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MINISTRY OF YOUTH AND SPORT

MINISTERIAL STATEMENT ON THE AFRICA CUP OF  
NATIONS (AFCON 2012) TROPHY BY THE  
ZAMBIA NATIONAL FOOTBALL TEAM AND CONTROVERSY  
SURROUNDING IN ELIGIBLE SUDANESE PLAYER IN KHARTOUM  
WITH THE ENCOUNTER WITH THE ZAMBIA NATIONAL  
FOOTBALL TEAM (ZNFT)

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MR SPEAKER,

IT IS MY PRIVILEGE AND HONOUR TO ISSUE A MINISTERIAL STATEMENT ON THE AFRICA CUP OF NATIONS TROPHY WHICH WAS WON BY OUR GALANT, DEDICATED AND TALENTED YOUNGMEN ON 12<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2012, IN GABON AFTER BEATING THE MOST FANCIED TEAM, IVORY COAST. WE WENT TO THE TOURNAMENT AS UNDERDOGS, BUT WE PROVED TO THE CONTINENT AND THE WORLD THAT ACTUALLY WE WERE NOT.

I WOULD LIKE TO FIRST AND FOREMOST THANK THE PF GOVERNMENT FOR FACILITATING THE PARTICIPATION OF OUR CHIPOLOPOLO NATIONAL TEAM IN THE AFRICA CUP OF NATIONS TOURNAMENT IN 2012. WITHOUT THE GOVERNMENT COMMITMENT AND SUPPORT THIS VICTORY WOULD HAVE ELUDED THIS NATION AS HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN. WE ALL MUST THEREFORE APPRECIATE THE EFFORT BY THIS GOVERNMENT REGARDLESS OF OUR POLITICAL AFFILIATION. THE VICTORY UNITED US ALL AND HAS FURTHER BROUGHT GLORY TO THIS GREAT NATION.

MR SPEAKER,

MAY I ALSO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK THE PLAYERS, THE TECHNICAL BENCH FOR THE EXCELLENT PERFORMANCE AND ALL THE SOCCER LOVING FRATENITY FOR THE FINANCIAL AND MORAL SUPPORT WHICH THEY RENDERED TO THE NATIONAL FOOTBALL TEAM. INDEED YOUR SUPPORT WAS VALUABLE.

MR. SPEAKER,

HONOURABLE MEMBERS OF THIS AUGUST HOUSE MY STATEMENT WILL COVER FIVE ASPECTS.

THESE ARE;

- I. HOW MUCH MONEY, IN ADDITION TO THE TROPHY, THE ZAMBIA NATIONAL FOOTBALL TEAM WAS GIVEN FOR WINNING THE 2012 AFRICA CUP OF NATIONS (AFCON 2012) TOURNAMENT;
- II. HOW MUCH MONEY WAS GIVEN TO EACH PLAYER;
- III. WHAT BENEFITS IN MONETARY TERMS, ACCRUED TO THE NATION FOR WINNING THE 2012 AFCON TOURNAMENT;

IV WHETHER THE GOVERNMENT HAS ANY PLANS OF USING THE PROCEEDS OF THE 2012 AFCON TOWARDS THE DEVELOPMENT OF FOOTBALL IN THE COUNTRY; AND

V. WHAT PLANS THE MINISTRY HAS TO DEVELOP FOOTBALL IN LUPOSOSHI PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY?

MR SPEAKER,

IN TERMS OF HOW MUCH MONEY, IN ADDITION TO THE TROPHY, THE ZAMBIA NATIONAL FOOTBALL TEAM WAS GIVEN FOR WINNING THE 2012 AFRICA CUP OF NATIONS (AFCON 2012), THE HOUSE MAY WISH TO KNOW THAT THE TEAM WAS GIVEN US \$1.5M.

MR SPEAKER,

OF THE US\$1.5MILLION FROM AFCON, THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION HAS SINCE RECEIVED US\$1.2M IN TWO EQUAL TRANCHES OF US\$600,000 LEAVING A BALANCE OF US\$300,000. IN THIS REGARD, THEREFORE, K1.5BN HAS BEEN BUDGETED TO PAY THE TECHNICAL BENCH AND PLAYERS. EACH ONE WILL RECEIVE AN AMOUNT OF K48, 875, 000 ONCE THE PLAYERS ASSEMBLE. THIS WILL BE IN ADDITION TO

THE K300M THAT EACH PLAYER GOT FROM THE GOVERNMENT AS A WINNING BONUS.

IT IS OUR SINCERE HOPE THAT OUR BOYS WILL QUALIFY TO THE 2014 WORLD CUP TOURNAMENT IN BRAZIL, WIN THE TROPHY AND BRING MORE FOREIGN EXCHANGE INTO THE COUNTRY FROM THE PRESTIGIOUS TOURNAMENT.

FURTHERMORE, I WOULD LIKE TO INFORM THIS AUGUST HOUSE THAT A NUMBER OF ZAMBIAN FIRMS PLEDGED A TOTAL OF K1,930,000,000.00 TO THE NATIONAL FOOTBALL TEAM FOLLOWING THEIR VICTORY.

