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**MINISTERIAL STATEMENT ON PROGRESS MADE ON THE CONSTRUCTION
PROJECTS AT KENNETH KAUNDA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**

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Mr Speaker,

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for giving me an opportunity to present to this August House progress made on the modernisation of the Kenneth Kaunda International Airport. The Patriotic Front Government attaches a lot of importance to infrastructure development as the engine of economic growth and sustained development of our great country.

The modernisation of the Kenneth Kaunda International Airport is one of the key strategies in developing Zambia as a transport hub in the Southern African Sub-region. Once operational, the project will contribute to employment creation; increased tourism; improved transportation of people and goods; and contribute to revenue generation.

Mr Speaker,

Allow me to give a brief background to the project to enable all the Members of Parliament appreciate the project, its conception and implementation. Sir, the modernisation of the Kenneth Kaunda international Airport is a Design and Build Project. The tender to construct and modernise the Airport was awarded to China Jiangxi Corporation for International and Economic and Technical Corporation at a contract sum of \$360 Million on 5th September 2013. The project duration was 54 months.

Sir, to allow for financial closure and compliance with our legal and administrative requirements, the project commenced on 21st April 2015 and the completion date was revised to 20th October, 2019. The scope of works to be undertaken at the Airport includes the following:

- a) Construction of 4 million annual passenger capacity International Terminal Building with six (6) aero bridges;
- b) Construction of a 30 room capacity In-transit Passenger Hotel and a 70 room Non-transit Passenger Hotel;
- c) Construction of an Office Park and Shopping Mall;
- d) Construction of Apron and Taxiways;
- e) Construction of Rescue and Fire Service Stations;
- f) Upgrade of water and power reticulation systems;
- g) Construction of landside and airside driveways;
- h) Construction of an Air Traffic Control Tower;
- i) Rehabilitation of Zambia Air Services Training Institute;
- j) Construction of the Airport Cargo Terminal;
- k) Construction of the Aircraft Maintenance Hangar;
- l) Construction of the Airport Fuel Farm; and
- m) Construction of a stand-alone Presidential Terminal.

Mr Speaker,

I am proud to inform this August House that the project has progressed from first Phase, the Design and Approval Stage, to physical construction of the airport facilities with the exception of the Fuel Farm System and Maintenance Hanger which are still in the design phase. Thus, the design status of the entire project currently stands at 95 per cent complete. In terms of construction works, I wish to inform this August house that the following progress has been achieved on the various structures as follows:

- a) For the Terminal Building, the construction of the first floor is currently underway and is at 50 per cent complete. In addition, the erection of the steel roof structure is underway and all the materials for the construction of the roof structure are on site. Sir, the overall progress on the Terminal Building is 34% complete and is slightly above schedule.
- b) The Viaduct. This is an elevated bridge with a total span of 482 metres meant to separate arrivals and departures passenger traffic in order to enhance efficiency. I am pleased to inform the House that the Contractor has completed the foundation works, supporting piers and has completed about 200 metres of the suspended bridge deck. The current overall progress for this structure stands at 53% complete.

- c) Presidential Pavilion: The contractor has completed the sub and super structures and works on this structure are currently at roof level with an overall progress of 20% complete.
- d) Rescue and Fire Station: Considerable progress has been made on these structures. Sir, the sub and super structures are complete and contractor is currently carrying out final works which include painting, decorating and tiling giving an overall progress of 90% complete. This is ahead of schedule.
- e) Airfield Works: these include an extension to the existing taxi way with a total length of 1.2 Kilometres and the construction of 2 Aprons. Site clearing and levelling have been completed and the Contractor is currently constructing the structural layers. The overall works stand at 15% complete.
- f) Air Traffic Control Tower. For this component, excavation works and sub structures are complete and the contractor has just started constructing the super structures. The overall physical progress is at 5% complete.
- g) Hotel and Warehouse facilities. The site is being cleared by the Contractor to prepare for excavation works.

Mr. Speaker,

The overall progress for the whole project currently stands at 33% complete. I would like to take this opportunity to assure the Honourable Members of Parliament that the project is on schedule and my Ministry will closely monitor progress to ensure that the project is completed within schedule.

Mr Speaker,

The implementation of this project has created over 1,000 skilled and unskilled jobs for the Zambians. In addition, there are 187 Chinese nationals employed by the project out of which 135 are specialized staff. The numbers of Zambian employees are expected to increase as the works progress.

Bearing in mind the huge investment that the government has put into this project, the Ministry of Works and Supply and the Contractor have established a Comprehensive Quality Control Management System in order to ensure that the project outputs are in accordance with the laid down standards and serve the purposes for which the project is intended.

Mr. Speaker,

May I conclude by assuring this house that the Ministry is keen to ensure that the Kenneth Kaunda International Airport project will be carried out as planned and that we will closely supervise the implementation of the project to its successful completion with an ultimate goal of achieving value for public funds.

I thank you.