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Consisting of:

Mr C Mweetwa, MP (Chairperson); Mr H Kunda, MP; Mr B M Ntundu, MP; Ms V Kalima, MP; Mr M A Malama, MP; Ms M Miti, MP; Mr M Kapeya, MP; and Mr S Masumba, MP.

The Honourable Mr Speaker  
National Assembly  
Parliament Buildings  
**LUSAKA**

Sir,

Your Committee has the honour to present its Report on the Ministers (Prescribed Numbers and Responsibilities) N.A.B. No. 21 of 2016, for the Fifth Session of the Eleventh National Assembly referred to it by the House on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2016.

**Functions of the Committee**

2.0 In addition to any other duties conferred upon it by the Honourable Mr Speaker, or any other order of the House, your Committee is mandated to consider any Bills that may be referred to it by the House.

**Meetings of the Committee**

3.0 Your Committee held three meetings to consider the Ministers (Prescribed Numbers and Responsibilities) N.A.B. No. 21 of 2016.

**Procedure adopted by the Committee**

4.0 In order to acquaint itself with the ramifications of the Bill, your Committee sought both written and oral submissions from stakeholders. The stakeholders who appeared before your Committee are listed at Appendix II.

**Background**

5.0 Following the enactment of the *Constitution of Zambia (Amendment) Act No. 2 of 2016*, there is a need to prescribe the number of Ministers as per Article 116 of the Constitution. Currently, there is no law that prescribes the number of Ministers, hence the need for this Bill.

**Object of the Bill**

6.0 The object of the Bill is to prescribe the number of Cabinet Ministers in accordance with Article 116 of the Constitution.

## **Salient Provisions of the Bill**

7.0 The salient provisions of the Ministers (Prescribed Numbers and Responsibilities) Bill, N.A.B. No. 21 of 2016 are set out hereunder.

### **Clause 3 – Number of Ministers**

This clause provides for the number of Ministers to be appointed by the President, which shall not be more than thirty.

### **Clause 4 – Responsibilities of Ministers**

This clause highlights the responsibilities of a Minister.

## **Submissions from Stakeholders**

8.0 All the stakeholders who submitted to the Bill fully supported its enactment, stating that it is non-contentious.

## **Committee's Observations and Recommendations**

9.0 Your Committee observes that the Ministers (Prescribed Numbers and Responsibilities) N.A.B. No. 21 of 2016, brings into effect the provisions of Article 116 of the Constitution. Your Committee, therefore, urges the House to support the enactment of this non-contentious piece of legislation.

## **Conclusion**

10.0 Your Committee wishes to express its gratitude to all the stakeholders who appeared before it and tendered both oral and written submissions; and to thank you, Mr Speaker, for affording it an opportunity to scrutinise the Bill. Your Committee also appreciates the services rendered by the Office of the Clerk of the National Assembly and the permanent witnesses from the Ministry of Justice.

We have the Honour to be, Sir, your Committee on Legal Affairs, Governance the Ministers (Prescribed Numbers and Responsibilities) N.A.B. No. 21 of 2016, for the Fifth Session of the Eleventh National Assembly.

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April, 2016  
**LUSAKA**

## **APPENDIX I**

### **List of National Assembly Officers**

Mr S C Kawimbe, Principal Clerk of Committees  
Ms M K Sampa, Deputy Principal Clerk of Committees  
Mr F Nabulyato, Committee Clerk (SC)  
Ms C Musonda, Committee Clerk (FC)  
Mrs D Mukwanka, Assistant Committee Clerk  
Mrs M K Siwo, Assistant Committee Clerk  
Mr S Samuwika, Assistant Committee Clerk  
Mrs A S Lloyd, Stenographer  
Mr M Chikome, Parliamentary Messenger

**APPENDIX II**

**WITNESSES**

**Ministry of Justice (Permanent Witness)**

Ms O J Sakala, Parliamentary Counsel

**Law Association of Zambia**

Mr M A Musukwa, Honorary Treasury