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JUDICIARY RESCINDS DECISION TO BROADCAST TRIAL OF THE PEOPLE V. LEONARD PHIRI AND JASTEN MABULESE

Lusaka, 17th February 2025 – The Judiciary of Zambia wishes to inform the public that, upon due consideration of various representations from a cross-section of stakeholders, the decision to permit the live broadcast of the proceedings in *The People v. Leonard Phiri and Jasten Mabulese* has been rescinded.

The trial, which commences on Tuesday, 18th February 2025, will proceed in open court, and as such, members of the public and media houses will continue to have access in accordance with established procedures governing court hearings.

We sincerely regret any inconvenience that this decision may cause to media houses whose requests for live coverage had been granted. Notwithstanding this, the Judiciary reaffirms its unwavering dedication to the principles of open justice and the fair administration of the judicial process.

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