EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

The purpose of this Order is to increase the total number of *ex officio* and Nominated Members of the Legislative Council to thirty-four, to increase the number of Representative Members to thirty-three, to increase the number of constituencies into which the Territory shall be divided from nine to ten, to provide for the filling of certain seats in the Legislative Council by appointment instead of election where no candidates have been nominated for election, and to increase the maximum life of the Legislative Council from three to five years. Some minor amendments to the Tanganyika (Legislative Council) Order in Council, 1926, have also been made.

1957 No. 1528

The Uganda (Electoral Provisions) Order in Council, 1957

Made - - - -	23*rd August*, 1957
Laid before Parliament	29*th August*, 1957
Coming into Operation	30*th August*, 1957

At the Court at Balmoral, the 23rd day of August, 1957

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Whereas by the Orders in Council mentioned in the First Schedule to this Order (which Orders are herein together referred to as "the existing Orders") and in pursuance of the Instructions issued to the Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Uganda Protectorate under Her Majesty's Sign Manual and Signet mentioned in the Second Schedule to this Order (herein together referred to as "the existing Instructions") there is established and constituted a Legislative Council for the Uganda Protectorate consisting of the Governor, *ex officio* Members, Nominated Members and appointed Representative Members:

And Whereas it is proposed that certain of the appointed Representative Members shall be replaced by elected Representative Members, and that there should be established for the Protectorate a Legislative Council (hereinafter referred to as "the proposed Legislative Council") which shall be so constituted as to give effect to such proposals:

And Whereas it is expedient that the existing legislature of the Protectorate should be empowered to make provision for the election of members to the proposed Legislative Council, notwithstanding that the same has not yet been established by Order of Her Majesty in Council or constituted in pursuance of Instructions under Her Majesty's Sign Manual and Signet:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, by virtue and in exercise of the powers by the Foreign Jurisdiction Act, 1890(a), or otherwise in Her Majesty vested, is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

Citation and commencement

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Uganda (Electoral Provisions) Order in Council, 1957.

(2) This Order shall come into operation on the 30th day of August, 1957.

Interpretation

2. In this Order—

"the Protectorate" means the Uganda Protectorate;

"the Governor" means the Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Protectorate and includes every person for the time being administering the Government thereof, and to the extent to which a Deputy for the Governor is authorised to act, that Deputy.

Provision for election of members to proposed Legislative Council

3.—(1) Provision may be made by any law enacted under the existing Orders and in pursuance of the existing Instructions for the Governor to declare certain areas of the Protectorate to be electoral districts for the purpose of returning members to the proposed Legislative Council, and for the election of members of the proposed Legislative Council to represent such districts, including (without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing power) the following matters, that is to say:—

(*a*) the qualifications and disqualifications of electors;

(*b*) the registration of electors;

(*c*) the qualifications and disqualifications for election of candidates for election;

(*d*) the ascertainment of the qualifications of candidates for election and of electors;

(*e*) the vacation of seats by persons who have been elected to the proposed Legislative Council;

(*f*) the division of electoral districts for any purpose connected with elections;

(*g*) the holding of elections;

(*h*) the determination of any question which may arise as to whether any person has become an elected member of the proposed Legislative Council or as to whether the seat of any elected member in the proposed Legislative Council has become vacant;

(*i*) the definition and trial of offences relating to elections and the imposition of penalties therefor, including disqualification for membership of the proposed Legislative Council, or for registration as an elector, or for voting at elections, of any person concerned in any such offence; and

(*j*) the disqualification for election as members of the proposed Legislative Council of persons holding, or acting in, any office the functions of which involve any responsibility for, or in connection with, the conduct of any election or the compilation or revision of any electoral register.

(a) 53 & 54 Vict. c. 37.

(2) A law enacted in pursuance of subsection (1) of this section may provide that if at the time of an election no person has within the period provided for nominations by that law been nominated as a candidate for election in an electoral district, the Governor may appoint a person to represent that electoral district in the proposed Legislative Council.

(3) No election of members to the proposed Legislative Council shall be held under any law enacted in pursuance of subsection (1) of this section until provision shall have been made by Order of Her Majesty in Council and by Instructions under Her Majesty's Sign Manual and Signet for the establishment and constitution of the proposed Legislative Council and those provisions shall have come into operation; but the registration of electors in pursuance of any such law may take place at any time after the commencement of this Order.

W. G. Agnew.

FIRST SCHEDULE

The Uganda Order in Council, 1920(a).

The Uganda Order in Council, 1926(b).

The Uganda Order in Council, 1939(c).

The Uganda Order in Council, 1952(d).

The Uganda (Amendment) Order in Council, 1953(e).

The Uganda (Amendment) Order in Council, 1954(f).

The Uganda (Amendment) Order in Council, 1955(g).

SECOND SCHEDULE

Instructions passed under the Royal Sign Manual and Signet to the Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Uganda Protectorate dated the fifth day of June, 1920.

Additional Instructions passed under the Royal Sign Manual and Signet to the Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Uganda Protectorate dated the seventeenth day of April, 1939, the twenty-second day of December, 1953, the nineteenth day of May, 1955, and the thirteenth day of April, 1956, respectively.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

This Order enables the existing legislature of the Uganda Protectorate to make provision for the election of members to the new Legislative Council which it is proposed should hereafter be established and constituted for the Protectorate, and enables registration of electors in pursuance of any such provision to take place.

(a) S.R. & O. 1920/884 (Rev. VIII, p. 296: 1920 I, p. 699).
(b) S.R. & O. 1926/1556 (Rev. VIII, p. 296: 1926, p. 585).
(c) S.R. & O. 1939/520 (Rev. VIII, p. 296: 1939 II, p. 1699).
(d) S.I. 1952/752 (1952 III, p. 3493).
(e) S.I. 1953/1908 (1953 II, p. 2307).
(f) S.I. 1954/1568 (1954 I, p. 716).
(g) S.I. 1955/705 (1955 I, p. 704).