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**PRESS STATEMENT**

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**CHIEF JUSTICE DR. MUMBA MALILA, SC, CONGRATULATES HON. MR. JUSTICE MARVIN SITWALA MWANAMWAMBWA ON HIS ELECTION AS PRESIDENT OF THE COMESA COURT OF JUSTICE**

**LUSAKA, 5<sup>th</sup> May 2026** – His Lordship the Hon. Chief Justice Dr. Mumba Malila, SC, extends his warmest congratulations to Hon. Mr. Justice Marvin Sitwala Mwanamwambwa following his election and swearing-in as President of the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) Court of Justice.

In his congratulatory remarks, the Chief Justice noted that the election reflects Justice Mwanamwambwa's experience in the legal profession, his service on the bench, and his commitment to the administration of justice. He further noted that the appointment signifies the continued recognition of Zambian jurists within regional judicial bodies.

The Chief Justice described the development as a proud milestone for both the Judiciary and the country. Justice Mwanamwambwa succeeds Hon. Justice Lombe Chibesakunda, who also previously served in the Judiciary of Zambia, ensuring the continued presence of Zambian judicial officers in the leadership of the Court.

He expressed confidence that Justice Mwanamwambwa will discharge his duties at the COMESA Court of Justice with diligence and will continue to bring recognition to the country.

The COMESA Court of Justice is the judicial organ of the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa. It is mandated to ensure the interpretation and application of the COMESA Treaty and to promote adherence to the rule of law among Member States.

Hon. Mr. Justice Mwanamwambwa holds a Bachelor of Laws degree from the University of Zambia and was admitted to the Bar in 1981.

He began his legal career as Legal Aid Counsel in the Directorate of Legal Aid. He later joined a law firm, Lisulo and Company, as an Assistant Advocate in 1982 and became a Partner in 1988, serving as Senior Managing Partner from 1990 to 1999.

In 1999, he was appointed Judge of the High Court, a position he held for nine years before being elevated to the Supreme Court in 2008.

In 2015, he was appointed Acting Deputy Chief Justice and was later confirmed as Deputy Chief Justice the same year, serving until his retirement in 2019.

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