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Press Statement

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PRESIDENT LUNGU CONGRATULATES ETHIOPIA'S NEW PRESIDENT

LUSAKA, (WEDNESDAY, 31st OCTOBER, 2018)--- His Excellency Mr Edgar Chagwa Lungu, President of the Republic of Zambia has congratulated Ethiopia's new Head of State Sahle-Work Zewde following her unanimous election by that country's Parliament on 25th October, 2018.

In his message of congratulations, the President says the appointment of Her Excellency Sahle-Work Zewde as the first female to hold the highest office in the land as an illustration of the Ethiopian Government's commitment to the promotion of Gender Equality and Women Empowerment.

The President notes that the increased number of appointments of women to decision making positions in that country's Parliament sets a remarkable standard for the future of Ethiopian politics describing it as a positive trend for Africa and the world over.

The President reaffirms his commitment to further strengthening bilateral and multilateral cooperation between Zambia and Ethiopia for the mutual benefit of the two peoples.

President Lungu also looks forward to working with President Zewde in an effort aimed at strengthening the economic development of the two countries as well as promoting peace and security on the African continent.

"On behalf of the Government and people of the Republic of Zambia, and indeed on my own behalf, I wish to extend sincere congratulations to your Excellency on your election as President of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia," says the President in his message of congratulations.

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