

MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

ON

VICE-PRESIDENT'S EXHIBITION OFFICIAL OPENING

BY

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Mr Speaker, I would like to thank you for according me this opportunity to render a ministerial statement on the exhibition that is currently taking place at the National Archives of Zambia under the theme “Zambia’s First Female Vice-President and the Role of the Office”.

Sir, the National Archives of Zambia through the statutory provisions of the National Archives Act Cap 175 of the Laws of Zambia and the Printed Publications Act Cap 161 of the revised laws of Zambia, collects, manages and preserves public records, archives and printed publications. It also ensures that they are accessible to Government institutions and the public for research and decision making. The Government, through the Ministry of Home Affairs, is committed enhancing security and accessibility of records at the National Archives of Zambia. To that end, major strides in modernising the department as evidenced by what is currently prevailing have been made.

Mr Speaker, on 26th June, 2019, Her Honour the Vice-President officially launched the exhibition at the National Archives of Zambia. The department has been having different exhibition themes from the collection it holds. This particular one, however, is one of its kind as it is showcasing Zambia’s first female Vice-President’s family, education, community and political life. It also educates the public on the various departments under the Office of the Vice-President and her predecessors from the time Zambia got its independence in 1964.

Sir, this exhibition is a great historical milestone as it will help the general public to appreciate the history of our country through Her Honour the Vice-President and the various works she has executed before and during her tenure of office. Furthermore, the House should note that the National Archives of Zambia is the memory of the nation. It holds information from pre-colonial