THE CONSTITUTION OF ZAMBIA (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2009

MEMORANDUM

The object of this Bill is to amend the Constitution of Zambia so as

to-

- (a) revise the budget cycle of the Republic; and
- (b) provide for matters connected with or incidental to the foregoing.

M. Malila, Attorney-General

A BILL

ENTITLED

An Act to amend the Constitution of Zambia

ENACTED by the Parliament of Zambia.

Enactment

1. This Act may be cited as the Constitution of Zambia (Amendment) Act, 2009, and shall be read as one with the Constitution of Zambia, in this Act referred to as the Constitution.

Short title

2. Article 117 of the Constitution is amended—

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(a) by the repeal of clause (1) and the substitution therefor of the following clause:

Amendment Article 117

- (1) The Minister responsible for finance shall, subject to clause (2), cause to be prepared and laid before the National Assembly, within ninety days before the commencement of the next financial year, estimates of revenue and expenditure of the Government for that financial year.
- (b) by the insertion after clause (1) of the following new clauses:
 - (2) In any year where a general election takes place and the estimates of revenue and expenditure of the Government for the next financial year cannot be prepared and laid before the National Assembly in the period specified under clause (1), the Minister responsible for finance shall cause to be prepared and laid before the National Assembly, within ninety days of the swearing in of the President, estimates of revenue and expenditure of the Government for that financial
 - (3) The National Assembly shall, subject to clause

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(2), approve the budget not later than the thirty first day of December.; and

(c) by the renumbering of clauses (2), (3), (4) and (5) as clauses (4), (5), (6) and (7) respectively.

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