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[s. 1; Act No. 7 of 2000]

An Act to repeal the Tanzania News Agency Act, 1976 to provide for transfer of powers, functions and other duties.

Part I – Preliminary provisions (ss. 1-2)

1. Short title

This Act may be cited as the Tanzania News Agency (Repealing) Act.

2. Interpretation

In this Act unless the context otherwise requires—

"**Agency**" means the Tanzania News Agency established under the former Act;

"**former Act**" means the Tanzania News Agency Act;

"**Information Services Department**" means the Information Services Department established under the Prime Minister's Office;

"**Minister**" means the Minister responsible for Information Services and Broadcasting.

Part II – Repeal of the former act and transfer of powers and functions (ss. 3-5)

3. Repeal of **Cap. 149**

[Repeals the Tanzania News Agency Act.]

4. Transfer of powers and functions

- (1) Subject to this Act, the functions and powers which were conferred on the Agency under the former Act are hereby vested in the Information Services Department.
- (2) The powers and functions transferred to the Information Services Department under subsection (1) include to:
 - (a) provide, develop and promote the establishment and operation of facilities for the collection and distribution of news and news materials;

- (b) undertake the collection and distribution of news and news materials to public information services, news papers, broadcasting services, news agencies, members of the public and other persons whether in their individual capacity or in a representative capacity;
- (c) promote the establishment, development and management in Tanzania of facilities for the efficient dissemination of news and news materials;
- (d) advise the Government on matters relating to publication of news and the functioning of news agencies;
- (e) carry out such other activities which may appropriately be associated with the collection or distribution of news or news materials as the Minister may from time to time direct; and
- (f) do such acts and things as in the opinion of the Information Services Department may be necessary, desirable or expedient to uphold and support the credit of the Information Services Department and to obtain and justify public confidence and to avert or minimise any loss to the Information Services Department.

5. Powers of Information Services Department

The Information Services Department shall in performing its functions under [section 4](#) have power to do anything or enter into any transaction which in its opinion is calculated to facilitate the proper and efficient performance of functions under this Act or which is incidental or conducive thereto including power to—

- (a) administer the funds, assets and properties of the Information Services Department;
- (b) signify the acts of the Information Services Department by use of its official Seal;
- (c) provide management or the services to persons, companies or firms engaged in the collection and dissemination of news or news materials;
- (d) prohibit control or regulate the use by any person of the Services and facilities provided by the Information Services Department;
- (e) determine, impose or levy fees, rates and other charges for any service performed by the Information Services Department or for the use by any person of the facilities provided by the Department or for the grant to any person of any kind of authorisation under this Act;
- (f) do anything for the purpose of advancing the skills of persons or the efficiency of the equipment of the Department and to provide facilities for training, education and research and to incorporate with other persons with provision of facilities for any of those purposes;
- (g) act as agent of any person engaged, whether within or outside the United Republic in the performance of services or provision of facilities of a kind similar or complementary to those performed or provided by the Information Services Department;
- (h) enter into agreement with any person whether within or outside the United Republic in the performance of services or the provision of facilities of a kind similar or complementary to those performed or provided by the Information Services Department;
- (i) enter with any arrangement for reciprocal concession or co-operation with any person carrying on or engaged in any business, or transaction which the Information Services Department is authorised to carry on or engaged in, or any business or transaction capable of being conducted as directly or indirectly to benefit the Information Services Department;
- (j) apply for purchase or otherwise acquire any rights to use any literary works or any other things capable of being used for the purposes of the Information Services Department and to use, grant authorisation for the use thereof, or otherwise turn to account, any rights so acquired; and

- (k) do all other acts and things which in the opinion of the Information Services Department, are necessary to facilitate the proper performance of the functions of the Information Services Department.

Part III – Assets, liabilities and employees of the Agency (ss. 6-8)

6. Vesting of assets and liabilities

- (1) All assets whether movable or immovable and the liabilities of the Agency shall with effect from the date of commencement of this Act, and without further assurance, vest in the Government subject to subsection (2) of this section.
- (2) The Minister may by order published in the *Gazette*, specify the assets whether movable or immovable to be transferred to the Information Services Department.

7. Employees of the Agency

- (1) Remunerations and other benefits of the employees of the Agency shall be as may be determined by the Minister.
- (2) Subject to subsection (1), the Minister shall make guidelines prescribing the manner in which to deal with the employee.

8. Regulations

- (1) The Minister may make regulations or rules prescribing anything which needs to be prescribed under this Act.
- (2) The Regulations or rules made under subsection (1) shall be published in the *Gazette*.