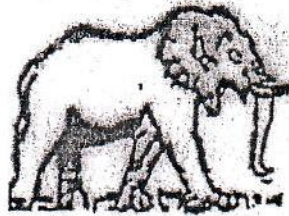


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Barotse Royal Establishment

Lealui-Limulunga

9th December 2019

The Chairman-General
Barotse National Freedom Alliance
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Dear Sir/Madam,

DIALOGUE ON THE STALEMATE OVER BAROTSELAND - ESTABLISHING THE BAROTSE DIALOGUE COUNCIL.

The Barotse Royal Establishment is pleased to inform the people of Barotseland that the Organising Executive Committee that was seized with the planning and execution to establish a Dialogue Council to untangle the stalemate on the status of Barotseland within the Republic of Zambia has completed its work. The Committee recommended the establishment of a 125 strong Barotse Dialogue Council to comprise men and women from all sectors of the Barotse Community at home and the Diaspora.

The Organising Executive Committee identified seven core sectors of organizations and eminent individuals from the Barotse community. It will be the function of the political or civil society institutions to nominate delegates to the Dialogue Council in a democratic fashion. Your organization/institution is among those deemed to command respect and public opinion that represents the masses of the people of Barotseland.

It is in the light of this development that I take the liberty to extend an invitation to your esteemed organization to nominate five (5) representatives as delegates to the Barotse Dialogue Council.

I attach a document entitled "The Barotse Dialogue Council 2019" in which you will find notes on the justification for establishing the Dialogue Council, its structure, composition and qualifications, to lead the negotiations with the Government of the Republic of Zambia that will unravel the more than half-

the more than half-century stalemate. In the same document, you will find the *Schedule of Representatives and Guidelines for nominating members to the Barotse Dialogue Council*. The guidelines are intended to provide guidance required of the task of selecting and nominating delegates to the Dialogue Council.

You are requested to apply the instructions in the guidelines on selection and nomination of delegates. The nomination must be conducted in a transparent and democratic manner devoid of flaws. The successful nominee must be forwarded to reach the Secretariat of the Organising Executive Committee through the Office of the Ngambela before or by 25 December 2019.

I trust you will rise to the occasion to accept this royal invitation, which was endorsed by their Royal Highnesses, the Privy Council during their recent meeting held at Limulunga from 25th to 28th November 2019.

On behalf of His Majesty the Litunga and the Kuta, I remain by sending you royal greetings and wish you happiness and prosperity as you celebrate the annual festivals of Christmas and New Year 2020.

I look forward to receiving your nominees and to your institution's participation in the making of the contemporary history of Barotseland and Zambia.

Yours faithfully

BAROTSE ROYAL ESTABLISHMENT



Manyando Mukela
NGAMBELA

Copy/His Majesty the Litunga of Barotseland
Chairman, Organising Executive Committee



Barotse Royal Establishment

Lealui-Limulunga

The Barotse Dialogue Council 2019

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This document outlines the aims, objectives, functions, and composition and selection procedures of the Barotse Dialogue Council. It shall serve as an instruction manual to guide the participating organs of the Barotse Royal Establishment and community institutions to accomplish the task of nominating and selecting representatives to the Barotse Dialogue Council.

PREAMBLE

The current drive to set up a mechanism for dialogue between the Barotse Royal Establishment and the Government of the Republic of Zambia on the matter of Barotseland's status within or without Zambia arises against the backdrop of:-

- (1) The Barotse people's demand to secede from Zambia or honour the Barotseland Agreement of 1964 influenced by the resolutions of BNC 2012.
- (2) The decision of the petition at the African Commission for Human and Peoples' Rights on the Ngambela of Barotseland versus the Government of the Republic of Zambia.
- (3) Effective and well-designed sensitization programme carried out by the Barotse Royal Establishment for the restoration of the tenets contained in the Barotseland Agreement 1964.
- (4) The offer by the President of the Republic of Zambia Dr. Edgar Chagwa Lungu to dialogue with the Barotse Royal Establishment as a means of finding a lasting solution to the long standing grievance arising from government's unilateral and illegal termination of the Barotseland Agreement 1964.

In reaction to the President's offer for dialogue, the Barotse Royal Establishment created a working committee (dubbed the Organising Executive Committee) tasked with the responsibility of creating a council of representatives, the Barotse Dialogue Council, which would aid the BRE, manage its engagement with the Government of the Republic of Zambia.

The Organising Executive Committee concluded its boardroom planning and consultative engagements with some stakeholders relating to methodology for forming the Barotse Dialogue Council and budgetary requirements in the first quarter of 2018. In November 2019, the Organising Executive Committee engaged the Privy Council, comprising their Royal Highnesses, the District Senior Chiefs and Junior chiefs and the Heads of Kuta to finalise the formation of the Barotse Dialogue Council.

