

PRESS STATEMENT

Ankara, Sunday, August 19, 2018- Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has called for the expeditious implementation of the 12 Memorandums of Understanding (MoU) signed between Zambia and Turkey.

The Turkish President who was in Zambia for a State visit said that he was looking forward to President Edgar Chagwa Lungu's official visit to Turkey anytime.

President Erdogan also stressed the operationalization of the 12 cooperation agreements between the two countries when he conferred with Vice-President Inonge Wina during a luncheon hosted for Heads of State and high-level dignitaries at the Presidential Palace in Ankara on Saturday.

Turkey and Zambia signed 12 agreements during President Erdogan's historic visit to Zambia on July 28, 2018.

The signed cooperation agreements cover the fields of agriculture, stockbreeding, fisheries, tourism, trade and investment, sports, forestry and diplomacy.

Earlier during the interaction with President Erdogan, the Vice-President said: "I bring you greetings from His Excellency the President of Zambia, Mr. Edgar Chagwa Lungu who has sent me here to represent him. Zambia and Turkey have cordial relations between them and the PF Government looks forward to the benefits of this relationship. Our visit here has already seen the two countries strengthen the existing bilateral ties."

And speaking during dinner hosted for her in Ankara, Mrs Wina said the MOUs signed between Zambia and Turkey should be expeditiously implemented for the benefit of the people of Zambia.

She also urged Zambian students in Turkey to work hard so that they can return home to contribute to national development when they complete their studies.

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