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February 16, 2018

To: All UNAA Members

## Re: Statement on the recently concluded "Repeat election exercise"

The UNAA Council during our sitting of February 15, 2018 found it necessary to issue a statement on the just concluded "repeat election" exercise which culminated in Dr. Daniel Kawuma being announced winner and supposedly the new UNAA president by Mr. Franco Wantsala in his February 13, 2018 communication to UNAA members.

As you may recall, the Council in our February 1, 2018 statement to UNAA members, we explicitly pointed out reasons why we do not support the February 9, 2018 repeat election exercise based on the factual belief that there were significant constitutional and logistical challenges that needed further consideration before a re-election would be carried out. Our stand is to take advantage of the Seattle convention as earlier advised by the Electoral Commission following their mandate spelt out under **Article 9.6 and the 2017 Amendment 9** of the constitution.

During the joint leadership meeting of January 31, 2018, many leaders were concerned that the chairman of the Electoral Commission was acting unilaterally against his own team and most significantly against the decision that had been taken by the commission in their November 25, 2018 vote on the repeat election. The chairman responded on record that he doesn't care about the EC vote, and that the election will go on whether we like it or not. Needless to say, the exercise went ahead ending with Dr. Daniel Kawuma being 'sworn-in' as president.

We find that:

1. The repeat election exercise was carried out in total disregard of the constitution that empowers the Electoral Commission to independently organize and manage an election. **Articles 9.2, 9.3, 9.4 and 9.6** were in one way or another ignored or grossly misinterpreted.
2. The exercise and results for the repeat election which were sent out by the EC chairman Mr. Franco Wantsala were only certified by 4 commissioners which also falls short of the required mandatory 9 as spelt out under the **2017 Amendment 7 of Article 9.3** of our constitution.



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## Resolutions:

1. The UNAA Council based on the above and earlier concerns voted to reaffirm the position communicated in our February 1, 2018 communiqué, and do hereby advise our gallant UNAA members that the **repeat election** exercise carried out between February 9-12, 2018 was unconstitutional and therefore the results thereof are **null and void**.

2. We advise that a **fully constituted Electoral Commission** as mandated under **Article 9.3 and Amendment 7** continues with their preparations for a repeat election in Seattle 2018 as earlier planned.

3. We advise that the current leadership continues with their duties under their terms of reference until the **2018 Seattle AGM** when this exercise will come for mention to the UNAA supreme organ.

Thank you.

**Alex Semwanga**

*Speaker, UNAA Council*