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CHIEF JUSTICE DR. MUMBA MALILA, SC, CELEBRATES THE RE-ELECTION OF HON. JUSTICE MUDFORD MWANDENGA TO THE AFRICAN COMMISSION ON HUMAN AND PEOPLES' RIGHTS

LUSAKA, 12th February 2026 – His Lordship the Hon. Chief Justice Dr. Mumba Malila, SC, extends his warmest congratulations to the Hon. Mr. Justice Mudford Mwandenga, Judge of the Constitutional Court of Zambia, following his unanimous re-election to the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (ACHPR). Justice Mwandenga is set to serve his second six-year term on the continental body.

In his congratulatory remarks, Chief Justice Malila observed that Justice Mwandenga's re-election was an expected outcome, given his transcendent and remarkable record as both a lawyer and an adjudicator. He stated that Justice Mwandenga's presence on the Commission reinforces Zambia's commitment to the advancement of human rights and the rule of law within the African Union framework.

The Chief Justice further expressed his elation at the increasing presence of Zambian adjudicators on international platforms, noting that such appointments serve to significantly enrich jurisprudence both within Zambia and across the various international bodies where Zambian judges serve.

"It is a proud moment to see our judges taking up space on the global stage," Chief Justice Malila stated. "Justice Mwandenga continues to fly the Zambian flag high, contributing to a legacy of legal excellence."

The African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights is composed of 11 members elected by the African Union (AU) Assembly. These experts are nominated by State Parties to the Charter and serve in their personal capacity rather than as representatives of their respective countries. The Commission is officially charged with three major functions:

- the protection of human and peoples' rights
- the promotion of human and peoples' rights
- the interpretation of the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights.

The Chief Justice wishes Justice Mwandenga continued success as he renews his mandate.

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