

RESOLUTIONS OF THE BAROTSE NATIONAL CONFERENCE HELD AT LEALUI ON 3RD AND 4TH NOVEMBER, 1995.

We, the people of the Barotseland, here assembled at Lealui on 3rd and 4th of November, 1995,

CONCERNED with the decision taken by Government of the Republic of Zambia in the white paper not to recognise the Barotseland Agreement 1964 and to enact the Lands Act No 29 1995 contrarily to our wishes;

OUTRAGED by government's deceit and failure to consult us before, enacting the act earlier promised;

REALIZING that the action of the government amounts to total abrogation of the rights of the people of Barotseland as enshrined in the Agreement;

RECOGNIZING as a people we are and have always been ready and willing to implement the Agreement;

AND NOTING that the government by its action has unilaterally severed the relationship with the people of the Barotseland and by that conduct the contracting parties have reverted to their original positions before the Agreement.

DO HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

I. BAROTSELAND AGREEMENT 1964.

- (1) The government must unequivocally recognise the Barotseland Agreement 1964 and accept that the rights and obligations enshrined therein are still binding upon the government.
- (2) That the recognition must be incorporated in the Constitution of Zambia as has been the case hitherto as with all other honourable agreements.
- (3) That if the government continues to be obstinate, the people of the Barotse shall have the right to self-determination, by reverting to the original status of Barotseland before 1964.

II. LANDS ACT No. 29 1995

- (1) That the people of Barotseland re-affirm their belief and commitment to the Litungaship. The LITUNGA means LAND; without land, there is no Litunga.
- (2) That therefore the people of Barotseland reject the Lands Act 1995 in total as it has taken away the powers of the Litunga, is inconsistent with the provisions of the agreement, and has been passed without the consent and will of the people of the Barotseland.

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III. MWANAKATWE CONSTITUTION

- (1) That the Barotse people reject the Mwanakatwe constitution as it does not recognise the Barotseland Agreement 1964.
- (2) That the Barotse people do join the rest of the country stating that the constitution should be adopted by a Constituent Assembly or Referendum. The composition of the Constituent Assembly should be determined by people themselves and not the government.

IV. POLITICAL MATTERS

- (1) That the people of Barotseland will support a political party which is committed to the restoration of the Barotseland Agreement and must make the necessary undertaking to that effect.
- (2) That the people of the Barotseland will not support any member of parliament from Barotseland who supported the enactment of the Lands Act No 29 1995.
(NOTE: Only 3 MPs refused to be part of this Act; those being for Mongu Central, Senanga Central and Kalabo)
- (3) The Barotse people will not support the MMD government because of the infringements of their rights and due to lack of development in the area.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE BAROTSE PEOPLE BY:

SINVULA MUTUMBA
RT. HON NGAMBELA OF BAROTSELAND

YOSIKU MUKELABAI
INDUNA MUKULWAKASHIKO
CONFERENCE CHAIRMAN

BAROTSE.CON

November 4, 1995.