

**THE PROHIBITION OF THE DEVELOPMENT,
PRODUCTION, STOCKPILING AND USE OF
CHEMICAL WEAPONS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2026**

MEMORANDUM

The object of this Bill is to amend the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons Act, so as to—

- (a) revise the composition of the Zambia National Authority on the Chemical Weapons Convention; and
- (b) provide for matters connected with, or incidental to, the foregoing.

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N.A.B 27, 2026
19th March, 2026

A BILL

ENTITLED

**An Act to amend the Prohibition of the Development,
Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons Act.**

ENACTED by the Parliament of Zambia.

Enactment

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons (Amendment) Act, 2026, and shall be read as one with
5 the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons Act, in this Act referred to as the principal Act.

Short title and commencement
Cap. 472

(2) This Act shall come into operation on the expiry of the term of office, or removal by the Minister, of the members of the
10 Authority holding office prior to the enactment of this Act, after which the Minister shall appoint the members of the Authority in accordance with this Act.

2. Section 2 of the principal Act is amended by the insertion of the following new definition in the appropriate place in alphabetical
15 order:

Amendment of section 2

“Zambia Revenue Authority” means the Zambia Revenue Authority established under the Zambia Revenue Authority Act.

Cap. 321

3. The principal Act is amended in section 5 by the deletion
20 of—

Amendment of section 5

(a) subsections (1) and (2) and the substitution therefor of the following:

(1) The Authority consists of the following part-time members appointed by the Minister:

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- (a) the Chairperson, who shall be a representative of the ministry responsible for foreign affairs;
 - (b) the Vice chairperson, who shall be a representative of the ministry responsible for defence; 5
 - (c) a representative of the ministry responsible for health;
 - (d) a representative of the Attorney General;
 - (e) a representative of the Zambia Revenue Authority; and 10
 - (f) two persons from the private sector with knowledge and experience in matters relevant to this Act.
- (2) The ministries, institutions and organisations referred to in subsection (1) shall nominate their representatives for appointment by the Minister; 15
- (b) subsection (6) and the substitution therefor of the following:
- (6) A member of the Authority shall be paid allowances that the Emoluments Commission may, on the recommendation of the Minister, determine; and 20
- (c) subsection (9) and the substitution therefor of the following:
- (9) Five members shall constitute a quorum at a meeting of the Authority. 25
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