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*Media Statement*

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*President Sata charms US tourists*

***NEW York, Saturday September 29, 2012. – President Michael Sata’s “people person” attitude has encouraged some Americans to plan visiting Zambia as tourists.***

Before his departure to Zambia, President Sata today took time to greet and chat with guests and staff at The New York Palace Hotel where he had been lodging.

The head of state walked around and shook hands with the people in the waiting lounge.

In his discussions with the excited guests and hotel staff, President Sata urged them to visit Zambia, saying the southern African nation has several wild animals and other tourist attractions, including the mighty Victoria Falls.

Kathy Worley and her husband James Worley were happy that President Sata approached them and shared a light moment with them.

“I am so excited because today is my birthday and surprisingly the Zambian President walked to our table and greeted us and had a chat with us,” Mrs Worley said. “Today is my 68<sup>th</sup> birthday and tomorrow James and I will be celebrating our 45<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. The President’s action shows that James and I will be together forever, it’s a blessing. It’s truly a happy birthday to me!”

Mr and Mrs Worley, who lived in New York before relocating to Hawaii where they currently reside, said they would visit Zambia as tourists.

“Your President told me that he visited Hawaii, so we are also going to visit Zambia,” said Mrs Worley, owner of Pali Kai Realtors, a selling real estate company.

Fouad Roudani, a native of Morocco resident in USA, was excited that President Sata greeted him in Arabic.

When the head of state told Mr Roudani that he is President of Zambia and praised the relations between his country and Zambia, Mr Roudani instantaneously responded: “Kalusha Bwalya ! Kalusha Bwalya !”

“I am coming to Zambia to visit,” said Mr Roudani later, “he is a very good President.”

Some guests and hotel staff commended President Sata for being “a people person.”

President Sata was in the company of Commerce, Trade and Industry Minister Honourable Bob Sichinga, MP, Minister of Tourism and Art, Honourable Sylvia Masebo, MP, Zambia’s Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Ambassador Dr Mwaba Kasese-Bota, Cabinet Office Permanent Secretary – Administration Annie Sinyangwe and acting Deputy Permanent Representative to the United Nations Irene Tembo, among other senior Government officials.

The New York Palace Hotel accommodated about four African Presidents.

President Sata was in New York to attend the 67<sup>th</sup> Regular Session of the United Nations General Assembly where he made several presentations about Zambia and met investors from across the USA.

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