

STATEMENT ON THE DRAFT CONSTITUTION

MR SPEAKER, ON FRIDAY 18TH JULY, 2014, THE HONOURABLE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR MAZABUKA CONSTITUENCY RAISED A POINT OF ORDER REQUESTING AN UPDATE ON THE CONSTITUTION MAKING-PROCESS. SPECIFICALLY, THE HONOURABLE MEMBER WISHES TO KNOW IF CABINET HAS HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS THE CABINET MEMORANDUM PREPARED BY THE HONOURABLE MINISTER OF JUSTICE.

AS THE HONOURABLE MEMBERS ARE AWARE, CABINET DELIBERATES ON SEVERAL MATTERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS AGENDA. THE DISCUSSION OF THE DRAFT CONSTITUTION IS AN ISSUE THAT REQUIRES ADEQUATE PREPARATION AND DISCUSSION BY THE MEMBERS OF CABINET AND SHALL ACCORDINGLY BE SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION AT THE MOST APPROPRIATE TIME.

AS I STATED EARLIER, THE GOVERNMENT IS COMMITTED TO TAKING THE CONSTITUTION-MAKING PROCESS FORWARD. ONCE ALL THE NECESSARY CONSULTATIONS HAVE BEEN

CONCLUDED IN CABINET, THE HONOURABLE MINISTER OF JUSTICE WILL ADVISE ON THE NEXT STEPS TO FOLLOW.

I WISH TO RE-ITERATE THAT THE LEGAL FRAMEWORK REGARDING THE CONSTITUTION-MAKING PROCESS IS VERY CLEAR AND WILL BE FOLLOWED BY GOVERNMENT.