



Press Statement

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## **ZAMBIA URGES QUICK AMICABLE SETTLEMENT IN ZIMBABWE**

**CAIRO, (Wednesday, 15<sup>TH</sup> November, 2017)**-----His Excellency Mr. Edgar Chagwa Lungu, President of the Republic of Zambia who is in Cairo, Egypt, on a state visit, has commented today on the unfolding situation in Zimbabwe.

"We are carefully monitoring the evolving situation in Zimbabwe. We are maintaining open lines of communication with the administration and exchanging with our other regional neighbours. I have encouraged all parties in Zimbabwe to work towards a quick and peaceful resolution to the impasse and to uphold human rights, the President said.

Zambia's Minister of Foreign Affairs Hon. Harry Kalaba, who accompanied the President to Cairo, has now flown to Gaborone, Botswana to attend meetings of the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) Troika on Defence and Security. The Foreign Ministers of South Africa, Angola and Zambia are each serving members of the Troika.

Commenting as he left Cairo, Mr Kalaba said: "Zambia will continue to push for measures to safeguard security within our framework of regional cooperation. SADC and the African Union (AU) are both clear and unambiguous when it comes to the sanctity of national constitutions."

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