The route taken by the Barotse Royal Establishment, has adopted to deploy the institutional mechanism already in place thereby rendering the dissenting voices invalid as there is no valid alternative cited so far as better placed to have handled this matter. Therefore, the criterion that has been put in place is the most acceptable combination of interest groups to comprise the Barotse Dialogue Council that will propel Barotseland to recover its lost autonomy and economic self-determination.

1. THE BAROTSE DIALOGUE COUNCIL

The Barotse Royal Establishment realized the importance of involving the people at large in the negotiation process leading to finding a lasting solution to the more than half-century-old impasse over the Barotseland question with the Republic of Zambia. This body shall have legitimate and authoritative jurisdiction to unite the people of Barotseland and to be recognized as the legitimate body acting and speaking for the people of Barotseland as it takes on the Government in all these negotiations.

To this end His Majesty the Litunga's residual authority over Barotseland combined with recognized instruments of popular representation as currently obtaining, shall form the core of the decision-making organ that pushes the dialogue process forward. The legitimate and authoritative body described here shall be augmented by individuals deemed capable of adding value to the process and who obtain admittance by power of nomination and appointment exercised by those with originating authority.

2. THE OBJECTIVE OF THE DIALOGUE COUNCIL

To establish a full time institution mandated as the vehicle that shall aid the Barotse Royal Establishment in its engagement with the Government of the Republic of Zambia in the reclamation of Barotseland autonomy or semi autonomy to manage the Barotse local government.

3. FUNCTIONS OF THE BAROTSE DIALOGUE COUNCIL

- a) To determine the modalities of a negotiated settlement with the Government of Zambia.
- b) To explore other avenues of recovering the Barotseland Local Government and set up supervisory mechanism of taking over the institutions of governance at local government level.

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- c) To work out transitional arrangements by reforming the Barotse Royal Establishment into the Barotseland Government so that it is blended with modern systems of governance.
 - d) To determine and define the historical boundaries of Barotseland before the Barotseland Agreement of 1964.
 - e) To consider and demand reparations for Barotseland because of the unilateral and illegal abrogation of the Barotseland Agreement 1964.
 - f) To oversee, direct, guide and supervise the Negotiation Team by determining the subject areas to negotiate.
 - g) To disentangle deadlocks in the event of failing to reach agreement during the negotiations.
 - h) To organize, supervise and manage any other functions or activities leading to the facilitation and successful conclusion of the dialogue process.

4. COMPOSITION OF THE BAROTSE DIALOGUE COUNCIL

This body shall be composed of 125 members drawn from all the sectors of the Barotse communities specified in the table below of people with special attributes, which will enhance the competencies of the Council.

5. THE CRITERIA TO BE USED

The criteria for selection or nomination of members of the Barotse Dialogue Council will strictly follow the democratic method of inviting the sectors in the table below to elect their own preferred representatives from among their members. It shall be a requirement for nominees to meet the qualification specified in the selection procedures attached herein.

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SCHEDULE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE BAROTSE DIALOGUE COUNCIL

Sector	Representatives	No
TRADITIONAL STRUCTURES	a) The Representatives from Regional chiefdoms (5 nominees per chiefdom) 35 b) Special Nominees (Eminent Personalities) (10)	45
SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS	Royal family (5) Senior Citizens (5) The Church (5)	15
BAROTSE POLITICAL ACTIVIST GROUPS	All Activist Groups 1. Linyungandambo (5) 2. BFM (5) 3. MOREBA (5) 4. BNYL (5) 5. BNFA (5)	25
ELECTED POLITICAL REPRESENTATIVES	Members of Parliament (10) Chairmen of District Councils (6)	16
WOMEN AND YOUTHS	Youth Nominees (5) Women (5)	10
LAWYERS	Legal persons (4)	04
OEC	Members (10)	10
ALL SECTORS	TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	125
STANDING NEGOTIATING TEAM	DIALOGUE NEGOTIATING TEAM -(15) (Inclusive of Ex-Officio Officials - Chairman and Deputy-) (02)	17
SECRETARIAT	Administrative Secretary	1
SUPPORT ING STAFF	Office Manager, Assistant, Accounts, Driver, Office Orderly (5)	5

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GUIDELINES FOR NOMINATING MEMBERS OF THE BAROTSE DIALOGUE COUNCIL

The following guidelines shall be applied strictly to identify quality nominees for the Barotse Dialogue Council.

