



REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA

MINISTRY OF HIGHER EDUCATION

**MINISTERIAL STATEMENT ON PROGRESS ON THE UPGRADING OF
CHALIMBANA, KWAME NKRUMAH AND MUKUBA UNIVERSITIES**

MR SPEAKER,

I WISH TO THANK YOU MOST SINCERELY FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A MINISTERIAL STATEMENT TO THIS AUGUST HOUSE. I WISH TO UPDATE THE HOUSE ON THE STATUS OF THE NEWLY UPGRADED COLLEGES OF EDUCATION INTO UNIVERSITIES NAMELY; CHALIMBANA, KWAME NKRUMAH AND MUKUBA UNIVERSITIES. I WILL ALSO UPDATE THE HOUSE ON THE STRATEGIES GOVERNMENT WILL BE IMPLEMENTING TO FINALIZE THE PROCESS OF UPGRADING THE UNIVERSITIES.

MR SPEAKER

AS MEMBERS ARE AWARE, THE UPGRADING OF THE COLLEGES OF EDUCATION INTO UNIVERSITIES WAS A PRONOUNCEMENT BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE LATE REPUBLICAN PRESIDENT OF ZAMBIA, MR. MICHAEL CHILUFYA SATA. FROM THE TIME OF THE PRONOUNCEMENT, THE PATRIOTIC FRONT GOVERNMENT HAS MADE MASSIVE INVESTMENTS IN THE THREE UNIVERSITIES. AMONG THE INVESTMENTS ARE THE ON-GOING INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENTS WHICH WERE EMBARKED ON WITH A VIEW TO EXPAND THE CAPACITY OF THE LEARNING INSTITUTIONS BY INCREASING ACCESS. AT THE END GOVERNMENT, HOPES TO HAVE UPGRADED THE OUTLOOK OF THE INSTITUTIONS TO UNIVERSITY STATUS.

MR SPEAKER

THE TOTAL INVESTMENT IN INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT IS VALUED AT ZMW 254.3 BROKEN DOWN AS FOLLOWS:

- i. ZMW 46.6 MILLION FOR CHALIMBANA UNIVERSITY;

- ii. ZMW 103.6 FOR KWAME NKRUMAH; AND
- iii. ZMW 104.1 FOR MUKUBA UNIVERSITY.

THESE FUNDS HAVE BEEN USED TO CONSTRUCT ADDITIONAL STUDENT HOSTELS, LIBRARY, LECTURE THEATRES, BLOCKS OF LECTURE AND TUTORIAL ROOMS, HOSTELS, ADMINISTRATION BLOCKS AND STAFF HOUSING.

MR SPEAKER,

GOVERNMENT REVIEWED THE PROGRESS MADE ON THE TRANSFORMATION OF THESE COLLEGES TO PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES. IT HAS BEEN FOUND THAT THERE HAS BEEN LITTLE PROGRESS OVER THE PAST THREE (3) YEARS TOWARDS THE TRANSFORMATION OF THESE INSTITUTIONS INTO UNIVERSITIES. AS A RESULT OF THESE FINDINGS, AND TO SPEED UP THE TRANSFORMATION PROCESS, I HAVE APPROVED THE AFFILIATION OF THESE THREE NEW PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES TO THE ALREADY EXISTING PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES USING PART VI, SECTION 37 OF THE HIGHER EDUCATION ACT NO.4 OF 2013. THE AFFILIATION SHALL BE GOVERNED AS PROVIDED FOR IN PART VI, SECTION 37 OF THE HE ACT.

MR SPEAKER,

MY MINISTRY IS COMMITTED TO IMPLEMENT STRATEGIES TO FULLY IMPLEMENT THE PROCESS OF UPGRADING THE THREE INSTITUTIONS. THE STRATEGIES TO BE IMPLEMENTED IN THE FOLLOWING TIME PERIODS INCLUDE:

- i. IN THE SHORT TO MEDIUM TERM WHICH WILL SPAN OVER A PERIOD OF 3 YEARS; AND

- ii. THE LONG TERM WHICH WILL SPAN OVER A PERIOD BEYOND 3 YEARS.

MR SPEAKER,

THE SHORT TO MEDIUM TERM,

IN ORDER TO QUICKEN THE TRANSFORMATION OF THESE INSTITUTIONS INTO FULL-FLEDGED UNIVERSITIES, THE MINISTRY HAS DECIDED TO AFFILIATE MUKUBA UNIVERSITY TO COPPERBELT UNIVERSITY, KWAME NKRUMAH TO MULUNGUSHI UNIVERSITY AND CHALIMBANA TO UNIVERSITY OF ZAMBIA. THE TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR COPPERBELT UNIVERSITY, MULUNGUSHI UNIVERSITY AND UNIVERSITY OF ZAMBIA IN THIS ARRANGEMENT AND TAKING INTO ACCOUNT PROVISIONS OF PART VI, SECTION 37 OF THE HIGHER EDUCATION ACT NO.4 OF 2013, SHALL BE BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING:

1. APPOINT FOUR SENIOR MEMBERS OF STAFF TO BE SECONDED TO THE NEW PUBLIC UNIVERSITY TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION, ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT AND OVERALL HEAD OF THE INSTITUTION. THESE STAFF WILL SPEAR-HEAD THE TRANSFORMATION PROCESS;
2. TAKE STOCK OF THE PROGRAMMES BEING OFFERED AT DIPLOMA, BACHELORS AND POSTGRADUATE LEVEL;
3. TAKE STOCK OF STAFF TEACHING THESE PROGRAMMES AND DETERMINE IF THERE ARE QUALIFIED TO TEACH THE RESPECTIVE PROGRAMMES;