



# REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA



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### **Zambia assures UN of support in conflict resolution**

**NEW YORK, Thursday, July 6, 2017** – ZAMBIA has reaffirmed her commitment to the United Nations (UN) peace-keeping mission by her continued participation in conflict prevention and resolution and to champion the escalation of the Kampala Convention on Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) to the attention of the global body.

Permanent Representative to the United Nations (UN), His Excellency, Ambassador Lazarous Kapambwe has said President Edgar Lungu is desirous that Zambia should continue participating in the prevention and resolution of conflicts in Africa and across the globe.

Presenting his credentials to UN Secretary General (UN) António Guterres at the UN Headquarters in New York on Wednesday, Amb Kapambwe stated that Zambia, as a member of the C10 would continue calling for the reform of the UN Security Council and to have an African country get a permanent seat in the Security Council.

This is the second time Amb Kapambwe has been appointed as Zambia's Permanent Representative to the United Nations, with his first being in 2007.

He said as Zambia's Permanent Representative to the UN, he is looking forward to enhance the country's diplomatic relations with the UN by working closely with the office of the Secretary General Mr Guterres.

Amb Kapambwe also said it is the wish of Zambia that the Kampala Convention on Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) should be escalated to attract the attention of the UN.

The Kampala Convention is the world's first continental instrument that legally binds governments to protect the rights and wellbeing of people forced to flee their homes by conflict, violence, disasters and human rights abuses.

“When I was coming, His Excellency, President Edgar Lungu instructed me to be available at any time to help you discharge your functions as has been entrusted upon you. I want to affirm that Zambia will be available in any peace negotiations and conflict resolution,” Amb Kapambwe said.

And United Nations Secretary General António Guterres has commended Zambia for remaining a key partner to the successful implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

Mr Guterres said Zambia has a lot of knowledge and competence in peace and democracy and that the UN would want the country to remain key partner for the development of diplomatic relations.

Mr Guterres said he has had an opportunity to meet President Lungu and that he is happy that Zambia's commitment to the attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) has remained unchanged.

“Your commitment in dialogue and respect for human rights is encouraging. Zambia has a vibrant civil society and the UN and Zambia are friends and we shall do whatever we can to deepen our cooperation,” Mr Guterres said.

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