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## **PRESIDENT LUNGU CONSOLES CHINA OVER CORONAVIRUS DEATHS**

**LUSAKA, (Tuesday, 4th February, 2020)---***His Excellency, Dr Edgar Chagwa Lungu, President of the Republic of Zambia* has expressed deep sorrow on the loss of lives caused by the coronavirus which has afflicted the People's Republic of China.

*And the President has expressed confidence that Zambian nationals living in China are receiving the necessary support and attention during this period.*

*The President, in a message of condolences to his counterpart Chinese President Xi Jinping, commended the Chinese Government for its unmatched level of preparedness and tenacity demonstrated in handling the coronavirus epidemic since it broke out.*

*"It is for this reason and owing to our excellent bilateral ties that I wish to express confidence that the Zambian nationals living in China are receiving the necessary support and attention during this period," added the President.*

*President Lungu assured his counterpart that Zambia stands in solidarity with the Government of the People's Republic of China during this trying period.*

*"Allow me to express, on my own behalf and indeed on behalf of the Government and the people of Zambia our heartfelt condolences to the Chinese Government, the bereaved families and the people of your great country on this unfortunate turn of events," the President said.*

*And the President is confident that through the Government of the People's Republic of China and President Xi Jinping's relentless search for a cure, fewer infections will be recorded and ultimately, no further loss of life.*

"Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration and my best wishes for your continued personal good health and the prosperity of the people of the People's Republic of China," said the President.

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