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# PRESS STATEMENT

1200HRS

**PRESS STATEMENT ON ELECTION DAY  
12TH AUGUST 2016, NOON  
ZAMBIA ELECTION INFORMATION CENTRE (ZEIC)**

Yesterday's election was generally peaceful around the country with few incidences reported. All indications are that the voter turnout was high as witnessed by the long queues across the country.

ZEIC is of the view that this increased participation in the electoral process is important because it is the bedrock for deepening democracy in the country.

86% of the polling stations had started counting as at 20:30 pm while 14% were yet to close and start counting. Lusaka Province had the most number of polling stations where counting had not started.

Shortage of referendum material was reported in Ndola District. ZEIC is concerned that the referendum was not given the best attention from inception. It did not only suffer from inadequate education but has also not received efficient material distribution to make it successful. At Chainama, polling station officials were reported to be using plain paper to document the names of voters which we feel compromises the integrity of the vote and reflects inadequate preparations on the part of ECZ.

While it was observed that ECZ staff offered assistance to special groups such as the elderly, pregnant women and persons with disabilities in some polling stations, the overall provisions were not satisfactory. ZEIC was disappointed to note that there was no provision for braille and ramps and as promised by the Electoral Commission of Zambia in the run-up to the elections.

The next briefing is at 2000Hrs.

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