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TO : HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE LITUNGA LUBOSI IMWIKO II  
RE: MONGU TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION SUMMIT OCTOBER 2014

**CONTENT:** The bone of contention is that, despite Zambia having championed herself as the most peaceful and politically stable country on the continent of Africa, one issue still clouds this image and refuses to go away; and that issue is the **Barotseland Agreement 1964**.

Although the Barotseland Agreement 1964 was entered into and signed in good faith by all the parties concerned (at the dawn of our independence) on the 24<sup>th</sup> May, 1964 the Zambian government failed to fulfill its obligation of interpreting the Barotseland Agreement of 1964 and translating it into a reality as a backbone of the national motto of "One Zambia, One Nation" after the attainment of independence, which ushered the unitary and indivisible sovereign state of the Republic of Zambia. This was due to none scrutiny of the original agreement signed by Queen Victoria and King Lewanika, which was revoked on 18<sup>th</sup> April, 1964 by transferring the responsibility of welfare of the then "Barotseland Protectorate" from the British Government to the incoming self-government of the Republic of Zambia.

However, after attainment of independence on the 24<sup>th</sup> of October 1964, there followed a succession of Acts of Parliament, such as the Local Government Act No. 69 of October, 1965 which took away the powers and privileges of King Lewanika the Litunga over the ruling of Barotseland, thereby naming the region Barotse Province. Followed by the August 1969 Act that renamed the Barotse Province as Western Province which eventually took away the residual powers of the Litunga, such as powers over forestry, lands, wildlife, fishing and national parks; and the 1970 Act Number 47 abolished the Barotseland autonomic governance of His Majesty King Lewanika the Litunga of Barotseland, naming him Paramount Chief Lewanika. Finally, on 18<sup>th</sup> August, 1993 the Zambian government through the office of the Minister without Portfolio Hon. Brigadier General Godfrey Miyanda, declared the Barotseland Agreement of 1964 as null and void, citing the reason that the agreement had gone stale "due to the passage of time," a statement that curtailed any further dialogue and negotiation on Barotseland Agreement of 1964 between the government of the Republic of Zambia and the Barotse Royal Establishment. This infuriated the Lozi people and gave rise to the Barotseland Freedom Movement Groups such as the Linyungandambo etc.

*Not all signed in haste*

*interpretation was the problem, the problem was implementation. Signing was done after interpretation.*



Consequently, on the 14<sup>th</sup> of January 2011 before PF government came into power, there occurred disturbances in Mongu, regarding the Barotseland Agreement of 1964, which led to unprovoked killings and arrests of innocent youths by allegedly Zambian police.

But during the campaign that ushered in PF government, it is strongly believed that President Michael Chilufya Sata promised that, if voted in power he would restore the Barotseland Agreement of 1964 in 90 days' time, after all he (President Michael Chilufya Sata) was a member of the Linyungandambo Freedom Movement himself, a statement which was substantiated by the President's own invitation of the Linyungandambo Freedom Movement Group to State House within 90 days in power, whose agenda was unknown to Barotse Royal Establishment. This further caused suspicion among the Lozi people because the BRE was not involved in these discussions.

Later on the Republican President H.E Michael Chilufya Sata, not only appointed the Roger Chongwe Commission to investigate the Mongu uprising of the 14<sup>th</sup> January, 2011 but also ordered the publication of the full text of the Barotseland Agreement of 1964 in the public media for the very first time ever since independence. When the Chongwe Commission presented its findings to the President, the President refused to announce to the nation what was contained in the Rodger Chongwe Commission Report, thereby downplaying the Barotseland Agreement of 1964, citing the reason that the Barotseland Agreement of 1964 was not in the terms of reference; therefore, the Roger Chongwe Commission acted beyond its powers.

This further annoyed the Lozi people and the Barotseland National Council was re-instituted and sat at Mongu whose resolution was for Barotseland to secede from the Republic of Zambia; this was in March, 2012. The same civil disobedience took place in a similar fashion in Mongu on the 9<sup>th</sup> September, 2012 which also led to killings of innocent youths and massive arrests by the Zambia Police which only ended up in nolle prosequi in the High Court of Zambia.

