PRESS STATEMENT
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As the Nation is aware, the 2020 Zambia International Trade Fair and the 2020 Zambia Agricultural and Commercial Show slated for July and August respectively have been cancelled due to the outbreak of the Coronavirus Disease or COVID-19.

The two events are notably the premier investment shows of our country attracting the attendance of Foreign Heads of State as well as both local and foreign investors from across the African continent and beyond.

Members of the general public and the business community are also aware that during the period of the Trade Fair, the country will observe two public holidays on 6th and 7th July, 2020 while during the National Show in Lusaka, the Farmers Day public holiday will be on 3rd August, 2020.

In view of the cancellation of the two events, Cabinet Office has found it necessary to guide the general public and the business community that the above listed public holidays namely: Heroes Day, Unity Day and Farmers Day
will be observed as non-working public holidays as already gazetted under the Public Holidays Act, Cap 272 of the Laws of Zambia.

It is, however, important that members of the public take time to reflect on the importance of commemorating the Heroes and Unity Days as well as the Farmers Day.

As we commemorate the Heroes Day, let us take a moment to reflect on the essence of this day. As a country, we observe this day in order to remember Zambians who perished during the struggle for our independence while Unity Day is observed to help foster solidarity between the diverse groups that make up Zambia.

On Farmers Day, let us join and salute all the Farmers across the country, both small and commercial, for the bumper harvest recorded during the 2019/2020 farming season hence significantly contributing to our national food security.

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