

SPEECH DELIVERED BY HONOURABLE BRIAN MUNDUBILE, MP PROVINCIAL MINISTER, NORTHERN PROVINCE AT THE LAUNCH OF THE COMMEMORATION OF THE CENTENARY OF THE END OF THE FIRST WORLD WAR AND THE NORTHERN PROVINCE INVESTMENT EXPO ON 3RD 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

I AM EXTREMELY HONOURED AND PRIVILEGED TO ADDRESS THIS AUGUST
GATHERING AT THE LAUNCH OF THE CENTENARY COMMEMORATION OF THE END
OF THE FIRST WORLD AND THE NORTHERN PROVINCE INVESTMENT EXPO.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO, ON 25TH NOVEMBER, 1918, IN A LITTLE TOWN OF ABERCORN, NOW MBALA, THE GERMAN FORCES LED BY GENERAL VON LETTOW VORBECK, LAID DOWN THEIR ARMS AND SURRENDERED TO THE BRITISH FORCES. THAT OCCURRENCE MARKED THE OFFICIAL END OF THE FIRST WORLD WAR.

ALTHOUGH THE WORLD CELEBRATES IT ON THE 11TH HOUR OF THE 11TH DAY OF THE 11TH MONTH, ZAMBIA AND IN PARTICULAR NORTHERN PROVINCE, WILL TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS RENEWED INTEREST IN THE WAR TO RE-TELL THIS FORGOTTEN HISTORY TO ENSURE THAT THE REST OF THE WORLD IS AWARE OF THIS IMPORTANT PART OF HISTORY AND ZAMBIA'S ROLE IN IT. THE NINETEEN COUNTRIES THAT PARTICIPATED IN THE EAST AFRICAN CAMPAIGN ARE BEING ENGAGED TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS COMMEMORATION ON 25TH NOVEMBER, 2018.

YOUR HONOUR, DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

THE NORTHERN PROVINCE IS TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE HYPE BEING CREATED AROUND THE WORLD ABOUT THIS HISTORIC EVENT TO ORGANISE AN INVESTMENT EXPO APTLY DUBBED "**DESTINATION MBALA 2018**", WITH THE THEME '**UNLOCKING THE TOURISM AND INVESTMENT POTENTIAL OF NORTHERN PROVINCE 100 YEARS AFTER THE END OF THE FIRST WORLD WAR**'. THE EXPO WILL BE HELD AT THE SIDELINES OF THE CENTENARY COMMEMORATION, FROM THE 20TH TO 24TH NOVEMBER, 2018.

IT IS MY BELIEF THAT THIS STRATEGY WILL HELP CREATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE PROMOTION OF INVESTMENT AND TRIGGER A TURNAROUND IN THE ECONOMIC FORTUNES OF THE PROVINCE AND ZAMBIA IN GENERAL. WITH VAST OPPORTUNITIES FOR INVESTMENT IN SECTORS SUCH AS TOURISM, AGRICULTURE, MINING AND ENERGY, WE WOULD LIKE AS A PROVINCE TO REQUEST FOR PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION TO HELP DRIVE GOVERNMENT'S DEVELOPMENT AGENDA AS OUTLINED IN THE 7TH NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN.

WITH THE AMOUNT OF INTEREST THAT HAS BEEN GENERATED IN THIS EVENT, IT IS HOPED THAT THE COUNTRY WOULD HAVE BEEN MARKETED AS A WORLD CLASS TOURISM AND INVESTMENT DESTINATION FOR MANY YEARS TO COME, AND THE NORTHERN PROVINCE AND THE ENTIRE NORTHERN CIRCUIT IS EXPECTED TO BENEFIT FROM THIS.

YOUR HONOUR, DISTINGUISHED LADIES AND GENTLEMEN

A LOT IS BEING DONE TO MAKE THE PROVINCE READY FOR THIS EVENT AND THEREFORE, MAY I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO COMMEND THE COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS OF SEVERAL GOVERNMENT MINISTRIES AND MY PROVINCIAL ADMINISTRATION AND ITS ABLE STAFF FOR THEIR UNTIRING WORK TOWARDS THE SUCCESSFUL HOSTING OF THIS EVENT.

WITH THESE FEW REMARKS, MAY I NOW TAKE THIS SINGULAR HONOUR AND PRIVILEGE TO INVITE OUR GUEST OF HONOUR, HER HONOUR THE VICE

PRESIDENT HONOURABLE INONGE MUTUKWA WINA TO ADDRESS US AND ALSO
LAUNCH THE CENTENARY COMMEMORATION.

I THANK YOU AND MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL.