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**INTERNATIONAL DAY OF WOMEN JUDGES**


The importance of women in the Judiciary was reaffirmed when last year, on 28<sup>th</sup> of April, the United Nations General Assembly adopted Resolution A/Res/75/247 and proclaimed 10<sup>th</sup> March of each year the 'International Day of Women Judges'. Today marks the first ever commemoration of 'International Day of Women Judges'.

I am aware that the Zambia Association of Women Judges recognizes the importance of the representation of women in the Judiciary to the implementation of the rule of law as well as dispensation of fair and equal justice. The Association also aims to promote the full and equal participation of women at all levels of the Judiciary.

The Judiciary of Zambia as a whole, reaffirms its commitment to develop and implement appropriate and effective strategies and plans for the advancement of women in the institution at administrative and leadership level.

One way of achieving sustainable development, peace and democracy is through active participation of women on equal terms at all levels of decision making. This is envisaged in the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goal number 5 on Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women and Girls. This goal is meant to achieve progress across all developmental goals and to add a gender perspective to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. Therefore, the representation of women in the judicial system is critical to ensure that the legal system is developed with society in mind. It also inspires the next generation of women judges and advocates to achieve their goals.

To all our women Judges in our jurisdiction, Happy International Day of Women Judges.

  
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