

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

## AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE ARREST OF MISS MARTHA CHIZUMA, THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE ANTI CORRUPTION BUREAU

Reference is made to the statement on the subject matter, released on 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2022. The Commission received a complaint from Miss Martha Chizuma that her rights were violated when she was arrested and that the Presidential Commission of Inquiry Report which was released on 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023, did not disclose the human rights violations that occurred during the arrest. The Commission has also received complaints from other stakeholders, urging the Commission to conduct an independent investigation into the matter.

The Commission therefore, in the exercise of its mandate under section 129 of the Constitution, has commenced investigations into the arrest of Ms. Martha Chizuma and subsequent events that have unfolded. This investigation is a continuation of a fact-finding mission that the Commission commenced when Ms. Chizuma was arrested and it has become apparent through the complaints received that a comprehensive human rights investigation is required in this matter.

The Commission therefore calls upon all informants and stakeholders to support and furnish the Commission with information in its investigation.

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On behalf of the Commission
26<sup>th</sup> January 2023.