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To: Secretary to the Treasury
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Directors: Electoral Commission of Zambia
Human Rights Commission

Governor: Bank of Zambia

District Commissioners: All Districts

**RE: COMMEMORATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL
WOMEN'S DAY - 8TH MARCH 2021**

Reference is made to the subject above.

Zambia will join the international community in commemorating the International Women's Day on 8th March, 2021. This year's commemoration will be held under the International Theme, ***"Women in Leadership: Achieving an equal future in a COVID-19 World."***

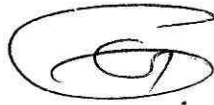
The theme calls on all of us to reflect on and celebrate the tremendous efforts being made by the women and girls around the world in shaping a more equal future and recovery from the COVID – 19 pandemic. Women's leadership is key in driving the agenda of gender equality as envisaged in the 7th National Development Plan, the Vision 2030 and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

However, due to COVID-19 pandemic, this year's International Women's Day commemoration will mainly be conducted virtually by the Ministry of Gender in collaboration with stakeholders such as the Provincial Administration. **There will be no physical celebration such as match past.** Activities to be conducted will include showcasing women and girls who have excelled in various leadership positions. Line Ministries and the Provincial Administration will, among others, conduct activities aimed at sensitising the public on COVID -19 prevention and gender equality activities.

In this regard, stakeholders are encouraged to utilise as much as possible media platforms in disseminating gender equality messages. All activities to be managed within gender mainstreamed planned budget for 2021.

It is expected that His Excellency Dr. Edgar Chagwa Lungu, President of the Republic of Zambia will, on 8th March, 2021 grace the main event in Lusaka virtually.

I wish you all a successful commemoration of the 2021 International Women's Day.



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