



**Republic of Zambia**

## **STATEMENT**

**HIS EXCELLENCY MR. EDGAR CHAGWA LUNGU,  
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA,**

**DURING THE PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS BY NEW  
HEADS OF MISSIONS,**

**AT STATE HOUSE, ON FRIDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> JUNE, 2019**

**STATE HOUSE  
LUSAKA**

I HAVE THE UTMOST PLEASURE TO WELCOME YOUR EXCELLENCIES TO THE REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA AND I WISH TO EXTEND MY HEARTFELT CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR APPOINTMENTS AS RESIDENT COORDINATOR OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEMS IN ZAMBIA AND AMBASSADOR OF THE REPUBLIC OF TUNISIA TO ZAMBIA, RESPECTIVELY.

WHILE YOUR EXCELLENCIES HAVE UNIQUE GOALS THAT YOU WISH TO ACHIEVE DURING YOUR RESPECTIVE TENURES, WE ARE ALL CLOSELY KNIT BY COMMON ASPIRATIONS OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, STABILITY AND PEACE AS ENSHRINED IN OUR CONTINENTAL BLUEPRINT, AGENDA **2063** AND THE **2030** AGENDA FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGS).

I AM HOPEFUL THAT WE WILL WORK CLOSELY TO ACHIEVE THESE OBJECTIVES AND CREATE A BETTER AND SAFER WORLD FOR OUR PEOPLE.

IT IS THEREFORE, MY DISTINCT HONOUR AND PRIVILEGE TO RECEIVE YOUR LETTERS OF CREDENCE, ACCREDITING YOU AS HEADS OF MISSIONS TO ZAMBIA BY YOUR RESPECTIVE SENDING INSTITUTION AND COUNTRY.

**1. YOUR EXCELLENCY, DR. COUMBA NDEYE MAR GADIO,  
RESIDENT COORDINATOR OF THE UNITED NATIONS (UN)  
SYSTEM:**

ZAMBIA WELCOMES THE REINVIGORATED UNITED NATIONS RESIDENT COORDINATOR SYSTEM, WHICH WILL ENSURE THAT THE UN ACTIONS MATCH THE AMBITION OF THE **2030** AGENDA FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT.

THE ROLE OF RESIDENT COORDINATOR IS PIVOTAL TO THE SUCCESS OF THE UNITED NATIONS IN SUPPORTING NATIONAL PRIORITIES, DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES, AND PLANS.

IN THIS REGARD, ZAMBIA, LIKE OTHER MEMBER STATES OF THE UNITED NATIONS, IS HOPEFUL THAT THE SEPARATION OF THE FUNCTIONS OF RESIDENT COORDINATOR AND THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (UNDP) RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE WILL HAVE A POSITIVE IMPACT ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT.

I APPRECIATE THAT THE UN HAS BEEN SUPPORTING ZAMBIA IN AREAS SUCH AS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, FOOD SECURITY, EDUCATION, HEALTH, SOCIAL PROTECTION, WATER AND SANITATION, REFUGEES, CHILDREN'S RIGHTS, TO MENTION BUT A FEW.

I AM THEREFORE, CONFIDENT THAT YOU WILL BUILD ON YOUR PREDECESSORS' ACHIEVEMENTS AND ENHANCE COOPERATION BETWEEN ZAMBIA AND THE UN EVEN FURTHER.

**2. YOUR EXCELLENCY MR. BOUZEKTRI RMILI  
AMBASSADOR OF TUNISIA TO ZAMBIA:**

RELATIONS BETWEEN ZAMBIA AND TUNISIA HAVE, OVER THE YEARS, BEEN WARM AND CORDIAL.

IT IS, HOWEVER, IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT THERE IS NEED TO INCREASE THE LEVELS OF INTERACTION AND COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

MY GOVERNMENT IS COMMITTED TO THE PROMOTION OF INVESTMENT AND PRIVATE SECTOR DEVELOPMENT. THEREFORE, I WELCOME COOPERATION AND EXCHANGE OF TECHNICAL EXPERTISE AND INFORMATION IN VARIOUS FIELDS.

OUR DESIRE IS THAT DURING YOUR TENURE AS AMBASSADOR, RELATIONS BETWEEN ZAMBIA AND TUNISIA WILL BE STRENGTHENED FURTHER THROUGH POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION.

**YOUR EXCELLENCIES:**

I WISH TO REAFFIRM MY GOVERNMENT'S UNWAVERING SUPPORT THROUGH THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, TO FACILITATE YOUR WORK AND ENSURE THAT YOUR RESPECTIVE TOURS OF DUTY YIELD TANGIBLE RESULTS.

MAY I ALSO ENCOURAGE YOU TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS OPPORTUNITY AND EXPLORE ZAMBIA, THE HOME OF THE VICTORIA FALLS, AND A COUNTRY IMMENSELY ENDOWED WITH NATURAL BEAUTY AND WILDLIFE.

ONCE AGAIN, I CONGRATULATE YOUR EXCELLENCIES.

**THANK YOU.**