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MINISTERIAL STATEMENT ON PROGRESS MADE ON THE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS AT KENNETH KAUNDA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

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Mr Speaker,

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for giving me an opportunity to present to this August House progress made on the modernisation of the Kenneth Kaunda International Airport. The Patriotic Front Government attaches a lot of importance to infrastructure development as the engine of economic growth and sustained development of our great country.

The modernisation of the Kenneth Kaunda International Airport is one of the key strategies in developing Zambia as a transport hub in the Southern African Sub-region. Once operational, the project will contribute to employment creation; increased tourism; improved transportation of people and goods; and contribute to revenue generation.

Mr Speaker,

Allow me to give a brief background to the project to enable all the Members of Parliament appreciate the project, its conception and implementation. Sir, the modernisation of the Kenneth Kaunda international Airport is a Design and Build Project. The tender to construct and modernise the Airport was awarded to China Jiangxi Corporation for International and Economic and Technical Corporation at a contract sum of \$360 Million on 5th September 2013. The project duration was 54 months.

Sir, to allow for financial closure and compliance with our legal and administrative requirements, the project commenced on 21st April 2015 and the completion date was revised to 20th October, 2019. The scope of works to be undertaken at the Airport includes the following:

- a) Construction of 4 million annual passenger capacity International Terminal Building with six (6) aero bridges;
- b) Construction of a 30 room capacity In-transit Passenger Hotel and a 70 room Non-transit Passenger Hotel;
- c) Construction of an Office Park and Shopping Mall;
- d) Construction of Apron and Taxiways;
- e) Construction of Rescue and Fire Service Stations;
- f) Upgrade of water and power reticulation systems;
- g) Construction of landside and airside driveways;
- h) Construction of an Air Traffic Control Tower;
- i) Rehabilitation of Zambia Air Services Training Institute;
- j) Construction of the Airport Cargo Terminal;
- k) Construction of the Aircraft Maintenance Hangar;
- 1) Construction of the Airport Fuel Farm; and
- m)Construction of a stand-alone Presidential Terminal.