

RESS STATEMENT:

#### ANNOUNCEMENT OF HER HONOUR'S VISIT TO BANGKOK, THAILAND

The Vice President of the Republic of Zambia, Her Honour Mrs Inonge Wina MP, is expected to arrive in Bangkok, Kingdom of Thailand on 26th November 2016. His Excellency the Zambian High Commissioner to Malaysia, who is also accredited to the Kingdom of Thailand, Mr. Walubita Imakando said this to the Media in an interview.

He said the main purpose of her visit is to attend the Global High-Level Event on "Accelerating the end of Hunger and Malnutrition", which is being co-hosted by the International Food Policy Research Institute and the Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO). The event will run from 28th to 30th November 2018.

His Excellency Mr. Imakando also mentioned that the highlight of Her Honour's participation in the event is her keynote address during the inaugural session on the 28th of November, 2018. Others include the Prime Minister of Rwanda, the First Lady of Ethiopia and National Speaker of the Bangladeshi Parliament.

Mr. Imakando highlighted the importance of this Global Event arises out of the fact that improving food security and nutrition is critical to meeting the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). For Zambia in particular the added benefit of participating in the event represented by Her Honour the Vice President is that the country is afforded, at a very high level, the opportunity to share information on the challenges and finding solutions to accelerating the end of hunger and malnutrition."

"I am sure you are aware that the subject matter of the event happens to be one of those issues that Her Honour holds dear in her heart and we are therefore assured that Zambia will be well represented at this event.

As a mission accredited to the Kingdom of Thailand, we have also taken advantage of Madam Wina's presence in the country to arrange some side engagements at the bilateral level. To this end Her Honour will pay a courtesy call on her Thai counterpart, during which occasion the two leaders will review the status of relations between Zambia and Thailand and explore ways to consolidate bilateral cooperation in sectors of mutual importance, such as agriculture and agro processing, fisheries, tourism, and manufacturing. Arrangements have also been made for her to undertake one or two field visits to this end." he said.

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