

PROCLAMATION

by

HIS EXCELLENCY THE HONOURABLE ROBERT GABRIEL MUGABE, G.C.Z.M., President of Zimbabwe and Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Forces of Zimbabwe.

WHEREAS, in terms of section 2(1) of the Commissions of Inquiry Act [*Chapter 10:07*], it is provided that, the President may, when he considers it advisable, by proclamation, appoint a Commission of Inquiry consisting of one or more commissioners;

AND WHEREAS the President may authorise the Commissioner or Commissioners or any quorum of them specified in the proclamation into any matter in which any inquiry would, in the opinion of the President, be for public welfare:

NOW, THEREFORE, under and by virtue of the powers vested in the President as afore said, I do, by this proclamation—

- (a) establish a Commission of Inquiry into the matter of sale of State land in and around urban areas since 2005;
- (b) appoint Justice Tendai Uchena (Mr) to be chairperson of the Commission;
- (c) appoint the Secretary for Justice, Legal and Parliamentary Affairs to be Secretary to the Commission;
- (d) direct that the Inquiry shall be held for a period of 12 months from the date of gazetting, with an option of an extension of a further three months, at such appropriate venue as shall be determined by the Commission of Inquiry;
- (e) direct that the Report shall be availed at the Conclusion of the Inquiry;
- (f) direct that the Commission's terms of reference shall be as follows—
 - (i) to investigate and identify all State land in and around urban areas that was acquired and allocated

to the Ministry of Local Government, Public Works and National Housing for urban development since 2005;

- (ii) to investigate and ascertain the status of such land in terms of ownership, occupation and development;
 - (iii) to investigate methods of acquisition and/or allocation by current occupants and owners of such land;
 - (iv) to investigate and ascertain the actors involved in allocations, occupation and use of such land;
 - (v) to conduct visitations where necessary, summon witnesses, record proceedings, minute testimonies, and document, consider and manage all information gathered in order to arrive at appropriate findings and recommendations to the President;
 - (vi) to investigate any other matter which the Commission of Inquiry may deem appropriate and relevant to the inquiry;
 - (vii) to report to the President in writing, the result of the inquiry;
- (g) direct that the Inquiry may be held both in public, or privately, as the exigencies of the Inquiry may determine; and
- (h) appoint the commissioners listed in the Schedule.

SCHEDULE

APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONERS TO THE
COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

Justice Tendai Uchena (Mr) (Chairperson)
Mr Andrew Mlalazi;
Mr Steven Chakaipa;
Dr Tarisai Mutangi;
Dr Heather Chingono;
Ms Vimbai Nyemba; and
Ms Petronella Musarurwa

Given under my hand and the Public Seal of Zimbabwe at Harare this twenty-ninth day of August, in the year of our Lord two thousand and seventeen.

R. G. MUGABE,
President.

By Command of the President.