

**CLOSING REMARKS DELIVERED BY CHIEF MPANDE, MAMBWE ROYAL ESTABLISHMENT, OF NORTHERN PROVINCE, AT THE LAUNCH OF THE FIRST WORLD WAR CENTENARY COMMEMORATION AND THE NORTHERN PROVINCE INVESTMENT EXPO ON 3<sup>RD</sup> AUGUST 2018 AT MULUNGUSHI INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE CENTRE**

**YOUR HONOUR, MRS INONGE MUTUKWA WINA, MP, VICE  
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA  
THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE PATRIOTIC FRONT  
CABINET MINISTERS PRESENT  
ROYAL HIGHNESSES PRESENT  
MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT PRESENT  
SECRETARY TO CABINET  
SECRETARY TO THE TREASURY  
DEPUTY SECRETARIES TO CABINET PRESENT  
PERMANENT SECRETARIES PRESENT  
MAYOR OF THE GREAT CITY OF LUSAKA AND OTHER MAYORS  
PRESENT  
UNITED NATIONS RESIDENT COORDINATOR  
HEADS OF FOREIGN MISSIONS PRESENT  
SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS PRESENT  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND CAPTAINS OF INDUSTRIES  
PRESENT  
MEMBERS OF THE PRESS  
  
DISTINGUISHED LADIES AND GENTLEMEN**

IT GIVES ME GREAT HONOUR AND PLEASURE TO STAND BEFORE THIS AUGUST GATHERING TO DELIVER THIS VOTE OF THANKS.

ON BEHALF OF OTHER ROYAL HIGHNESSES IN THE PROVINCE, I WISH TO STATE THAT NORTHERN PROVINCE WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA, MR. EDGAR CHAGWA LUNGU, CABINET OFFICE, AND THE PROVINCIAL ADMINISTRATION, NORTHERN, FOR REMEMBERING THE PROVINCE FROM ITS CINDERELLA HISTORY.

THE FIRST WORLD WAR CENTENARY COMMEMORATION AND NORTHERN PROVINCE INVESTMENT EXPO ARE TWO IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES THAT WILL BRING THE MUCH-NEEDED ECONOMIC IMPROVEMENT TO THE PROVINCE.

I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK GOVERNMENT MINISTRIES, PARASTATAL ORGANIZATIONS, OUR COOPERATING PARTNERS AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR THAT HAVE COME ON BOARD TO SUPPORT THIS IMPORTANT UNDERTAKING.

THE PROVINCE IS READY TO RECEIVE AND ACCOMMODATE THE ANTICIPATED LARGE NUMBER OF DELEGATES THAT ARE EXPECTED TO BE IN THE PROVINCE DURING THE CENTENARY COMMEMORATION AND INVESTMENT EXPO.

I WOULD FURTHER LIKE TO COMMEND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA FOR THE WORK ALREADY BEING DONE TO PREPARE FOR THIS EVENT SUCH AS REHABILITATION OF ROADS LEADING TO TOURIST AND INVESTMENT SITES, HERITAGE SITES, SELECTED INFRASTRUCTURE, AND IMPROVEMENT OF COMMUNICATION AMONG OTHERS.

**GUEST OF HONOUR, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,**

AS THE PREVIOUS SPEAKERS HAVE RIGHTLY STATED, NOTWITHSTANDING THE FACT THAT THE NORTHERN PROVINCE IS WHERE WORLD WAR ONE OFFICIALLY ENDED, THE PROVINCE IS GREATLY ENDOWED WITH A LOT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, THAT NEED TO BE

EXPLOITED IN ORDER TO IMPROVE THE LIVELIHOOD OF OUR PEOPLE.

WHEN THIS IS DONE, THE ECONOMIC BENEFITS FOR THE PEOPLE OF NORTHERN PROVINCE IN PARTICULAR AND THE PEOPLE OF ZAMBIA IN GENERAL WILL INCREASE, DUE TO VALUE-ADDITION TO LOCAL RESOURCES, AND INCREASED TRADE WITH THE NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES THROUGH MPULUNGU HARBOUR; AMONG MANY OTHERS.

### **DISTINGUISHED LADIES AND GENTLEMEN**

ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF NORTHERN PROVINCE AND INDEED ON MY OWN BEHALF, I WISH TO SINCERELY THANK THE GUEST OF HONOUR FOR FINDING TIME FROM HER BUSY SCHEDULE TO COME AND GRACE THIS IMPORTANT OCCASION.

IN CONCLUSION, I WISH YOU ALL THE BEST AS WE PREPARE FOR THIS MAJOR EVENT, WHICH IS NOT JUST FOR THE PEOPLE OF NORTHERN PROVINCE, BUT THE COUNTRY AS A WHOLE. REMEMBER, THE EYES OF THE WORLD ARE ON ZAMBIA

**THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU.**