



**REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA
OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT**

**MINISTERIAL STATEMENT BY HIS HONOUR THE VICE PRESIDENT, DR.
GUY L. SCOTT, MP OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT ON THE SUBJECT:
UPDATE OF THE 2012 MAIZE PURCHASE PROGRAMME AND FINANCING**

OCTOBER 2012

MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: THE UPDATE OF 2012 CROP MARKETING PROGRAMME AND FINANCING

MR SPEAKER, ON THE 10TH OCTOBER, 2012 OF THE SECOND SESSION OF THE ELEVENTH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, YOU HAD DIRECTED THAT I ISSUE A MINISTERIAL STATEMENT ON THE SUBJECT: UPDATE OF 2012 MAIZE PURCHASE PROGRAMME AND FINANCING.

MR. SPEAKER, THE GOVERNMENT'S 2012 REVISED TARGET IS TO PURCHASE ONE MILLION METRIC TONNES FROM FARMERS AT A COST OF K1.3 TRILLION. THE GOVERNMENT HAS SO FAR RELEASED K300.0 BILLION AS PER 2012 BUDGET ALLOCATION.

MR. SPEAKER, AS AT 12TH OCTOBER 2012 THE FOOD RESERVE AGENCY HAD BOUGHT 926,089 METRIC TONNES OF MAIZE WORTH K1.2 TRILLION. AGAINST THIS VALUE K279.52 BILLION HAS SO FAR BEEN DISBURSED FOR PAYMENT TO FARMERS LEAVING A BALANCE OF K924.0 BILLION DUE TO FARMERS.

MR. SPEAKER, TO FINANCE THE BALANCE THE TREASURY HAS FURTHER GIVEN FOOD RESERVE AGENCY (FRA) AUTHORITY TO BORROW FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR. IN THIS REGARD, FACILITY AGREEMENTS HAVE SINCE BEEN EXECUTED WITH THREE COMMERCIAL BANKS. THESE FACILITIES HAVE BEEN SECURED BY GOVERNMENT GUARANTEE AND AS SUCH DRAWDOWNS ARE EXPECTED TO BE IN ONE-OFF BANK DISBURSEMENTS.

THE LATEST STATUS OF THE PAYMENT TO FARMERS IS ATTACHED HEREWITH.

FOOD RESERVE AGENCY						
FUNDS DISBURSED AS AT 12.10.12						
		Purchases (Qty)			Disbursements	Outstanding
					Cummulative	
					As at 12.10.12	As at 12.10.12
Provinces		1 X 50 KG	MT	ZMK	ZMK	ZMK
1	COPPERBELT	1,477,920	73,896	96,064,800,000	25,149,000,000	(70,915,800,000.00)
2	EASTERN	3,234,120	161,706	210,217,800,000	41,749,000,000	(168,468,800,000.00)
3	SOUTHERN	3,346,460	167,323	217,519,900,000	45,194,000,000	(172,325,900,000.00)
4	NORTH WESTERN	1,234,220	61,711	80,224,300,000	29,226,500,000	(50,997,800,000.00)
5	WESTERN	410,220	20,511	26,664,300,000	8,548,000,000	(18,116,300,000.00)
6	LUSAKA	1,549,240	77,462	100,700,600,000	29,912,000,000	(70,788,600,000.00)
7	NORTHERN	2,012,080	100,604	130,785,200,000	24,735,000,000	(106,050,200,000.00)
8	LUAPULA	1,432,120	71,606	93,087,800,000	26,695,000,000	(66,392,800,000.00)
9	CENTRAL	2,450,440	122,522	159,278,600,000	30,617,000,000	(128,661,600,000.00)
10	MCHINGA	1,374,940	68,747	89,371,100,000	17,690,000,000	(71,681,100,000.00)
	GRAND TOTAL	18,521,760	926,088	1,203,914,400,000	279,515,500,000	(924,398,900,000)