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**Press Statement**  
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**PRESIDENT LUNGU CONDEMNS NAIROBI TERROR ATTACKS**

**LUSAKA, (Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> January 2019) -- His Excellency Mr. Edgar Chagwa Lungu, President of the Republic of Zambia**, has sent a message of condolences and solidarity to President Uhuru Kenyatta of the Republic of Kenya following the terrorist attack on a hotel in the capital Nairobi where 14 people died and several others seriously injured.

In his message today, President Lungu said: " to my brother Uhuru Kenyatta and to our friends, the people of Kenya, we the people of Zambia express our shock, our sympathy and our unwavering support following these tragic and senseless acts of violence."

The President is happy that the 19-hour siege at the Dusit complex is now over and that all the terrorists have been eliminated. He praised the courage and professionalism of the Kenyan security services who carried out a meticulous operation and managed to rescue more than 700 people from the hotel complex.

The President says that Zambia and Kenya share the deepest bonds of friendship. And those that seek to cause the two societies harm should know, there is no space within the brotherly neighbourhood for violence and terrorism - only peace and respect for one another."

"As the hours pass, I hope we draw comfort from stories of courage, selflessness, and of those that stopped to help. These acts will always be testament to the prevailing good of the human spirit," the President says.

The President condemned the destructive and senseless face of terrorism in all its forms and renewed Zambia's commitment to global efforts to fight terrorism and preserve peace and democracy knowing that unity in the face of such tragedy will make us stronger.

"On behalf of the Government, the people of the Republic of Zambia and indeed on my own behalf, I wish to convey my heartfelt condolences to Your Excellency and the people of Kenya. Our thoughts and prayers are with the victims, their families, and those recovering, and I wish God's strength and fortitude upon you so that His light may offer some comfort during these darkest of times."

Issued by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. Chanda".

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