

**ROAD TRANSPORT AND SAFETY AGENCY**

**PRESS RELEASE**

**GOVERNMENT TO SUPPORT THE DECLARATION ON ROAD SAFETY Calls for effective road safety measures to protect children against road deaths**

Lusaka, Zambia, 23rd February 2020 — The 3rd Global Ministerial Conference on Road Safety concluded in Stockholm, Sweden last week with a renewed call by policy makers and road safety stakeholders representing over 100 countries to reduce fatal traffic crashes by 50% by the year 2030.

"The Zambian Government stands behind these targets aimed at reducing road deaths and injuries”, Transport and Communications Minister Hon. Mutotwe Kafwaya said.

"In keeping with the ambitious targets agreed in Stockholm, I am pleased to announce that the Government of Zambia under the leadership of His Excellency, Dr. Edgar Chagwa Lungu is committed to accelerated action for road safety at all levels of Government and has prioritized road safety as one of the national development agenda items", Hon. Kafwaya added.

And the Government has called for effective road safety measures to protect children and venerable road users from road traffic deaths and injuries.

Hon. Kafwaya said that the Government is concerned with the high number of children that die from road traffic accidents each year.

He said that the Government has issued a speed limit regulation which among other provisions mandates a 30 km/h speed limit in all school zone areas in Zambia to prevent and protect children from road traffic accidents.

Hon. Kafwaya added that the Government has embarked on various road projects with safer road designs that take into consideration walkways for children and other vulnerable road users.

Meanwhile, Road Transport and Safety Agency Director and Chief Executive Officer Mr. Gladwell Banda has said that the Agency is seeking strong partnerships and collaboration from all stakeholders in a bid to reduce road traffic deaths especially among children and the youths.

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