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## **MBUNDAS MAINTAINS OPPOSITION TO SECESSION BUT SAY BAROTSELAND AGREEMENT 1964 IS LEGAL**

Cheke Cha Mbunda Cultural and Writers Association today held their Extra Ordinary Meeting today to review their position on Barotseland exactly one month after the Barotse National Council meeting in Mongu where they were represented.

At the meeting where all Provincial, District and Branch Committees of Western, Lusaka, Copperbelt and North Western and Southern Provinces were represented either physically or by electronic submission, resolved the following:

- i)** That they do not support secession resolution recently passed by the Barotse National Council in Mongu because the decision was predetermined and no consultations were made with all stakeholders  
The also added that Mbundas do not feel secure in a secessions and that they needed a referee as they engage the Lozis in their fight from suppression by the later.
- ii)** That the Barotseland Agreement 1964 is a legal document.
- iii)** That creation of an eleventh Province is not feasible to Mbundas because they are spread out in majority numbers in all districts of Western Province.
- iv)** That now that the Mbunda case was put across to the Barotse National Council, it is now necessary to engage the Barotse Royal Establishment in finding out the solution to the Mbunda suppression in Western Province.
- v)** That, funds should be sourced for Cheke Cha Mbunda to call all Mbunda Chiefs in Zambia to a meeting at which a road map would be worked out, and that this meeting should take place before meeting with the Barotse Royal Establishment.

It was evident that throughout the meeting, delegates were at pain to cooperate with their Lozi brothers after all the Mbunda suppression in Western Province, but decided that antagonistic approach to this problem would not be wise before bringing the case before their Lozi brothers.

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