PRESS RELESASE

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The National Assembly of Zambia wishes to inform the general public and the media that the Fifth Session of the Twelfth National Assembly came to an end today, 12th May, 2021.

As regards the dissolution of Parliament, Article 81 (3) of the Constitution of Zambia states as follows:

> *"81. (3) Parliament shall stand dissolved ninety days before the holding of the next general elections."*

Further, Article 56(1) of the Constitution sets the date for a general election. Article 56(1) provides as follows:

> *"56. (1) A general election shall be held, every five years after the last general election, on the second Thursday of August."*

The import of these Articles when read together is that in an election year, Parliament dissolves automatically ninety (90) days before the second Thursday of August.

The second Thursday of August for the forthcoming general election will be, Thursday, 12th August, 2021. Ninety (90) days before this date is Friday, 14th May, 2021.

In view of the foregoing, Parliament will stand dissolved automatically by operation of the law on **Friday, 14th May, 2021.**

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