

Trump govt to continue HIV, security support to Africa - US ambassador

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KAMPALA. The US ambassador to Uganda, Ms Deborah Malac, has said she does not expect the new government of US president Donald Trump to stop funding health and military support programmes in Africa as it has been speculated.

Mr Trump, 70, assumed the highest office in the US last Friday, replacing Barack Obama and making him the 45th President.

Speaking on the sidelines of the 54th Franco-German Friendship Treaty yesterday, Ms Malac said programmes

like the Presidential Emergency Plan for Aids Relief (PEPFAR) and the military interventions in Somalia and the Central African Republic have enjoyed bipartisan support of leaders in the US Congress, Republicans and Democrats and she does not expect the Trump administration to scrap them.

"I will not speculate what will change but like I have always said after the November elections, programmes like presidential emergency HIV programme in Uganda have enjoyed bi-partisan support of Congress, Republicans, and Democrats and I do not expect this to change," she told jour-

nalists.

Following President Trump's inauguration last Friday, there were several protests across the US with women and children showing their unhappiness for Trump's administration that had promised to repeal the Obama healthcare policy, which seeks to address issues of maternal and child healthcare.

The promise

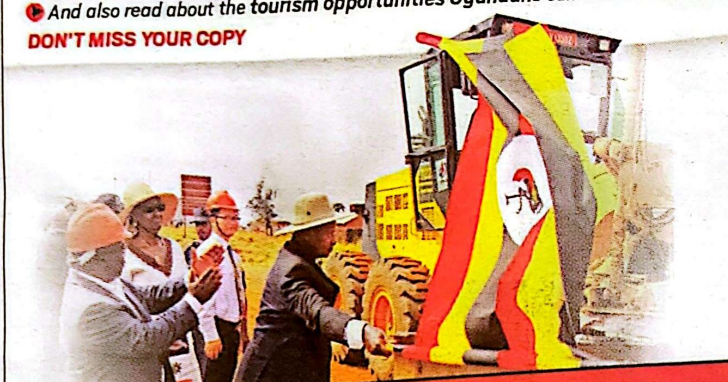
In his inaugural speech, Mr Trump told Americans that his term in office is one for making America a great nation once again.

Yesterday's celebration of the ties between Germany and

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"For many decades, we've enriched foreign industry at the expense of American industry... spent trillions and trillions of dollars overseas while America's infrastructure has fallen into disrepair and decay... From this moment on, it's going to be only America First."

DONALD TRUMP, US PRESIDENT

Taking a moment,
American Ambassador to Uganda Deborah Malac (Right), dances with German Ambassador, Peter Blomeyer at the French Ambassador's residence during the Franco-German 54th Elysee Treaty celebrations in Nakasero, Kampala yesterday. PHOTO BY STEPHEN OTAGE

France for the 54 years of the signing of the Elysee treaty, according to Stephanie Rivoal, the French ambassador, was "an emotional treaty that demonstrated that there are other ways within our hearts to find forgiveness, reconciliation, peace stability and friendship in our hearts".

"The reconciliation between Germany and France is probably the most striking

example in history to show that war and conflict can be turned so rapidly into peace and cooperation," she said.

Dr Peter Blomeyer, the German ambassador to Uganda said the hatred between Germans and the French in the 19th Century culminated into the 1st World War which displayed a lot of horror 100 years ago.

The Elysee Treaty is a treaty of friendship between France and West Germany that was signed by President Charles de Gaulle and Chancellor Konrad Adenauer on January 22, 1963 at the Elysee Palace in Paris.

The signing of the Elysee treaty was intended to establish a new foundation of relations that ended centuries of rivalry between the two countries.