THE PUBLIC ORDER BILL, 2019

MEMORANDUM

The objects of this Bill are to-

- (*a*) provide for the enjoyment of the right of freedom of assembly and association;
- (b) regulate the conduct of public gatherings for the preservation of public order, public health and public safety;
- (c) repeal and replace the Public Order Act, 1955; and
- (*d*) provide for matters connected with, or incidental to, the foregoing.

L. KALALUKA, Attorny-General

N.A.B. 12, 2019 21st June, 2019

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A BILL

ENTITLED

An Act to provide for the enjoyment of the right of freedom of assembly and association; regulate the conduct of a public gathering for the preservation of public order, public health and safety; repeal the Public Order Act, 1955; and provide for matters connected with, or incidental to,

the foregoing.

	ENACTED by the Parliament of Zambia		
		PART I	
PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS			
	1.	This Act may be cited as the Public Order Act, 2019.	Short title
5	2.	In this Act, unless the context otherwise	Interpretation
	requires—		
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	"firearm" has the meaning assigned to the word in the Firearms Act;		Cap. 110
15	"multiple concurrent assemblies" means public gatherings held at the same place and at the same time;		
	"organiser" means a person who is responsible for the organisation and holding of a public gathering and the receipt of revenue from the public gathering, if any;		