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**RE: 2025 DIGITAL GOVERNMENT AFRICA SUMMIT – OFFICIAL
PRESIDENTIAL PATRONAGE**

On behalf of the Government of the Republic of Zambia, I would like to congratulate you on the organisation of 2024 Digital Government Africa (DGA) that took place in Zambia from **Wednesday 2nd to Friday 4th October, 2024** in partnership and cooperation with the Office of the President and Government agencies.

We are delighted to witness the considerable high-level attendance of African Governments and Industry Partners, all striving to collaborate in the acceleration of digital transformation to improve Public Sector service delivery and advance the opportunities for greater cross-border open trade through the utilisation of technology.

Since the inaugural summit in 2023, DGA has already shown substantial growth, and we truly believe this event has the potential to be the **"Digital Davos"** for Africa. We appreciate that many other African countries are keen to host the DGA, and like any world-renowned summit should also have its recognised **"place of birth"** – Zambia. Hence, it is only appropriate to instigate a **"home-and-away"** policy that aligns with electoral cycles and host country capacity.

Accordingly, the Government of the Republic of Zambia wishes for the 2025 DGA to again be hosted in Lusaka, Zambia, and under my personal patronage as President of Zambia. Thereafter, we can decide the host location for the 2026 DGA when Zambia enters its next electoral cycle.

The entire Cabinet of our Government is behind the organisation, planning and management of the 2025 DGA. Furthermore, I will personally be inviting African Heads of State and global captains of industry who can work with us in driving digital investment and the implementation of new technologies to empower both our citizens and government services.

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The unique meetings-based format of the DGA is a key ingredient that enriches the summit and produces genuine outcomes between Public and Private Sectors. Our various Ministries and Government Spending Agencies are committed to these scheduled meetings, and to inviting counterparts from African countries.

We look forward to DGA taking place again in October, 2025 and subsequently pursuing an additional forum specifically dedicated to bringing further investment in Zambia across several sectors.

Kind regards.



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