides the weaponry and political cover for the Zionist entity to violate international law with total impunity.

Let it be clear: the era of unilateralism and bullying is over. Those who believe that military aggression or illegal sanctions can alter the strategic calculations of the Iranian nation are deeply mistaken. Security in our region cannot be bought or imported from across the oceans. The presence of foreign forces under the guise of stability is, in fact, the primary source of instability.

Iran remains a responsible and influential actor. Our diplomacy is rooted in mutual respect, not the shadow of threats. In this spirit, we view our bilateral relations with Uganda not merely as a diplomatic formality, but as a vibrant model of South-South cooperation.

We are two nations that understand the value of independence, and we stand together to turn that independence into prosperity through the key pillars of Agriculture & Industry, and also Energy and Technology:

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- **In the Field of Agriculture & Industry:** Iranian agricultural equipment is already well-regarded and widely recognized among Ugandans, and we are actively working to expand this cooperation to further support the "Wealth Creation" initiative of the Ugandan Government. Uganda is blessed with immense natural wealth and fertile lands. To support our brothers and sisters here, we are committed to sharing our advanced expertise in food processing and mechanized farming. Our goal is to move beyond the export of raw materials and toward the creation of high-value products labeled 'Made in Uganda'. By integrating Iranian industrial technology with Ugandan resources, we can ensure food security and economic growth that benefits the local farmer and the national economy alike.
- **In the field of Energy & Technology:** We must admit that energy is the heartbeat of modern development. From our extensive experience in hydropower to our breakthroughs in innovation and digital science, Iran stands ready to facilitate a genuine, transparent transfer of technology. We do not seek to create a new dependency; we seek to empower. By sharing our technical know-how, we aim to help Uganda build its own capacities, ensuring that both our nations can compete and thrive in the 21st-century global economy.

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The past year has highlighted the hypocrisy of our adversaries. While Iran demonstrated good faith in diplomatic arenas, we witnessed cowardly military aggressions by the Zionist regime. Furthermore, peaceful internal economic grievances were exploited by foreign-backed terrorist elements to destabilize the country.

The Iranian nation, through its vigilance, has once again thwarted these foreign-designed scenarios. We emphasize that while Iran does not seek escalation, our restraint should never be miscalculated as a lack of resolve. We stand fully prepared to exercise our inherent right to self-defense against any act of aggression. Diplomacy is a tool for logic and engagement, but it will never be a mechanism for surrender under the pressure of 'Maximum Bullying'.

Regarding our peaceful nuclear activities, we remain engaged in negotiations to address unfounded claims; however, let it be known that we stand in full readiness to defend our sovereignty against any miscalculation. Iran's indigenous nuclear technology and enrichment expertise—much like our defensive and missile capabilities—are non-negotiable. Should our legitimate right to regional defense be disregarded, foreign interests that undermine our security will face the consequences. We maintain that the safety of our region belongs to its own people and nations, and true stability can only be achieved without the interference of outside powers.

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Distinguished guests,

I would like to take this opportunity to say that, today, Iran faces a multifaceted campaign- military, economic, and media-driven. Just as we are resolute in defending our sovereignty, we remain steadfast in pursuing a region free from foreign interference and Zionist expansionism. The fundamental principle of our diplomacy remains 'respect for national sovereignty' and 'mutual interest'. Negotiations based on threats or illegitimate unilateral demands will never be effective.

In closing, I reaffirm our commitment to a partnership that serves the interests of our citizens and the stability of our respective regions. It is my profound hope that the coming years bring further growth, peace, and prosperity to the nations of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Republic of Uganda. May our cooperation remain a shining example of South-South solidarity for generations to come.

Long live the friendship between Iran and Uganda

Thank you for your attention.

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