MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

ON THE

ON THE COMMUTING BETWEEN LUSAKA AND KABWE FOR WORK BY THE COMMISSIONER GENERAL OF THE ZAMBIA CORRECTIONAL SERVICES

BY THE

HON. MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS AND INTERNAL SECURITY (MR MWIIMBU), MP

Madam Speaker, I am a bearer of a message from the President to the effect that the national is more united now, than it was under the Patriotic Front (PF).

Mr Mwiimbu: Madam Speaker, I wish to thank you for this opportunity to render a Ministerial Statement on a matter of urgent public importance raised by Hon. Bowman Lusambo, hon. Member of Parliament for Kabushi Constituency on the Commuting Between Lusaka and Kabwe for Work by the Commissioner General of the Zambia Correctional Service.

Madam Speaker, let me inform the nation through this august House that in 2013, Cabinet made the decision to relocate the prison headquarters from Kabwe to Lusaka. The relocation of the headquarters to Lusaka came with a lot of challenges. One of the major challenges was in adequate housing accommodation for the officers. This meant that officers had to commute between Kabwe and Lusaka. The situation resulted not only in huge expenses but also presented risks to officers who where commuting. During this period, the services recorded a number of road traffic accidents involving Zambia Correction Services officers and in some instance these accidents where fatal. It was against this back ground that in 2019, the PF Government, revisited its own decision and issued a presidential decree that the Zambia Correction Headquarters was to relocate back to Kabwe.