



## Release 2020 Boundary Delimitation Report

*CCMG Call on President Hakainde Hichilema to immediately release the 2019 Boundary Delimitation Report*

**For Immediate Release**

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Article 229 (2) of the Constitution of Zambia provides for functions and mandate of the Electoral Commission of Zambia, which among other things includes delimiting boundaries for purposes of conducting elections. CCMG is concerned with the secrecy surrounding the 2019 Boundary Delimitation Report which up to now has not been released to the public, despite the ECZ submitting the same to the Executive. We, therefore, call on the President to immediately release the 2019 Boundary Delimitation Report, which contains details of number of Polling Stations, Polling Districts and Wards created prior to the 2021 general elections and the proposed increase to the current number of constituencies.

This report is critical to planning for both state and non-state actors and must be in the interest of the President to release such reports to the public for their effective participation. It is disheartening that huge sums of tax-payers money were spent on this exercise and four years later the 2019 Boundary Delimitation Report is still being held by the executive.

CCMG believes that government's continued holding on to the report undermines the principle of transparency on the part of government, which consequently has a bearing on the independence of the ECZ and its ability to fulfil its mandate without influence from the Executive. CCMG reiterates its call for expeditious constitutional and electoral reform to give the Electoral Commission of Zambia full independence so that it fulfils its mandate independent of any political influence.

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