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MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

**IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INTELLIGENT ROAD SAFETY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM
PROJECT**

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Mr Speaker, I wish to express my sincere appreciation for according me this opportunity to deliver this Ministerial Statement on the implementation of the intelligent Road Safety Management System Project which has seen the installation of speed cameras on selected roads in Lusaka meant to enhance road safety.

Mr Speaker, as you are aware Road Traffic and Safety Agency (RTSA) and its technology partner launched this project earlier in the year in a proposed phased approach. The initial or pilot phase commenced in Lusaka on 11th July, 2018 with the installation of eleven speed cameras on seven of thirty-one road traffic accident prone areas in Lusaka. These seven sites are: Airport Road; Great East Road; Ring Road (Tokyo Way); Kafue Road; Mumbwa Road; Church Road and the Great North Road.

Mr Speaker I have to hasten to say that the roll out and implementation of this project has not been without challenges. The public has raised several concerns and rightly so during the pilot phase. Some of the concerns have included among others; inadequate publicising and sensitisation of citizens on the project and catching them unaware, lack of adequate signage on some of the roads, speed limits that seemed to be inconsistent and sometimes too low in certain sections, delayed offence notification, other challenges observed where around making of payments for the fines as payment platforms were not yet ready, notification of offence messages sent to wrong people owing to change of ownership of a motor vehicle without notification to the agency, and lack of captured images as the offence is committed as well as failing to log on the websites to review the statement to ascertain where the offence was committed, the date and the time.