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TRANSFERS OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS TO VARIOUS O/M/As

To streamline the operations of Government, the Prime Minister has on the recommendation of the Public Service Commission, in terms of Section 5 (1) read in conjunction with Section 23(2)(ii) of the Public Service Act, 1995 (Act No. 13 of 1995) approved the transfer of the following Executive Directors, effective **1 April 2025**:

a) **Ms. Gladice Pickering**, Executive Director of the Ministry of Justice to the Office of the Prime Minister, as Executive Director/Accounting Officer;

b) **Mr. Ben Nangombe**, Executive Director of the Ministry of Health and Social Services to the Ministry of Industries, Mines and Energy, as Executive Director/Accounting Officer;

c) **Ms. Esther Kaapanda**, Executive Director of the Ministry of Works and Transport to the Ministry of Industries, Mines and Energy, as Executive Director without accounting functions;

d) **Ms. Annely Haiphene**, Executive Director of the Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources to the Ministry of Defence and Veterans Affairs, as Executive Director/Accounting Officer;

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e) **Dr. Wilhelmina Shivute**, Executive Director of the Ministry of Defence and Veterans Affairs to the Ministry of Urban and Rural Development, as Executive Director/Accounting Officer for the remainder of her contract;

f) **Mr. Titus Ndove**, Executive Director of the Ministry of Finance and Public Enterprises to the Ministry of Works and Transport, as Executive Director/Accounting Officer;

g) **Ms. Lydia Indombo**, Executive Director of the Ministry of Labour, Industrial Relations and Employment Creation to the Ministry of Gender Equality and Child Welfare, as Executive Director/Accounting Officer;

h) **Dr. Michael Humavindu**, Executive Director of the National Planning Commission to the Ministry of Finance, as Executive Director/Accounting Officer;

i) **Amb. Penda Naanda**, Executive Director of the Ministry of International Relations and Cooperation to the Ministry of International Relations and Trade, as Executive Director/Accounting Officer;

j) **Ms. Ndiitah Nghipondoka-Robiati**, Executive Director of the Ministry of Gender Equality, Poverty Eradication and Social Welfare to the Ministry of International Relations and Trade, as Executive Director without accounting functions, for the remainder of her contract;

k) **Mr. Erastus Haitengela**, Executive Director of the Ministry of Sport, Youth and National Service to the Ministry of Education, Innovation, Youth, Sport, Arts and Culture, as Executive Director/Accounting Officer;

l) **Mr. Gerard Vries**, Executive Director of the Ministry of Higher Education, Technology and Innovation to the Ministry of Education, Innovation, Youth, Sport, Arts and Culture, as Executive Director without accounting functions;

m) **Mr. Sikongo Haihambo**, Executive Director of the Ministry of Industrialization and Trade to the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism, as Executive Director/Accounting Officer;

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n) **Ms. Ndiyakupi Nghituwamata**, Executive Director of the Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform to the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, Water and Land Reform, as Executive Director/Accounting Officer;

o) **Mr. Teofelus Nghitila**, Executive Director of the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism to the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, Water and Land Reform, as Executive Director without accounting functions;

p) **Mr. Penda Ithindi**, Executive Director of the Ministry of Mines and Energy to the Ministry of Health and Social Services, as Executive Director/Accounting Officer;

q) **Mr. Nghidinua Daniel**, Executive Director of the Ministry of Urban and Rural Development to the Ministry of Justice and Labour Relations, as Executive Director/Accounting Officer; and

r) **Mr. I-Ben Nashandi**, Executive Director: Office of the Prime Minister to the National Planning Commission, as Executive Director/Accounting Officer.

I wish to indicate that the Executive Directors, without accounting functions are required to assist the Accounting Officers of those Ministries in the execution of the mandates of those O/M/As. Furthermore, they are also required to report to those Executive Directors with accounting functions.

O/M/As not mentioned in this Press Statement remain intact with their current Executive Directors/Accounting Officers.

I take this opportunity to congratulate all the Executive Directors for their new roles.

George Simataa, (Ph.D.)
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