



Republic of Zambia

REMARKS BY
HIS EXCELLENCY MR. EDGAR CHAGWA LUNGU
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA
AT THE SWEARING-IN CEREMONY OF THE DEPUTY CHIEF JUSTICE AT
STATE HOUSE

ON THURSDAY, 11TH JULY, 2019

HON. MR JUSTICE MICHAEL MUSONDA

LET ME START BY CONGRATULATING YOU ON YOUR APPOINTMENT TO THE POSITION OF DEPUTY CHIEF JUSTICE.

I MADE CAREFUL CONSIDERATION ON YOUR APPOINTMENT WITH THOROUGH SCRUTINY. TO THIS EFFECT PARLIAMENT DID AGREE AND RATIFIED YOUR APPOINTMENT.

YOU HAVE A RICH EMPLOYMENT RECORD SPANNING OVER A PERIOD OF TWENTY-SEVEN YEARS DURING WHICH YOU DID NOT ONLY WORK WITH LEADING LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL LAW FIRMS BUT ALSO HAD PROFESSIONAL ENGAGEMENT WITH LEADING INTERNATIONAL MANAGEMENT CONSULTING AND ACCOUNTANCY FIRMS,

YOU ARE A DISTINGUISHED AND WELL ACCOMPLISHED MEMBER OF THE ZAMBIAN LEGAL INNER BAR. OVER YEARS YOU HAVE SERVED AS A LAWYER, LECTURER, MEMBER OF THE CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF ARBITRATORS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND JUDGE OF THE SUPREME COURT OF ZAMBIA.

FOLLOWING YOUR APPOINTMENT AS SUPREME COURT JUDGE IN 2015 YOU HAVE EXECUTED ADJUDICATIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES DILIGENTLY THEREBY IMMENSELY CONTRIBUTING TO THE EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT DELIVERY OF JUSTICE. AS YOU SERVE IN THE HIGH OFFICE, YOUR FIRST TASK IS TO ENHANCE THE JUDICIAL PROCESS AND IMPROVE ON THE EXPEDIENCY REGARDING COURT CASES.

HONOURABLE LAZAROUS CHUNGU BWALYA

I HAVE WORKED WITH YOU FOR SOME TIME NOW. YOU ARE TAKING UP LEADERSHIP IN NORTHERN PROVINCE AS MINISTER. NORTHERN PROVINCE HAS A LOT OF POTENTIAL FOR DEVELOPMENT. I AM AWARE, AS WELL AS YOU ARE, THAT NORTHERN PROVINCE HELD A VERY SUCCESSFUL EXPO AND A PLAN HAS BEEN DEVELOPED. I URGE YOU TO ENGAGE YOUR COLLEAGUE TO GET A HANDOVER AND QUICKLY SETTLE.

CONCLUSION

IN CONCLUSION, I ENCOURAGE YOU TO CONTINUE DISCHARGING YOUR DUTIES WITH DUE DILIGENCE.

GOD BLESS YOU.