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PRESS RELEASE ON THE REMOVAL OF STREET VENDORS IN CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICTS

The Zambia Institute of Architects (ZIA) would like to commend the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development, under the leadership of Hon. Garry Nkombo for the outstanding contributions to the development and management of cities and towns in Zambia and for the progressive policies being implemented at Local government level.

We also commend the Minister's drive, courage, and passion for delivering the aspirations and hopes of the New Dawn Government, through his exceptional skill and dedication in delivering his mandate to bring order and sanity to the cities.

Government's policy and position on vending, cleanliness have significantly impacted the outlook of the towns and cities, especially Lusaka, and improved the operations and way of life in these urban areas.

We therefore have no doubt that the Ministry is resolved on its stance and that it will continue to make progressive and objective policies that will foster sanity, development, sustainability and inclusion of all players in society.

As key players in the built environment, and as professionals who practice in this sector, we fully commend this position and applaud the Minister for showing leadership in his unwavering commitment to excellence in his duties.

As the Zambia Institute of Architects, we fully support the government's efforts to empower local authorities by returning the management of public sector infrastructure such as Bus Stations and Markets to them.

The Institute further stands ready to provide technical support to the Ministry and to all local authorities on how public spaces can be modernized and enhanced for safety and sustainability.



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