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An Act to further and protect the activities and interests of the Boy Scouts Association and the Girl Guides Association in Uganda.

1. Interpretation

In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—

- (a) "**association**" means the Uganda Boy Scouts Association;
- (b) "**boy scout**" means a boy scout recognised as such under the constitution, byelaws or rules of the association, and includes all officers of the association;
- (c) "**commissioner**" means the person holding or acting in the office of chief commissioner of boy scouts for Uganda.

2. Restriction on use of uniform, etc. of association

It shall not be lawful for any person, not being under the byelaws or rules of the association duly authorised and entitled so to do, publicly to wear, carry or bear any uniform, badge, token or emblem which under those byelaws or rules is specifically adopted for use under the authority of the association or which could reasonably be held to be an imitation of the same in such style or manner as to convey an impression that that person is under those byelaws or rules entitled so to wear, carry or bear that uniform, badge, token or emblem.

3. Restriction on sale of badges, etc. of association

No person shall sell or offer for sale any article bearing a badge, token or emblem specifically adopted for use under the authority of the association, or which could reasonably be held to be an imitation of the same, unless he shall have first submitted the article to the inspection of the commissioner and shall have obtained authority from him in writing so to do.

4. Boy scout not to pass himself off as police officer, etc.

- (1) It shall not be lawful for any boy scout, not being otherwise thereunto lawfully entitled and authorised, to pretend to be, or to pass himself off as, or to arrogate to himself the authority, position or powers of, or to claim to be or to act as—
 - (a) a member of a police force or the Uganda Peoples' Defence Forces;
 - (b) an officer exercising police functions in the service of the administration of a district; or
 - (c) an agent or officer of the Government or of the administration of a district.
- (2) No boy scout shall seek or attempt by virtue of his wearing any uniform, badge, token or emblem of the association, or uniform, badge, token or emblem purporting or appearing to be such, to enforce or exercise authority otherwise than in accordance with and as authorised by the byelaws or rules of the association.

5. No person falsely to claim connection with association

It shall not be lawful for any person to—

- (a) form, organise or work; or
- (b) be concerned in forming, organising or in work, in connection with any corps or body which without due authority granted by the association—
- (c) claims or purports to be a corps or body of boy scouts or otherwise to be connected with the association; or
- (d) holds itself out or passes itself off as a corps or body of boy scouts or as otherwise connected with the association.

6. Offences and penalties

Any person wilfully contravening any of the provisions of this Act commits an offence and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a period not exceeding one month or to a fine not exceeding two hundred shillings or to both, and it shall be lawful for the court to order the forfeiture of any such uniform, badge, token or emblem, as mentioned in sections 2 and 3, in respect of which an offence has been committed and a conviction recorded.

7. Application of Act to Girl Guides Association

This Act shall apply, *mutatis mutandis*, to the Uganda Girl Guides Association.