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**REMARKS BY
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AT THE
CYBER, ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL CRIMES
IN
ZAMBIA
ON
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His Lordship, Hon. Justice Dr. Mumba Malilla, SC, Chief Justice of the Republic of Zambia,
Hon. Mrs. Justice M. S. Mulenga,
Hon. Justices,
Distinguished Guests,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good morning!

1. On behalf of Karen White, the Executive Director of the Attorney General Alliance, I would like to extend her warm greetings!
2. It is my honour to give these opening remarks, on behalf of the AGA-Africa Programme, for this 2-day training for the Judiciary, under the theme "cyber, economic and financial crimes," which is in partnership with the Judiciary of Zambia. It is always a pleasure partnering with your organisation!
3. This training could not have been more opportune bearing in mind the recently enacted Cyber Security and Cyber Crimes Act number 2 of 2021, which seeks to enhance our cybercrime enforcement mechanisms to be in line with emerging trends, as well as, the newly established Economic and Financial Crimes Division of the High Court, which calls for sharpening of one's skills and knowledge.

4. We are all aware of the detrimental effect that economic and financial crimes have on the economy and development of our country, as well as, quality of life.
5. Indeed, we continue to suffer the blunt effects of economic crimes, which include high taxes, poor infrastructure and service delivery, and increased inequality to name a few things.
6. This is because, whilst globalisation has enhanced interconnectedness and interdependence for our regional and global commerce and transportation networks, it has also done the same for criminal networks who actively exploit these systems for personal gain.
7. Additionally, whilst the advent of the internet was lauded for instant communication and accessibility of information, we have also seen the internet being increasingly used to commit crimes, as through the use of technological tools like cryptocurrencies, perpetrators are able to carry out their crimes with minimal risks of detection; facilitating crimes like money laundering.
8. These crimes thus challenge our ability to grow our economy, maintain public trust, and preserve the rule of law; thereby making this training of utmost importance. On this note, I would like to take this opportunity to thank:
 - Mr. Jeffrey B. Welty, Professor of Law from the University of North Carolina who teaches Judges and Magistrates and who has travelled all the way from the US;
 - Hon. Justice Peter Kelly, Rtd. President of the High Court of Ireland, and Hon. Justice Alexander Owens, Judge of the High Court of Ireland, who will join us virtually
 - Hon. Justice Redson Kapindu, Judge of the High Court of Malawi and Judge-in-Charge for the Financial Crimes Division, who has come all the way from Malawi;
 - Mr. Abbah Sambo Usman CISSP, CFE, Head Cybercrime Unit, who has come all the way from Nigeria to Zambia for the first time
 - Thank you for agreeing to come to Zambia, as our facilitators. You will play an important role in providing us with an international and regional perspective, thereby enriching our discussions.

9. In addition, I would also like to thank our national facilitators who will provide a well-rounded perspective on the topic of cyber, economic and financial crimes,
- o Hon. Justice Mchenga,
 - o Hon. Justice Mwape Bowa,
 - o Hon. Justice Charles Zulu,
 - o Hon. Justice Pixie Yangailo;
 - o Hon. Sylvia Munyinya,
 - o Mr. Davies Chimota,
 - o Ms. Gloria M Muyunda,
 - o Ms. Nkhumbiza Mumba,
 - o Ms. Chewe Mutale,
 - o Mr. Hussein Khan,
 - o Ms Liya Tembo,
 - o Mr. Thomas Kalaluka,

Your knowledge and expertise will greatly contribute to the success of this training.

10. This combination of international, regional and national perspectives is a reflection of the AGA-Africa Programme's recognition of the fact that transnational crime has no boundaries, which informs our work across multiple countries; and the need to provide international, regional, and national subject matter experts that can provide multiple perspectives to our discussions.
11. Indeed the AGA - Africa Programme's work touches on transnational crimes, such as Human Trafficking, Money Laundering, Cybercrime, Wildlife Trafficking, among other cross-border crimes, across 10 African countries, including Ghana, Malawi, Nigeria, Senegal, Seychelles, South Africa, and Zambia; and within the Eastern Africa Region – Rwanda, Uganda, and Kenya.

Allow me, ladies and gentlemen, a moment of your time, to highlight some of the work that the AGA - Africa Programme is doing

Within Zambia, we recently partnered with yourselves to hold your 2022 Annual Conference, where we were also able to sign an MoU geared towards deepening our cooperation and collaboration with each other. Further, we held a meeting earlier this year with the Chief Justice and other justices of the Supreme Court on how we can best work together towards tackling transnational crimes; and to carry out training on virtual currency investigations.

With regards to other judiciaries that we partner with, specifically in Kenya, this year, the AGA-Africa Programme held various training sessions with the Judiciary including the Supreme Court and the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions, on post-election dispute resolution.

We have further held:

- Cybercrime and electronic evidence trainings;
- Human trafficking training; and
- Induction of the Kenya Supreme Court Judges, among other trainings.

In Nigeria, this year, we have held a retreat with the Supreme Court and Court of Appeal Justices, and effective administration of justice training. Further, we also held an asset recovery workshop for the judiciary in Malawi.

Within Zambia, in addition to the Judiciary, the AGA - Africa Programme, has also worked with other justice actors to carry out:

- An Advanced Wildlife Crime Investigations Technique Workshop with the Department of National Parks and Wildlife;
- Procurement, Corruption and Fraud Management of Informers and Contacts Training with law enforcement agencies; and
- Forensic Sciences and Examination of Digital Devices Training with the police.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The sheer scope and breadth of our work portrays that despite being called the Attorney General's Alliance, which is a non-partisan, not-

for-profit organisation based in the United States, we are not affiliated with any Attorney General's Office on the continent of Africa. We rather count several Attorney Generals' offices in various African countries as important partners for the workshops, events, and other activities that we collaborate on, thus making our Africa Programme deeply unique.

As such, we work with the Government, non-governmental organisations, the private sector, and civil society to provide legal training geared towards strengthening the rule of law, democracy, and good governance, specific to each country's needs, such as yourselves.

It is therefore my hope that you will have a productive and interactive training; that you will find immensely beneficial.

It is our aim that this will be the first of many more collaborations between us, as we continue to develop and strengthen both the human and institutional capacity required to combat transnational criminal activities in Zambia and on the continent.

I believe that at the end of this 2-day workshop you will leave empowered to create positive change. Let's go forth and make this a reality.

Thank you and God bless!