



# REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA



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**GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA**  
**DURING THE MINISTERIAL SEGMENT OF THE**  
**HIGH LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM**  
**17<sup>TH</sup> TO 19<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2016**  
**AT**  
**UNITED NATIONS, NEW YORK**

**MR. PRESIDENT**

IT IS AN HONOR FOR ME TO DELIVER THIS STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE ZAMBIAN DELEGATION. LET ME AT THE OUTSET ALIGN MY STATEMENT WITH THE STATEMENTS DELIVERED BY THE HONOURABLE MINISTERS FROM ECUADOR, AS WELL AS CHAD ON BEHALF OF THE GROUP OF 77 AND CHINA, AND THE AFRICAN GROUP, RESPECTIVELY.

MAY I STATE FROM THE ONSET THAT THE THEME "ERADICATING POVERTY AND PROMOTING PROSPERITY IN A CHANGING WORLD" IS APPROPRIATE AND CALLS FOR THE NEED TO ADOPT INNOVATIVE, RESPONSIVE AND INCLUSIVE APPROACHES TO DEVELOPMENT, IN A MANNER THAT LEAVES NO ONE BEHIND.

**MR. PRESIDENT**

THE AMBITION OF "LEAVING NO ONE BEHIND" REFLECTS THE TRANSFORMATIVE ASPECT OF THE 2030 AGENDA.

AT THE CORE OF THIS, IS TO PREMISE OUR FOCUS ON THE NEEDS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND COUNTRIES IN SPECIAL SITUATIONS WHERE MOST OF THE WORLD'S POOREST ARE FOUND.

WE NOTE THAT HUNGER, POOR HEALTH, GENDER INEQUALITY, SOCIAL EXCLUSION AMONG OTHERS REMAIN DAUNTING CHALLENGES IN MANY COUNTRIES, INCLUDING ZAMBIA.

THERE IS NEED FOR MUTUAL BUILDING OF STRONGER PARTNERSHIPS BOTH AT BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL LEVELS BETWEEN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND THE DEVELOPED WORLD.

THIS PARTNERSHIP MUST TRANSLATE INTO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES LIKE ZAMBIA BENEFITTING IN AREAS WHERE DEVELOPMENT INADEQUACIES ARE PERVASIVE.

AS A WAY OF INSTITUTIONALIZING THE 2030 AGENDA INTO THE NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLANS, ZAMBIA RECENTLY LAUNCHED THE 7<sup>th</sup> NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (2017 -2021), WHOSE THEME IS “ACCELERATING DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS TOWARDS THE VISION 2030 WITHOUT LEAVING ANYONE BEHIND”.

THE PLAN MAINSTREAMS THE SDG INDICATORS INTO OUR NATIONAL PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK.

GOVERNMENT WILL DURING THE 7NDP PERIOD ACCELERATE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SOCIAL PROTECTION POLICY WHICH PROVIDES SOCIAL ASSISTANCE TO VULNERABLE GROUPS.

GOVERNMENT IS ALSO REFORMING THE INPUT DELIVERY AND DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS THROUGH THE E-VOUCHER SYSTEM; PRODUCTIVITY-ENHANCING AND TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT.

OTHER MEASURES INCLUDE: FARM BLOCK DEVELOPMENT; IRRIGATION DEVELOPMENT; ENHANCED CROP RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROMOTION; AS WELL AS IMPROVING THE EARLY WARNING SYSTEMS.

**MR. PRESIDENT,**

WITH REGARDS TO SDG NO 3, ZAMBIA HAS PUT IN PLACE A DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK ARTICULATED UNDER THE DEVELOPMENT PILLAR OF THE SEVENTH NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN DEALING WITH “ENHANCING HUMAN DEVELOPMENT”.

THIS IS EXPECTED TO ADDRESS THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING OF ITS PEOPLE. SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE TO REDUCE CHILD AND MATERNAL MORTALITY, COMMUNICABLE AS WELL AS NON-COMMUNICABLE DISEASES.

NON COMMUNICABLE DISEASES CONTINUE TO PRESENT A HUGE CHALLENGE TO THE WELL-BEING OF ZAMBIANS WITH CANCER BEING THE BIGGEST CHALLENGE.

CERVICAL CANCER IS THE MOST COMMON, AND ACCOUNTS FOR APPROXIMATELY 30 PER CENT OF CANCER CASES.

**MR. PRESIDENT,**

SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION OF GOAL NUMBER FIVE IS IMPORTANT AS IT IS A DRIVER FOR THE EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN. ZAMBIA HAS PUT IN PLACE A COMPREHENSIVE LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY FRAMEWORKS TO DEAL WITH VARIOUS FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION INCLUDING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND CHILDREN

ERADICATING POVERTY REQUIRES INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT AND SUSTAINABLE INDUSTRIALIZATION. THE GOVERNMENT OF ZAMBIA CONSIDERS INDUSTRIALIZATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT AS FUNDAMENTAL PRE-REQUISITES TO DEVELOPMENT.

FINALLY WITH REGARD TO THE MEANS OF IMPLEMENTATION FOR 2030 AGENDA, THE NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN'S STRONG ALIGNMENT TO THE SDGS IS A STRONG DEMONSTRATION OF ZAMBIA'S COMMITMENT TO WORK WITH GLOBAL PARTNERS IN ADDRESSING THE COUNTRY'S PERTINENT DEVELOPMENT CHALLENGES.

THIS WILL BE SUPPORTED BY ENHANCED FRAMEWORKS FOR STATISTICAL AND MONITORING AND EVALUATION CAPACITIES COUPLED WITH COORDINATED AND DIVERSIFIED RESOURCE MOBILIZATION AND PARTNERSHIPS.

**MR. PRESIDENT,**

IN CONCLUSION, I WISH TO REITERATE AND ASSURE YOU OF ZAMBIA'S UNWAVERING COMMITMENT TO THE PROCESS AND INDEED OUR CONSTRUCTIVE ENGAGEMENT IN THIS DISCOURSE OF ENSURING THAT WE CREATE A BETTER AND SAFE FUTURE FOR OUR GENERATION AND THOSE TO COME.

I THANK YOU!