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LOCAL EU STATEMENT ON THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT OF ZAMBIA AND THE LEADER OF OPPOSITION

The Delegation of the European Union issues the following statement in agreement with the EU Heads of Mission in Zambia:

The EU Delegation and the Heads of Mission of the EU Member States welcome the agreement on a process of dialogue reached between H.E. Mr. Edgar Lungu, President of the Republic of Zambia, and Mr. Hakainde Hichilema, leader of the main opposition party UPND.

The EU Delegation and the Heads of Mission of the EU Member States commend the joint commitment to an inclusive and consultative process towards reforms in preparation for the 2021 elections, facilitated by the Good Offices of the Secretary-General of the Commonwealth, as well as the forward-looking approach taken by both to promote peace, stability and harmony in Zambia.

The EU will continue to stand by Zambia in the process of implementation of said reforms, based on the principles of good governance and the rule of law, and in line with the recommendations of the 2016 EU Election Observation Mission.

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