



STATEMENT BY

HIS EXCELLENCY DR. EDGAR CHAGWA LUNGU
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA

DURING THE SWEARING CEREMONY

AT STATE HOUSE

WEDNESDAY, 27TH MAY, 2020

MAY I CONGRATULATE BOTH OF YOU ON YOUR INDIVIDUAL PROMOTIONS.

I AM GLAD THAT BOTH OF YOU WERE PREVIOUSLY HOLDING POSITIONS OF DIRECTORS OF FINANCE AT THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE. LET ME NOW ADDRESS YOU INDIVIDUALLY.

**1. MR CHIBWE NOBERT MULONDA,
CONTROLLER OF INTERNAL AUDIT,
MINISTRY OF FINANCE;**

UNTIL THIS APPOINTMENT, YOU WERE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AT THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE. YOU JOINED GOVERNMENT AS AN ACCOUNTANT AND HAS SERVED FOR **18** YEARS RISING THROUGH RANKS.

YOU HAVE NOW BEEN SWORN-IN AS **CONTROLLER OF INTERNAL AUDIT** IN THE **MINISTRY OF FINANCE**. YOUR PROMOTION IS WELL DESERVED.

THEREFORE, YOU, HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE MANAGEMENT OF PUBLIC RESOURCES AND ENSURING FINANCIAL PRUDENCE.

I EXPECT YOU TO PERFORM EXCEPTIONALLY WELL WITHIN THE CONFINES OF THE LAID DOWN FINANCIAL REGULATIONS.

**2. MRS CLARE MWAMBA MAZIMBA
DEPUTY AUDITOR GENERAL IN CHARGE OF CORPORATE
SERVICES-OFFICE OF AUDITOR GENERAL**

YOU WERE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AT THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT. YOU HAVE **24** YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN PUBLIC SERVICE. YOU WERE FIRST APPOINTED TO GOVERNMENT AS AN ACCOUNTANTS ASSISTANT.

YOUR INDIVIDUAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN PUBLIC SERVICE FINANCE MANAGEMENT DESERVES COMMENDATION.

YOUR PROMOTION TO THE POSITION OF **DEPUTY AUDITOR GENERAL** IN CHARGE OF CORPORATE SERVICES IN THE OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL IS IN RECOGNITION OF YOUR HARDWORK.

LET ME NOW ADDRESS BOTH OF YOU.

YOUR PROMOTIONS ARE A CLEAR TESTIMONY THAT GOVERNMENT IS COMMITTED TO REWARDING PUBLIC SERVICE EMPLOYEES WITH EXCEPTIONAL PERFORMANCE IN THEIR EXECUTION OF DUTY.

YOUR PROMOTIONS HAVE NOW TRANSFORMED YOU INTO ROLE MODELS TO OTHER GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES WHO ARE ASPIRING TO RISE TO SUCH SENIOR POSITIONS.

I AM CONFIDENT THAT BOTH OF YOU ARE EQUAL TO YOUR NEW TASKS.

HOWEVER, LET ME EMPHASISE THE NEED FOR YOU TO WORK EXTREMELY HARD TO HELP GOVERNMENT REDUCE INCIDENCES OF AUDIT QUERIES. THERE IS URGENT NEED TO FURTHER TIGHTEN CONTROLS IN THE APPLICATION AND MANAGEMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE RESOURCES.

AS YOU MAY ALREADY BE AWARE, THE OUTBREAK OF THE GLOBAL PANDEMIC, THE CORONA VIRUS, COUPLED WITH SEVERE DROUGHTS AND FLOODS THAT HAVE RAVAGED SOME PARTS OF OUR COUNTRY, HAVE NEGATIVELY IMPACTED THE SMOOTH IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2020 NATIONAL BUDGET. THIS IS IN TERMS OF BOTH REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

IT IS AT THIS CRITICAL TIME THAT YOU SHOULD UPSCALE YOUR DEDICATION TO DUTY BY ENSURING PRUDENT UTILISATION OF THE MEAGRE GOVERNMENT RESOURCES AND STRICT COMPLIANCE TO PUBLIC FINANCE MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES OF WHICH AUDITING PLAYS A SIGNIFICANT ROLE.

I AM CONFIDENT THAT WITH YOUR VAST INDIVIDUAL EXPERIENCES AND SKILLS IN PUBLIC SERVICE FINANCE MANAGEMENT, YOU WILL RISE TO THE OCCASION AND HELP IDENTIFY CONTROL WEAKNESSES THAT MIGHT EXACERBATE MISAPPLICATION AND MISMANAGEMENT OF RESOURCES.

I AND THE PEOPLE OF ZAMBIA EXPECT NOTHING LESS THAN TOTAL ACCOUNTABILITY IN THE UTILISATION OF PUBLIC RESOURCES.

ONCE AGAIN, I WISH TO CONGRATULATE BOTH OF YOU ON YOUR INDIVIDUAL APPOINTMENTS, AND WISH YOU GOD'S BLESSINGS AS YOU SERVE THE PEOPLE OF ZAMBIA IN YOUR NEW POSITIONS.

I THANK YOU.