FIRST MINISTER'S MEETING WITH PRESIDENT OF ZAMBIA, HAKAINDE HICHILEMA – TUESDAY 9 MAY 2023

Location: Panmure House, Edinburgh
Time: 12:30-13:30

Attendees:

- *H.E. Hakainde Hichilema, President of The Republic of Zambia*
- *Minister of Foreign Affairs, Stanley Kakubo*
- *Minister of Finance and National Planning, Dr Situmbeko Musokotwane*
- Dr. *Pamela Mambwe* Nakamba, *Economic Advisor to the President*

- *First Minister, Humza Yousaf*
- *Minister for Culture, Europe and International Development, Christina McKelvie*
- *John Primrose – Deputy Director International Division*
- *[redacted – s.38], International Division*

First Minister (FM) opening remarks

- Welcomes the President and his party to Scotland, and notes that SG here to be partners:
  - on climate change and renewable energy, Scotland has some of the most advanced technology on renewable energy
  - on global health and in particular on non-communicable diseases – today SG will be announcing the new Blantyre-Blantyre laboratory extension investment in to Zambia
  - on economy, question of how SG can add value, noting that Scotland is an entrepreneurial country.
- FM assures HH that Zambia has a friend in Scotland. And also a First Minister that is very committed to SG's international development work in its partner countries. FM wants to deepen and strengthen that relationship.

President (HH) opening remarks

- HH introduces his colleagues:
  - Dr Nakamba, his Economic Advisor
  - Stanley Kakubo, his Minister of Foreign Affairs
  - Dr Situmbeko Musokotwane, Minister of Finance and National Planning,

- Being here in Panmure House is a very special feeling. All of this heritage allows Scotland and Zambia to build on the relationship, especially for our young people.
- HH wants to build on the relationship between Scotland and Zambia. Move to a more structured relationships so that we can measure progress.
- On education – HH notes that keen to focus on this sector, including our universities.

- On renewables, HH wants to exploit the skill sets of renewable energy in Scotland. To the benefit of both countries. Emphasises, that renewable energy is mandatory for Zambia.
- HH notes on trade and investment:
  - [redacted – s.32]
  - Zambia has 8 immediate neighbours so there are strong trade possibilities.
  - want to focus on Scottish enterprise, and to benefit from that.
  - improving the economy is important for health and well-being.
  - part of the historical relationship with Britain was mono-track. What ZG wants to pursue is joint ventures – HH explains this, that part of nursing democracy is that money stays in Zambia for benefit of the people. ZG therefore wants to exploit joint ventures as much as possible.
- HH concludes, before passing to his MoF to speak more to economic issues, that key point for him is looking for a more deliberate, more succinct relationship with Scotland – to use the base to expand the relationship.

ZG Minister of Finance (SM) contribution

- SM confirms that ZG looking for economy–economy relationship with Scotland and private sector–private sector relationship:
  - [redacted – s.32] but also keen to collaborate and seek investment in renewable energy.
  - the ZG would welcome having companies from Scotland go to Zambia, or for the companies to come to Scotland, to ensure that they meet.
  - [redacted – s.32]

President (HH) continues

- HH notes that really interested in AI, especially for renewable energy.
- on investment, HH would like to start even with a virtual meeting, to link the Scottish Chamber of Commerce with the Zambian Chamber of Commerce, and for the Zambian and Scottish Government to make these types of connections happen. Also notes that there is an investment conference in London the next day.
- on tourism too, to develop Zambia's economy – [redacted – s.32] bring products to allow Scots to holiday, like South Africa does. Noting that the links with David Livingstone may be of interest to Scots.

ZG Minister of Foreign Affairs (SK) contributes

- [redacted – s.32]
- ZG keen to work with Scotland on - and via - multilaterals.

First Minister responds

- on migration and its impact for countries' economies, FM notes that he is the product of migration, the same as the Heriot Watt students.
- FM also refers to David Livingstone's "3 Cs" - one of these was Commerce – so that was always an element of the relationship.

- on the ask from HH on joint ventures, keen to understand where can Scotland add value – where are the opportunities for renewable energy companies to look at?
- on renewables, FM agrees that a virtual call on Renewables is a strong proposal and offers for SG to organise for Scottish renewable energy companies to come to that meeting. FM states that wants this to take place within weeks, not months.
- on tourism, correct that could do more, and refers to David Livingstone's heart being buried in Chitambo Village, Zambia.
- invites Minister McKelvie to give her reflections so far.

SG Minister McKelvie (MM) reflections

- on tourism and cultural links, MM highlights to HH the refurbished David Livingstone Centre – which has strong potential for tourism and culture links between Scotland and Zambia.
- MM has noted the very clear focus and asks on renewable energy, and this is already an area agreed for cooperation.
- MM refers to HH remarks on nursing democracy, and interested to explore whether Scotland and Zambia could do something on peace and peace-building.
- on health, MM refers to HH earlier comments on the need for healthy populations in order to grow the economy – noting that SG new programming within her portfolio will support health and well-being, through the new NCDs programming and support for Zambia's health systems.

First Minister

- FM refers to Scotland's history on slavery, noting that Scotland has a moral obligation (HH nods his agreement).
- FM also raises the issue of climate change – that there is that moral obligation – and advises HH that SG is absolutely committed to loss and damage.
- on the Investment Conference that is taking place next day, FM will ensure that Scotland House London is there to represent the Scottish Government.
- on debt relief, what can we do to add a voice to that approach rooted in fairness.

ZG Minister of Finance (SM) response

- SM responds to FM, that Scotland's voice on debt justice, debt relief, would be very much welcomed. He refers to Gordon Brown's work in that regard.
- [redacted – s.32]
- SM concludes that the voice of Scotland is important.

President, in concluding remarks

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- on trade and investment, HH notes that medium sized enterprise companies from Scotland could actually work well for Zambia, ahead of the bigger companies.
- on climate change, HH thanks FM for his support.

- on renewable energy specifically, HH asks whether Scotland has experience in carbon trading – carbon credits - would like help with that specifically.
- on health/manufacturing, HH advises that Zambia is keen to manufacture of the cholera vaccine – emphasises that Zambia has 8 neighbours to which it could export vaccines, and in turn assist its neighbours. Zambia has always been prepared to assist its neighbours. Could Scotland help with that?

First Minister, in concluding remarks

- In closing, First Minister concludes that in terms of the relationship between Scotland and Zambia, a key point is to focus. Therefore, on the agreed sectors like health, education, renewable energy and investment. And even within health, on areas like noncommunicable diseases that have been selected.
- FM reiterates his hope, and that of his Minister, to visit Zambia.

[not in scope]

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