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THE FIGHT AGAINST CORRUPTION IN ZAMBIA

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Members of the Press

Ladies and Gentlemen

I warmly welcome you all to this end of year media briefing that will highlight activities of the Anti-Corruption Commission for the year 2022 in as far as the fight against corruption in Zambia is concerned.

Let me begin by stating that the year 2022 has seen the Commission continue to effectively implement strategies and programmes aimed at tackling the corruption scourge. The Commission continued to build synergies with other institutions in a bid to form strengthened partnerships in the fight against corruption including engaging the media in various activities aimed at enhancing their participation and disseminating information to the public on the fight against corruption in Zambia. Numerous interventions, initiatives and targeted programmes have been employed to reach out to various sectors of society with sensitization messages on corruption.

Following the Treasury Authority to expand the institution, the Commission will be opening offices in 12 districts of Zambia which include Naakonde, Chililabombwe, Kasempa and Kabompo districts. This is to ensure that Commission services become more accessible to members of the public away from the provincial centers.

Allow me now to give you an overview of the Commission's activities and successes in the fight against corruption in 2022.

Corruption Prevention

The Commission continued to spearhead the **Integrity Committee Programme** as it continued to be rolled out to various institutions across the country.

In the year under review, the establishment of Integrity Committees (IC) in both public and private bodies progressed well with institutions showing corporate will to form ICs in their respective institutions. The total number of ICs by the end of 2022 stood at **141**. The Commission further conducted a total of **37** Integrity Committee induction trainings for various institutions for the year 2022. Some of the institutions trained include ; Zambia Credit Guarantee Scheme (ZCGS), Road Transport and Safety Agency, and ZAFFICO.

The Commission launched the 'No Bribes But Fines' campaign against traffic corruption aimed at encouraging motorists and members of the public to desist from engaging in traffic corruption and also pay fines once found on the wrong side of the law. The campaign which was launched in various parts of the country witnessed the participation of stakeholders such as Zambia Police Service, Road Transport and Safety Agency, Bus and Taxi Drivers Associations.

Further, the Commission conducted an anti-corruption Private Sector Symposium under the theme 'Preventing Corruption through Private Sector Participation'. The one-day Symposium draw the attention of various key private sector players to draw strategies and find solutions to financial crimes in the private sector.

The Commission sat on various committees to enhance transparency in the processes and ensure laid down procedure was followed by the committees: The following are some of the meetings on which the Commission sat:

1. Evaluation for purchase of motor vehicles at Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development
2. Attended evaluation of bids for construction of communication towers at ZICTA
3. Participated on the recruitment exercise at the Judiciary in Lusaka
4. Attended the tender evaluation for the procurement of medical equipment at ZAMMSA

The Commission will continue implementing strategies and activities aimed at Preventing Corruption in both Private and Public institutions in order to seal the loopholes for corruption and thus ensure effective and efficient public service delivery.

Community Education

The Commission conducted various awareness activities targeting members of the public and stakeholders so that they are made aware of the harmful effects of corruption to individuals and society at large. By end of December 2022, over **400,000** people were reached with anti-corruption information.

The following educational activities were conducted during the year 2022:

- i) Rural Sensitization Exercises were conducted targeting two districts in Central and Luapula Provinces.
- ii) Commemoration of the International Anti-Corruption Day on 9th December under the theme 'Uniting World Against Corruption'. Over 2,800 people were reached through this activity.
- iii) Various Information, Education and Communication materials like brochures and posters were produced and distributed.

The Commission believes that an informed public is vital to the fight against corruption and through these outreach initiatives, the public will be armed against the temptation of corruption, as well as be equipped to recognize and report corruption when faced with it.

Investigations and Prosecutions

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During the year 2022, the Commission received a total of **625** reports of suspected corruption. Of the **625** cases received, **518** reports ***contained elements of corruption*** and were *authorized* for investigations. **107** reports **did not have sufficient details of the corruption offence** to warrant investigations to be conducted. As such, some cases were referred to relevant institutions for administrative action while others were closed with no further action. The complainants in these matters were also advised accordingly.

By the close of the year, there were a total of **1,264** cases under investigations. In 2022, the Commission recorded **83** arrests country-wide. During the year under review, fifty-eight (**58**) cases were before the courts of law, three (**3**) cases were pending judgement, twelve (**12**) cases were appealed while fourteen (**14**) convictions were also secured.

Further, the Commission has restricted a sum of **US\$ 4,095,839.12** from various high-profile individuals. In addition, the Commission restricted over **120** motor vehicles that were a subject of investigations. The restricted motor vehicles range from Mercedes Benz, Land cruisers to trucks. Eleven (**11**) bank accounts belonging to Ndozo Lodges Proprietor Chrint Sichamba held at various banks are under restriction as the matters are in the courts of law. Further, a total of four (**4**) properties have been seized by the Commission. Some of the properties belong to Francis Muchemwe, also known as Commander 2 and include a lodge and a house.

Conclusion

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Ladies and Gentlemen, the Commission remains indebted to the members of the public, all stakeholders and the Government for the confidence that they continue to show in the Commission. It is the desire of the Commission to build on the successes already scored in the last years in order to achieve even greater success in 2023 and the years to come.

I wish to state that the Commission will not relent in its efforts to rid Zambia

of corruption, and will as such continue to execute its mandate fully. The year 2023 will be a year of stronger partnerships, continued resolve and intensified efforts in combating corruption.

We hope you our partners will continue supporting the fight against corruption in 2023 just as you had in this year ending.

Thank you.

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