

**2011 BUDGET ADDRESS BY HON. DR. SITUMBEKO MUSOKOTWANE, MP,
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DELIVERED TO THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ON FRIDAY 8TH OCTOBER, 2010**

1. Mr. Speaker, I beg to move that the House do now resolve into Committee of Supply on the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the year 1st January 2011 to 31st December 2011 presented to the National Assembly in October 2010.

2. Sir, I am the bearer of a message from His Excellency the President recommending favourable consideration of the motion that I now lay on the Table.

3. Mr. Speaker, I recognise that next year the people of Zambia will give their verdict on the performance of this Government and indeed of members of this august House. Our focus will remain clear. We will maintain the respect of our people and gain a fresh mandate to govern through hard work and determination. Sir, this MMD Government will remain focussed on what we have all worked so hard for – to improve the quality of life for our people in every corner of this country. This budget will be a testimony to this MMD Government's resolve to improve the lives of our people, on whose mandate we stand to present it.

4. Mr. Speaker, for over a decade, the MMD Government has delivered robust growth for our economy. This is a fantastic achievement, but it is not enough. Every Zambian from every corner of the country must be able to benefit from this growth. What does this mean? It means that every boy and girl must have access to quality education. But this is not enough. Every hard working farmer must find a fair market for his or her produce. But this is not enough. Every home must have clean water. But this is not enough. Every mother must be able to deliver her children safely, and that her children should be vaccinated. But this is not enough. For these services to be accessible, every home in every village and

town must be connected to an all-weather road to ensure this accessibility. It is only when all of this has been achieved can we say, enough.

5. Mr. Speaker, our people have made great sacrifices over the last twenty years. We are where we are today because of these sacrifices. The tangible benefits of our economic successes have started to be felt by all our people. But this is also not enough. We must accelerate this process. Mr. Speaker, we are not a complacent Government. We will not rest on our laurels, but strive to accelerate this process of delivering benefits to our people. This is why the 2011 Budget is **A People's Budget, from a People's Government.**

6. Sir, my speech this afternoon is in five parts. In Part One, I talk about the global economic developments in 2010 and the outlook for 2011. In Part Two, I discuss the recent developments in the domestic economy, while in Part Three, I provide this Government's economic policy objectives for 2011. In Part Four, I present the 2011 Budget, and conclude my address in Part Five.

PART I

GLOBAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS IN 2010 AND OUTLOOK FOR 2011

7. Mr. Speaker, the global economy continues to recover from the recent global economic crisis. Global economic growth is now projected to reach 4.8 percent in 2010, well above the negative growth of 0.6 percent recorded in 2009. In 2011, the global economy will continue expanding, although at a marginally lower rate of 4.2 percent.