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7TH CONGRESS OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL JURISDICTIONS OF AFRICA

Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe – 31st October 2024 - Zambia is among the countries participation in the 7th Congress of the Constitutional Jurisdictions of Africa, under the theme “Human Dignity as a Fundamental Value and Principle: A Source of Constitutional Interpretation, Protection of Fundamental Human Rights and Application.”

The Zambian delegation is led by the Honourable Mr. Justice Arnold Shilimi, Deputy President of the Constitutional Court. Accompanying him are Honourable Mr. Justice Martin Musaluke - Judge of the Constitutional Court; Ms. Nalishebo Imataa - Chief Administrator; Mr. Sangwani Nyimbiri, Registrar High Court Chamber Matters and Coordinator of the Southern African Chief Justices’ Forum; and Mrs. Kalumba Chisambisha-Slavin, Deputy Director of Corporate Communications.

This year’s congress provides a platform for African constitutional jurisdictions to exchange insights and collaborate on the integration of human dignity into constitutional practices. Key discussions over the 4-day conference will address among other things:

- Human dignity as a source of constitutional interpretation;
- Human dignity as a fundamental constitutional value and principle; and
- Human dignity as a fundamental human right and freedom.

Reflecting on Zambia's participation, Hon. Mr. Justice Shilimi remarked, "The theme resonates deeply with Zambia's commitment to upholding human dignity as the cornerstone of our legal and constitutional systems. Our participation at this congress reaffirms our dedication to protecting fundamental rights and applying constitutional principles that safeguard human dignity across all dimensions of society."

The Zambian delegation will engage in networking sessions designed to foster cross-continental collaboration and promote a shared vision for human dignity as a fundamental right within constitutional frameworks.

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