



REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA

Office of the Vice President

**MINISTERIAL STATEMENT ON THE UPDATE ON
PREPARATION FOR THE 2016 TRIPARTITE ELECTIONS
AND REFERENDUM DELIVERED BY HER HONOUR THE
VICE PRESIDENT, MRS INONGE M. WINA, MP**

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Mr. Speaker,

I thank you for according me this opportunity to update this August House on the preparations for the 2016 General Elections and the printing of the 2016 elections ballot papers.

Mr. Speaker,

The Commission has drawn up a roadmap, in which it has outlined various activities it will undertake before the poll day on 11th August, 2016.

Mr. Speaker,

I wish to report that the preparations are on schedule and to date the following activities have been undertaken:

1. Consultations with Stakeholders

Mr. Speaker, the Commission has held several consultative meetings with stakeholders on the electoral process. In particular, the Commission has held meetings with political parties through the Political Party Liaison Committee to inform and discuss various electoral issues affecting political parties.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to report that arising from the stakeholders' meeting that was held on 4th February, 2016 at Mulungushi Conference Centre, a Consultative Elections Committee has been formed whose aim is to look at key issues and concerns in relation to the 2016 General Elections.

The Committee consists of five (5) political parties with representation in Parliament, two (2) political parties with no representation in Parliament, two (2) Faith Based Organisations,

and three (3) Civil Society Organisations which includes representation from Persons with Disabilities and a representative from the Law Association of Zambia.

Mr. Speaker, the Commission has also held consultative meetings with stakeholders with special needs to obtain their views on the various electoral services pertaining to them and their participation in the electoral process.

2. Procurement of Election Materials and Services

Mr. Speaker, the Commission has commenced the bidding process for the procurement of various election materials and services for the 2016 General Elections and Referendum. The Commission has so far procured non – security election materials such as ballot boxes, and the distribution of these and other non-security election materials to the districts has began.

3. Printing of Ballot Papers

Mr. Speaker, with regards to the printing of ballot papers, the Commission will soon conclude the open international tender bidding process for the printing of ballot papers.

Mr Speaker, the Commission had issued a Notice to Award the contract to Alghurair Printing and Publishing LLC, a company that is incorporated in Dubai, in the United Arab Emirates. The Notice to Award expired on 21st April, 2016.

Mr. Speaker, as the tender process is still ongoing and to avoid prejudicing the whole tender process, a comprehensive statement shall be issued once the procurement process for