In the circumstance, therefore, as we prepare for the Golden Jubilee of our independence and the nation approaches this mammoth independence Golden Jubilee, we feel it is the opportunity to bring this matter to a meaningful close; and this can only be achieved through a process of honest dialogue and negotiation through sincere exchange of views from all parties concerned at this highest public level.

It is in this spirit that cordial invitation is extended to the President of the Republic of Zambia H.E Michael Chilufya Sata together with His Royal Highness the Litunga Lubosi Imwiko II to attend the **Mongu Truth and Reconciliation Summit** proposed to be held in Mongu in October, 2014 before the celebration of the Golden Jubilee. Other delegates shall include the Barotse Royal Establishment (BRE), all the Barotseland Activist Groups, all traditional leaders of Western Province tribes, all church mother bodies including those opposed to Christianity, representatives of all organizations including the civil society organizations. Diplomats accredited to Zambia, Members of Parliament, Members of House of Chiefs and invited guests as per Mongu Peace and Unity Declaration Addendum attached hereto.

**OBJECTIVE:** The aims and objectives of this "Mongu Truth and Reconciliation Summit 2014" are to truthfully and honestly debate the Barotseland Agreement of 1964 which is

*BRE represents all Tribes in Bulalozi*



currently non-functional; in order to reach a meaningful and logical conclusion, after exhausting the controversy to consider the problem of lack of a meaningful developmental performance which the area has suffered in comparison to other provinces since independence. Supplicate for peace and unity from His Royal Highness the Litunga, under most humble request for the Litunga to unify the nation under our national motto of "One Zambia, One Nation," for the name "Lewanika" means the unifier.

**VENUE:** The venue of this historic event has deliberately been chosen to be in Mongu the Headquarters of the Western Province of Zambia in order to make this Summit historic to our posterity by making it possible for all the Western Province traditional leaders and residents to attend the summit.

**CONVENERS:** The convening of this historic event and the fundraising shall entirely be the responsibility of a Zambian led organization called "Agape Associates Conflict Solutions" in conjunction with all sane and Right-Thinking Zambian citizens, peace loving corporate bodies and other international peace seeking countries and organizations who have been following the sad developments regarding the Barotseland Agreement of 1964 that has existed for fifty (50) years now since independence.

**RESOLUTIONS:** It is our hope and belief that the deliberations and resolutions which will come out of this historic Summit will be binding and issued out as the "Mongu Peace and Unity Declaration" to replace the dysfunctional Barotseland Agreement of 1964. In the circumstance, therefore, we request the President of the Republic of Zambia H.E Michael Chilufya Sata and His Royal Highness the Litunga Lubosi Imwiko II to accept our invitation in person at this historic summit and declare for peace and unity of the country by signing the Mongu Peace and Unity Declaration document thereafter.

**CONCLUSION:** The details for the dialogue and debate to resolve the Barotseland Agreement 1964 are contained in the agenda for the **Mongu Truth and Reconciliation Summit of October, 2014** as highlighted in the supplementary document attached hereto.



**JOSEPH LAZARUS CHIMWALA**  
**(EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR)**  
**FOR/ AGAPE ASSOCIATES CONFLICT SOLUTIONS**

**Acknowledgment of the receipt of this Document** (Official Stamp)

Sign-----

Title-----

SUPPLEMENTARY DOCUMENT ON BAROTSELAND AGREEMENT OF 1964 FOR  
TERMS OF REFERENCE

PREAMBLE:

We are reliably informed that your name, "Lewanika", <sup>Lubosi Imwiko</sup> means unifier; thus, the Barotseland Agreement 1964 was made possible by the concern of Your Royal Highness, the Litunga to unite this country, Zambia. Although this agreement went into oblivion for lack of proper interpretation and translation, Your Royal Highness still kept a low profile in order to maintain peace and unity which this country has enjoyed for fifty (50) years since independence. Now it is also your obligation, as a Christian, to forgive and dialogue for peaceful settlement of the abrogated agreement; and that can only be done at this highest level of discussion at the "**Mongu Truth and Reconciliation Summit,**" come October 2014.

