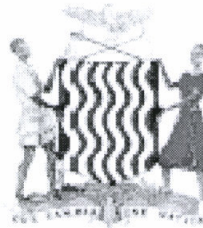


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**MINISTERIAL STATEMENT TO PARLIAMENT BY
HONOURABLE GIVEN LUBINDA, MP, MINISTER OF
FOREIGN AFFAIRS ON THE INDISCIPLINED
BEHAVIOUR OF COUNCILLOR SAMUEL CHIKUTANO
NKOMA FROM LUSAKA CITY COUNCIL WHILE ON
DUTY IN ADDIS ABABA**

**Ministry of Foreign Affairs
LUSAKA**

December, 2012

MR. SPEAKER,

GOING BY THE POINT OF ORDER RAISED ON THURSDAY, 29TH NOVEMBER, 2012, BY HONORABLE MIYUTU, MP FOR LUKULU WEST CONSTITUENCY CONCERNING THE MATTER OF COUNCILOR CHIKUTANO'S UNCLEARED BILLS IN ADDIS ABABA, AND FOLLOWING THE RULING BY THE HONORABLE DEPUTY SPEAKER THAT THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WILL ATTEND TO THE MATTER I WISH TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA ENJOYS CORDIAL RELATIONS WITH THE ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT. THESE RELATIONS THAT DATE AS FAR BACK AS PRE INDEPENDENCE DAYS HAVE BEEN GROWING FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH OVER THE YEARS.

THIS AMONG OTHERS, IS EVIDENCED BY THE CLOSE COLLABORATION OF THE TWO LOCAL AUTHORITIES, NAMELY LUSAKA CITY COUNCIL AND ADDIS ABABA LOCAL AUTHORITY,