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**PARLIAMENTARY STATEMENT
BY HON. HARRY KALABA, MP, ON THE PRESIDENTIAL
PARTICIPATION AT THE HIGH LEVEL SEGMENT OF THE UNITED
NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY & THE SUMMIT FOR THE
ADOPTION OF THE POST 2015 DEVELOPMENT AGENDA**

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Mr. Speaker Sir,

I have the honour to inform the House that the High Level Segment of the 70th Session of the United Nations General Assembly was recently held in New York, U.S.A., from 25th September to 3rd October, 2015. This Session not only commemorated 70 years of the UN but was also preceded by the Summit for the Adoption of the Post 2015 Development Agenda, which ran from 25th to 27th September, 2015.

His Excellency Mr. Edgar Chagwa Lungu, President of the Republic of Zambia attended this historic session arriving in New York on 24th September, 2015. He returned to Zambia on 2nd October, 2015. President Lungu was among the over 150 Heads of State and Government from 194 member states of the United Nations who converged for this annual event. The Summit was held under the theme "The United Nations at 70 – a new commitment to action."

The presidential delegation to the United Nations included four Ministers namely Foreign Affairs; Works and Supply; Gender and Community Development.

In addition, the Hon. Minister of Mines traveled to New York in order to participate in a specific sideline meeting organized by the UNDP on the exploitation of the extractive Industry.

Furthermore, in Government's continued efforts to collaborate with the traditional establishments, Their Royal Highnesses, Chief Mumena from North Western Province and Chief Mwenda from Southern Province also formed part of the Presidential entourage to New York.

Prior to the opening session, the Assembly had the occasion to listen to an address by His Holiness Pope Francis whose message called for peace, goodwill and a commitment to development that resonated with the aspirations of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Mr. Speaker,

His Excellency the President's participation started with the UN Summit on the adoption of the outcome document for the Post-2015 development agenda, entitled, "Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development". His Excellency the President delivered a statement alongside other world leaders, on the adoption of this landmark blueprint which commits the world to 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), with 169 targets, to take over from the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) as the adopted benchmarks for successor global development agenda. The 15 year plan will unite the world across the developed and developing country divide in an effort to bring harmonious development and present greater opportunities for the global community of nations to integrate in trade, and investment while tackling issues that affect us all.