NECESSITY/REQUIREMENT:

It is also imperative that while celebrating the fifty (50) years Independence Jubilee, we need to take stock of our country's achievements and failures in order to determine the way forward for the next fifty years as we hand over the country to the new generation. At this juncture, it is indeed the obligation of Your Royal Highness the Litunga to continue to unite the nation as it was necessary for Your Royal Highness to do so fifty (50) years ago. Please, kindly be informed that this is the sole essence of the "**Mongu Truth and Reconciliation Summit of October, 2014**" to revitalize the peace and unity that has existed for the past fifty years; and then declined to almost turmoil as evidenced by the recent Mongu uprising.

Your Royal Highness the Litunga Lubosi Imwiko II, are the factor for the well being of our country Zambia a Christian Nation, which should have Christian Principles such as: forgive each other, love one another, vengeance is for God, pray for those who persecute you etc. For this reason, Your Royal Highness, forgive them for they do not know what they are doing; and these are both the Government of the Republic of Zambia and Linyungandambo Organization of Mr. Sinyinda the former Ngambela who is currently pausing as the Prime Minister of Barotseland under the guise of the Barotseland Agreement 1964. Please, Your Royal Highness, let the Mongu Truth and Reconciliation Summit take place as scheduled so that peace and unity can be maintained.

As the principal figure of peace and unity in this country, Your Royal Highness, you have the right and privilege to scrutinize the following conditions and terms of the Mongu Truth and



**MONGU TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION SUMMIT ADDENDUM**

PROPOSED DATE: 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2014

MODERATOR: Archbishop Desmond Tutu.....

ASSISTANT MODERATOR: Archbishop Emmanuel Milingo.....

ASSISTANT MODERATOR: Prophet Elijah Chali .....

**AGENDA:** BAROTSELAND AGREEMENT 1964

GOVERNMENT OF ZAMBIA Vs BAROTSE ROYAL ESTABLISHMENT (BRE)

REPRESENTATIVES AND WITNESSES / SIGNATORIES

- **Republican President** \_\_\_\_\_
- **His Royal Highness, The Litunga** \_\_\_\_\_
- Archbishop Desmond Tutu (Moderator)-----
- Archbishop Emmanuel Milingo.....
- Prophet Elijah Chali -----
- Minister of Justice \_\_\_\_\_
- Hon. Members of Parliament \_\_\_\_\_
- The Secretary to the Cabinet \_\_\_\_\_
- Hon. Acting Chief Justice \_\_\_\_\_
- The Chair Person House of Chiefs \_\_\_\_\_
- The Chairman SADC/H.E. \_\_\_\_\_
- The Chairperson of Episcopate Conference \_\_\_\_\_
- The Chairperson CCC \_\_\_\_\_
- The Chairperson EFZ \_\_\_\_\_
- The Zambian Muslim Society \_\_\_\_\_
- The President ZCTU \_\_\_\_\_
- The President Federation of Trade Unions \_\_\_\_\_
- The President Federation of Employers \_\_\_\_\_
- The Zambia Council for blind and handicapped \_\_\_\_\_
- The President FODEP \_\_\_\_\_
- The President TIZ \_\_\_\_\_
- The President Council of NGOs representative CSOs \_\_\_\_\_
- Southern Africa Media Institute and other media representatives-----
- The President FAZ \_\_\_\_\_
- The British High Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_

- UN Representative in Zambia \_\_\_\_\_
- The High Commissioner of South Africa \_\_\_\_\_
- The Swedish High Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_
- The Norwegian High Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_
- The Netherland High Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_
- The Chinese Ambassador \_\_\_\_\_
- The Germany High Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_
- The South Korea Consulate/Representative \_\_\_\_\_
- The Director of Meanwood Mr. Zulu \_\_\_\_\_
- Zambia National Association for the Deaf –ZANAD \_\_\_\_\_
- Human Rights Commission \_\_\_\_\_
- Invited Guests \_\_\_\_\_
- Political Parties: Presidents ( PF.MMD.UPND.ADD.FDD.NAREP, etc, etc) \_\_\_\_\_
- Association for Healthcare \_\_\_\_\_
- Institutes for High Learning \_\_\_\_\_
- Financial Institutions \_\_\_\_\_
- Agape Associates Conflict Solutions(Conveners) \_\_\_\_\_
- SACORD \_\_\_\_\_