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Located along Kampala Road, Level 6, Room AP 14,  
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March 14, 2023.

**Attn:** The Director-General and Editor-in-Chief  
BBC World  
Broadcasting House, London.

Dear Sir

**RE: UNPLEASANT, INHUMANE, DISTURBING, IMPROPER, EMBARRASSING,  
ABASH AND DEMORALISING USE OF THE UGANDAN NATIONAL FLAG.**

I am an adult responsible citizen of the Republic of Uganda, a Lawyer by profession and a rule of law champion with love and interest in self determination of a sate as it is a key component in Public International Law. With the above description, I thus write to you as follows:-

**That** as you may be aware, BBC World Service through some of her official media accounts such as Face Book and Tweeter handle dubbed and or named **BBC News Africa** and **BBC News Africa (@BBCAfrica)** respectively, on the 12<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 16:00hours through the above cited media platforms you posted my country's beautiful flag which is the country's national official symbol and emblem globally, edited with rainbow colors and with content and or a tweet that reads as follows:

***"A draft law has been tabled in the Ugandan parliament which would criminalize anyone identifying as LGBTQ+. If passed, the law could mean 10 years in jail for people who say they are gay. What does life look like for LGBTQ+ people in Uganda?"*** and a link of the audio link to the site dubbed AFRICA DAILY on the BBC NEWS website attached in the post as *bbc.in/3mC3LzD* dated 10<sup>th</sup> March 2023. **(Attached is the screenshot of both the Facebook post and a tweet marked as "A")**

**That** whereas internationally there is a right to freedom of expression and right to access information as am not against the content as its valued as news, However such rights should be exercised in accordance with other existing rights such as Article 1 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights that provides that all peoples have the right of self-determination.

By virtue of that right they freely determine their political status and freely pursue their economic, social and cultural development. It's on this among other international provisions that the Citizens of the Republic of Uganda inclusive myself exercised their right to self-determine their social and cultural development the moment they ratified

the ICCPR and other key international treaties not forgetting the domestic laws such as our beloved 1995 Constitution and Acts such as the Penal Code Act Cap 120 which are based on the law of nature.

As such for whatever reason, any person who does an act that belittles, embarrasses, and abashes any state's National Flag in most especially the Uganda Flag which I hold so dear to me actually belittles and undermines the value, respect and sovereign of my Country Uganda.

As such the act of editing our National Flag specifically with the rainbow colors a symbol for the LGBTQ+ Community with knowledge that Uganda is a state that considers such acts unnatural and punishable by law tantamounts to associating the state with the LGBTQ+ Community and this damages my Country's image, and most especially the citizens of Uganda. It further changes the meaning and value of my Country's flag to read or be understood otherwise.

**We therefore write to demand from you as follows.**

1. That you immediately delete the said image from all your social media platforms with immediate effect and not later than 21<sup>st</sup> of March 2023.
2. That you follow the deletion with an apology to the Republic of Uganda and her citizens through the same media platforms not later than 21<sup>st</sup> March 2023.
3. That you extend damages to the complainant worth **US\$ 540,540 (Five Hundred Forty Thousand Five Hundred Forty Dollars)** for the emotional and mental damage before the 28<sup>th</sup> of March 2023 on the Bank Account Number enclosed and attached herewith.
4. That you extend damages to the Republic of Uganda worth **US\$ 5,405,400 (Five Million, Four Hundred Five Thousand, Four Hundred Dollars)** for the disrespect, embarrassment and humiliation she has faced because of the tampering of her flag before the 4<sup>th</sup> of April 2023.
5. That you permanently desist yourself and or your agents, servants from playing around and or editing the Uganda National Flag from henceforth.

**TAKE FURTHER** notice that should you fail to heed to the above demands within the above stated periods, I shall have no option but to institute legal proceedings against you in Courts of law at your own cost and peril.

Yours faithfully,



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Cc Chairman BBC Board