THESE COMPANIES ARE;

1	SIMBA FOOTBALL CLUB CHAIRMAN	K50,000,000
2	ZHONGNI MINING	K500,000,000
3	ZESCO LIMITED	K100,000,000
4	ZAMBIA LOTTO COMPANY	K50,000,000

5	TRADE KINGS LIMITED	K200,000,000
6	FIRST QUANTUM MINING PLC	K250,000,000
7	ZAMBEEF PLC	K20,000,000
8	RAILWAY SYSTEMS OF ZAMBIA	K360,000,000
9	GBM	K200,000,000
10	MTN ZAMBIA	K200,000,000
	<b>TOTAL PLEDGED</b>	<b>K 1,930,000,000</b>

IT IS IMPORTANT TO MENTION THAT OUT OF THE TOTAL PLEDGES ONLY K850,000,000 HAS BEEN REMITTED TO THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION OF ZAMBIA, LEAVING A BALANCE OF K1,080,000,000.

MR SPEAKER SIR,

IN TERMS OF THE MONETARY BENEFITS WHICH ACCRUED TO THE NATION FOR WINNING THE 2012 AFCON CUP, I HAVE THE PLEASURE TO ANNOUNCE THAT US\$ 1.5M WILL BE INJECTED IN THE ECONOMY. ALREADY US\$1.2MILLION HAS ARLEADY BEEN INJECTED.

MR. SPEAKER,

WITH REGARD TO WHETHER THE GOVERNMENT HAS ANY PLANS OF USING THE PROCEEDS OF THE 2012 AFCON TOWARDS THE DEVELOPMENT OF FOOTBALL IN THE COUNTRY, I WOULD LIKE TO INFORM THIS AUGUST HOUSE THAT THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION OF ZAMBIA (FAZ) HAS BOUGHT A 20 HECTARE PLOT FROM LUANSHYA MUNICIPAL COUNCIL TO BUILD A SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCY AT A COST OF US\$30,000 OR K156M. THE SCHOOL WILL BE USED TO OFFER TRAINING IN FOOTBALL SKILLS TO PLAYERS IN ORDER TO ENHANCE THEIR CAPACITY. IT WILL ALSO BE USED AS A CAMPING SITE.

FURTHERMORE EACH CLUB IN DIVISION TWO AND THREE HAVE BEEN GIVEN K3MILLION IN ORDER TO PROMOTE SPORT IN THE COUNTRY. OUT OF THE 280 CLUBS 90% HAVE RECEIVED THE MONEY.

MR. SPEAKER,

IN TERMS OF WHAT PLANS THE MINISTRY HAS TO DEVELOP FOOTBALL IN LUPOSOSHI PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY. I WISH TO INFORM THE AUGUST HOUSE THAT THE POLICY OF GOVERNMENT IS TO

PROMOTE SPORT IN ALL PARTS OF THE COUNTRY. AS FOR LUPOSOSHI  
OUR PLAN IS TO START WITH DEVELOPMENT OF FOOTBALL AT PRIMARY  
AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND ENCOURAGE THE CORPORATE WORLD  
TO SUPPORT THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE IN RURAL AREAS.

MR SPEAKER,

THERE HAVE BEEN REPORTS ON THE SUDANESE TEAM FIELDING AN IN  
.IGIBLE PLAYER IN KHARTOUM ON 2<sup>ND</sup> JUNE, 2012, DURING THE  
INTERNATIONAL MATCH WITH THE ZAMBIA NATIONAL FOOTBALL TEAM.  
THERE HAS BEEN SPECULATION AND CONCERN THAT THE FOOTBALL  
ASSOCIATION OF ZAMBIA FILED IN A PROTEST TO FIFA AFTER THE  
STIPULATED PERIOD.

MR SPEAKER,

THE HON MEMBERS AND THE PEOPLE OF ZAMBIA MAY WISH TO KNOW  
THAT THE LINE UP OF THE PLAYERS IS NOT KNOWN UNTIL ON THE DAY  
OF THE MATCH.



INDEED, THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION OF ZAMBIA MADE THE OBSERVATION ON INELIGIBLE PLAYER BEING FIELDDED. IT IS TRUE THAT THE PROTEST IS SUPPOSED TO BE PRESENTED WITHIN 24 OR 48 HOURS. BUT IT IS ALSO IMPORTANT TO STATE THAT UNDER THE WORLD CUP QUALIFYING RULES, THE AGGRIEVED PARTY IS REQUIRED TO SUBMIT THE PROTEST WITHIN FIVE (5) DAYS. THE MATCH WAS PLAYED ON 2<sup>ND</sup> JUNE, 2012, AND THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION OF ZAMBIA LODGED ITS PROTEST ON 7<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2012 TO FIFA. FIFA HAS SINCE REFERRED THE COMPLAINT TO ITS DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE. MEANWHILE, THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION OF ZAMBIA AWAITS THE OUTCOME.

THE HON MEMBERS MAY WISH TO KNOW THAT THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION OF ZAMBIA COULD NOT LODGE THE PROTEST IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE GAME IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT THE MATTER WAS FULLY RESEARCHED.

MR SPEAKER,

I THANK YOU.