

## PRESS STATEMENT

### VICE PRESIDENT MEETS DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, GENERAL PRAWIT WONGSUWAN

Zambian Republican Vice President, Mrs. Inonge Mutukwa Wina is pleased with Thailand's achievements in eliminating hunger, malnutrition and poverty. Mrs. Wina said it is clear that political will and collaboration with other stakeholders especially the Private Sector can bring about success.

Meanwhile Deputy Prime Minister, General Prawit Wongsuwan praised the Vice President for being the first female elected leader in her position and for being champion for Nutrition and Gender.

Gen. Wongsuwan said the two countries need to enhance cooperation between Zambia and Thailand in agriculture, public health, education and Tourism. He further stated that Thailand is ready to assist Zambia reduce poverty, hunger and malnutrition by providing training in aquaculture, for which Thailand has excelled.

The two countries have agreed to strengthen cooperation and bilateral ties in areas of common interest. Thailand has since offered Zambia to build capacity through training in areas of food production and in particular aqua culture.

Gen. Wongsuwan mentioned that Thailand is already active in the tourism sector in Zambia through Avani Hotels in Livingstone.

Mrs. Wina concluded by thanking the Kingdom of Thailand for the warm hospitality extended to her and the delegation. The Vice President urged the Thai leader to encourage more private sector investment in Zambia.

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