THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE BILL, 2017

MEMORANDUM

The objects of this Bill are to-

- (a) provide for sound financing for the national health system;
- (b) provide for a universal access to quality insured health care services;
- (c) establish the National Health Insurance Management Authority and provide for its functions and powers;
- (*d*) establish the National Health Insurance Scheme and provide for its systems, procedures and operation;
- (e) establish the National Health Insurance Fund and provide for contributions to and payment from the Fund;
- (f) provide for accreditation criteria and conditions in respect of insured health care services;
- (g) provide for complaints and appeals processes;
- (*h*) provide for the progressive establishment of provincial and district health offices of the Authority; and
- *(i)* provide for matters connected with, or incidental to, the foregoing.

A. MWANSA, Solicitor-General

N.A.B. 22, 2017 6th December, 2017

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