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*Media Statement*

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**Lungu confers with UN General Assembly President about UNWTO, peace**

**UNITED NATIONS, New York, Sunday, April 28, 2013** – Zambia's Foreign Affairs Minister Dr Effron Lungu has held talks with the President of the United Nations General Assembly Vuk Jeremić on various issues of interest to Zambia and the UN.

The two leaders discussed the forthcoming UNWTO, Convention on Cluster Munitions, peace and security in Africa, among other matters.

During their meeting on Thursday, Dr Lungu informed Mr Jeremić that Zambia and Zimbabwe will be hosting the 20<sup>th</sup> Session of UN World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO) General Assembly at the magnificent Victoria Falls, in Livingstone, from 24<sup>th</sup> August to 29<sup>th</sup> August 2013.

Dr Lungu expressed gratitude to the international community for the confidence bestowed on Zambia and Zimbabwe.

He told Mr Jeremić that the preparations for the UNWTO General Assembly were on course and reassured that the event would be a success.

The Foreign Affairs Minister reaffirmed Zambia's invitation to Mr Jeremić to attend the UNWTO General Assembly and visit the various natural and beautiful tourist sites in the country.

Mr Jeremić expressed his willingness to attend the UNWTO, adding that he looked forward to visit Lusaka, a town where his parents once lived. Mr Jeremić is Serbian and served as Foreign Affairs Minister before his election to the one-year rotational Presidency of the UN General Assembly.

Mr Jeremić commended Zambia's outstanding role in the Southern African Development Community (SADC), promotion of peace and unity among its neighbours and the continent.

Furthermore, Dr Lungu informed Mr Jeremić that Zambia would host the Fourth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on Cluster Munitions in September 2013, to which the President of the General

Assembly is also invited. The Convention on Cluster Munitions is an international treaty that prohibits the production, use, transfer and stockpile of cluster bombs.

Wrapping up his three-day trip to New York at the Permanent Mission of Zambia to the UN, the Foreign Affairs Minister said the thematic debate on “*Peaceful Resolution of Conflict in Africa*” was very important to Zambia and Africa as a whole.

Dr Lungu said Africans must look for solutions to any conflicts within themselves instead of depending of external forces.

Dr Lungu was at the UN Headquarters, representing President Michael Sata, at the High-Level thematic debate on “*Peaceful Resolution of Conflict in Africa*” organised by Mr Jeremi and African Union Commission chairperson Dr Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma on April 25, 2013.

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**Captions:**

1. Zambia’s Foreign Affairs Minister Dr Efron Lungu (left) and United Nations General Assembly President Vuk Jeremi at UN Headquarters in New York on April 25, 2013. PHOTO | CHIBAULA D. SILWAMBA | GRZ
2. Zambia’s Foreign Affairs Minister Dr Efron Lungu at the Permanent Mission of Zambia to the United Nations in New York on April 26, 2013. PHOTO | CHIBAULA D. SILWAMBA | GRZ