A. SECTOR 1 TRADITIONAL STRUCTURE

- a) Each of the seven regional chiefdoms/kutas shall nominate six (6) people from a cross-section of their areas as follows:-
 - (i) Two shall come from the regional Kuta
 - (ii) One Eminent person from the community
 - (iii) One Silalo Induna
 - (iv) Two prominent and respectable personalities such as a businessperson or opinion maker from the community.
- b) Qualifications
 - (i) Nominees must be aged 25 years and above.
 - (ii) Must have attained Grade 12 or equivalent educational standard and above
 - (iii) Must be of sound mind
 - (iv) Must possess leadership attributes

B. SECTOR 2 SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

- a) **Royal Family Nominees (5)**

Royal nominees shall be proposed by the Organising Executive Committee and shall be submitted to the authorities for assent.

 - (i) **Qualifications**

The standard qualifications at 1(b) above shall apply. However, it is imperative that the members must not be nominated from one family
- b) **Senior Citizens (5)**

The Organising Executive Committee shall consult extensively to nominate from among the prominent community of senior citizens.

 - (i) **Qualifications**
 - A senior citizen must be 70 years of age and above.

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- Must possess educational qualifications at 1(b) above.
 - Must be of sound mind.

c) The Church (5)

Traditional or conventional churches will be requested to nominate ONE participant each from the following:-

1. The Church of Barotseland (1)
2. The Catholic Church (1)
3. The Seventh Day Adventist Church (1)
4. The United Church of Zambia (1)
5. The New Apostolic Church (1)

(i) Qualifications

- Must possess the educational qualifications at 1(b) above.
- Must be a leader in the church
- Must be of sound mind
- Must be above 25 years of age

C. SECTOR 3 BAROTSE POLITICAL ACTIVIST GROUPS (25)

Barotse Political Activist Groups shall be invited to nominate five each from their groups.

1. Linyungandambo (5)
2. Barotseland Freedom Movement (BFM) (5)
3. Movement for Restoration of Barotseland (5)
4. Barotse National Youth League (5)
5. Barotse National Freedom Alliance (5)

(i) Qualifications

- Must possess the standard qualifications at 1(b) above
- Must be a member nominated by any of the organizations above
- Must be of sound mind and in good standing in the community
- Must be aged 25 years and above

D. SECTOR 4 ELECTED POLITICAL REPRESENTATIVES (16)

Nominees from Members of Parliament shall be provided by their own caucus organizations; while the Organising Executive Committee shall nominate those from District Councils.

(a) Members Of Parliament (10)

i) Qualifications.

- Must have passion for Barotseland
- Will not subordinate the interests of the Dialogue Council to that of his/her political party
- Must possess the educational qualifications at 1(b) above
- Must be of sound mind

(b) Chairmen Of District Councils (6)

i) Qualifications

- Must have passion for Barotseland
- Will not subordinate the interests of the Dialogue Council to that of his/her political party
- Must possess the educational qualifications at 1(b) above

E. SECTOR 5 WOMEN AND YOUTHS (10)

The women and youths shall be nominated by their relevant umbrella organizations such as the NGOCC/YWCA or the RED CROSS.

a) Women (5)

i) Qualifications

- The educational qualifications stated at 1(b) above shall apply.
- Must be above 25 years of age
- Must have passion for Barotseland
- Must be of sound mind and in good standing in the community

b) Youths (5)

i) Qualifications

- The educational qualifications stated at 1(b) above shall apply.
- Must be above 18 years of age and not above 35
- Must have passion for Barotseland
- Must be of sound mind

F. SECTOR 6 LEGAL PERSONS (4)

The nomination of the legal persons shall be the preserve of the Organising Executive Committee and the Ngambela.

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i) Qualifications

- Must be a legal practitioner and an Advocate of the High Court or a retired Judge or Magistrate in the Subordinate Court
- Must have passion for Barotseland
- Must be of sound mind and clean record

G. SECTOR 7 TECHNOCRATS AND DIASPORA (6)

The Organising Executive Committee shall identify and nominate qualified technocrats and Diaspora delegates from notable personalities of Barotse origin irrespective of gender and qualified in any field of study in particular historians, researchers, economists, agriculturists, geologists or industrialists.

2) DISTRIBUTION OF GUIDELINES TO DISTRICT KUTAS AND OTHER SECTORS

The deadline for the distribution of guidelines to district kutas and letters of nomination to churches, political organizations and individual nominees is 9th December 2019.

3) RECEIPT AND SCRUTINY OF NOMINATIONS

All nominations must be received after three weeks from the date of dispatch of guidelines by 25th December 2019.

NOTES:

- (a) Nominations must be gender sensitive by all the sectors to balance the number of female members on the Barotse Dialogue Council.
- (b) Nominations must include the interests of the Barotse ethnic minorities and members of the community who are physically challenged.

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